

J.E.S.S.E. Newsletter

September 2017



Professional Development Opportunities

(click on link for workshop overview, registration, and details)

- **Dr. Ross Greene - Collaborative & Proactive Solutions**

- November 9th @ Noblesville High School (\$110 per person)
- Dr. Greene is the author of two NY Times Best Sellers, *The Explosive Child* and *Lost at School*
- Highly recommend attending this workshop - different perspective when looking at “challenging behavior” in students. Truly great stuff!
- Register here: <https://www.iidc.indiana.edu/pages/ross-greene-workshop>
- Contact Rob Richards with additional questions, as well as any interest in a carpool option

Other training opportunities....

- [Addressing the Social, Emotional, Behavioral and Mental Health Needs of Our Students](#)
 - Presented by Lori Desautels (multiple dates and locations available)
- [When Behavior Interferes with Learning: Strategies for Understanding and Managing Challenging Behaviors](#)
 - Presented by Cathy Pratt (multiple dates and locations available)

JESSE Personnel Updates...

School-based Therapist - As all of you may know, one of our School-based Therapists, Tim Goode, has moved on to another position within the JESSE Cooperative at Argos Jr.-Sr. High School. With his departure from our central office, we are actively searching for a new School-based Therapist. We hope to have this position filled within the next couple of weeks. In the meantime, schools may utilize their school guidance counselors to fill the void in “crisis situations” for students in need until we have hired a new therapist. Our other JESSE School-based Therapist, Connie Erickson-Loucks, will remain status-quo by continuing to provide services in her schools. Also, from the feedback we received from our School-based Therapist Survey, the vast majority of individuals indicated that they would prefer to see this related service continue with the same format (i.e. counselor/therapist role), as opposed to becoming more of a behavioral specialist/consultant role.

Transition Facilitator - As stated in the previous newsletter, Lisa Rizek will be serving in this role, while also serving as our Blind-Low Vision Consultant. From the feedback received from our Transition Survey, individuals expressed most need in the area of facilitation with outside agencies and IEP development in the area of transition. Though Lisa won't be attending a great deal of case conferences (as this position previously provided), she will be a valuable resource in helping to guide all aspects within a Transition IEP. In addition, Lisa will be coordinating the vocational work experience program at Ancilla College for several students from our partnering schools. Her e-mail is lizek@jesse.k12.in.us.

"Meet the Staff" - Occupational Therapists

Under the JESSE organizational structure "umbrella," we employ multiple Occupational and Physical Therapists and Assistants. In this month's newsletter, we are featuring three Occupational Therapists that work within our nine school corporations.



Courtney Fuchs

Courtney has been an Occupational Therapist in the school system for 18 years, and has worked for JESSE since 2007. She provides OT services for students at LaVille, John Glenn, and Oregon-Davis. Courtney and her husband Steve have two daughters in 6th and 8th grade at LaVille. She and her family enjoy camping and hiking. Courtney lives in the country and her favorite thing to do is curl up on the front porch, with a cup of coffee and a good book. She hopes to take their first trip out west next summer.



Emily Escapule

Emily is in her 10th school year working as an Occupational Therapist for JESSE. She currently provides services for students in Argos and Triton School Corporation. Prior to working for JESSE, she worked for three years at an Outpatient Rehabilitation Clinic in Warsaw. Emily attended the University of Indianapolis where she received her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and a Master's Degree in Occupational Therapy. She and her husband Kevin have been married for 13 years. They have two children, a 10 year old son named Carter, and an 8 year old daughter named Harper. In addition, they have two Labradoodle puppies named Bella and Bentley.



Chelsea Yoder

Chelsea is in her second year working as an OT for JESSE, and has worked as an OT for a total of 6 years. This year, Chelsea is working with Plymouth, Knox, Culver and North Judson. She is married to her high school sweetheart, Nick, and they have a two year old named Charlotte and a 3 month old named Ava. Outside of work, Chelsea enjoys spending my time with family or participating in activities with her church. Chelsea and her husband also like to travel and have been to 13 different countries.