

J.E.S.S.E. Newsletter

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December 1st Count

December 1 (Special Education “count day”) is quickly approaching. Be sure to have all necessary, signed IEP’s and paperwork in by Friday, December 1st. Since December 1st directly affects funding, be sure that all Initiation Case Conferences are held and IEP’s are signed on or before December 1st. This also goes for Reevaluation Conferences/IEP’s that may reflect a change or addition of disability. Changes to LRE, move-in conferences, students who have exited from your district, and dismissals from special education are other things to keep in mind for December 1st. It is important that all paperwork is completed on time in order to receive the proper funding, along with maintaining accuracy for the required state reports.

Professional Development & Training

Did you know? ... The Indiana IEP Resource Center not only provides regional trainings and workshops, but also has many guidance documents and videos that cover various topics in the areas of the IIEP System, IEP Processes, Inclusive Practices, and Evaluations found under their [Learning Center](#) section.

Educational Perspectives Survey

Within this survey, Indiana educators and families are being asked their personal views regarding the desirability and feasibility of students with disabilities being included in the general education setting. This survey will be distributed annually to determine if there is a shift in attitudes and beliefs over time in providing equitable access to students with disabilities in general education settings.

All Indiana educators and families are encouraged to participate in this anonymous survey. To participate, click on the link below.

https://indstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9FZpbFi8gbvrte5

Please feel free to share this link with others. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Patrick McGinley at Patrick.McGinley@indstate.edu.

Thank you for your participation.

The Indiana IEP Resource Center Team

MTSS Virtual Sharing and Learning Community

Often regarded as the “new RTI” or “RTI + PBIS” ... *Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) is an educational system with a tiered infrastructure that uses data to help match academic and behavioral support to students’ needs. For more information, visit the [Swift Education Center](#).*

Join Indiana's Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) Virtual Sharing and Learning Community hosted in collaboration with the Indiana Department of Education, Indiana IEP Resource Center and the SWIFT Education Center, a national technical assistance center promoting equity-based inclusion. If you are interested in learning about MTSS components and ways to begin local implementation, register to participate in the Introduction to MTSS. If you interested in sharing and learning about MTSS implementation facilitators and barriers, register to participate in the MTSS Implementation. For more information and to register, https://indianaieprc.org/images/dloads/mtss/MTSSFlyer_FullPage.pdf

Meet the Staff - Physical Therapy (PT)



Jenny Dorrell - Physical Therapist (PT)

Jenny has been a PT with JESSE for 9 years. Prior to JESSE, she worked as an outpatient PT at SJRMC-Plymouth for 5 years. Jenny earned an Exercise Science degree from Miami University and pursued her doctorate of Physical Therapy at Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee. She works within all 9 school corporations as the only Physical Therapist for JESSE along two two Physical Therapy Assistants (PTA). Jenny absolutely loves being a PT. She resides in Culver with her husband, Andy, who works at Culver Academies. She has 3 boys- Owen (4th grade), Elliot (2nd grade) both at Culver Elementary, and Henry in

preschool.

Rose Goncher - Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA)



Rose has been a PTA for over 21 years. She has worked for JESSE since 2006. Prior to JESSE, Rose worked for Apex Therapy in 2005 who provided the school therapy at that time for JESSE. Previous to that, she worked for a therapy company in Granger. She also provided PT for Rochester and Knox preschool for 2 years through JESSE. Rose provides PT for all of John Glenn Schools and all of Plymouth schools except Riverside and St. Michael's. Rose states that she absolutely loves her job and everyone (kids and adults) that she works with.

Rose has a very large family. She comes from a family of six kids. Rose is happy to announce that she is engaged to her long time love, Bob. Together they have 7 kids, and 11 grandkids! Here is a picture from their family vacation last summer in Tennessee with their family of 19 members! Rose is squeezed in the middle (the one wearing glasses).

Kelsey Beatty - Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA)

Kelsey has been a Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) for a total of 13 years. She started out as a PTA in the pediatric outpatient department at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center for 4 years before making the switch to the schools. Kelsey is in her 9th year with JESSE. She currently provides PT services at Knox, Argos, Triton, and LaVille. In addition, she is in charge of ordering supplies for OT/PT staff. In her spare time, Kelsey can be found at various sporting events such as soccer, swimming,

tennis, and baseball. Her daughter, Kylie, is a sophomore at Culver Academies. Kane is a first grader at Webster Elementary and Kovin is enjoying his first year of preschool.



Kane, Kylie, and Kovin.