



What's Happening at the MCSESC

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Substitute Teacher Training Class

The Medina County Schools' Educational Service Center (MCSESC) is now in its fourth year of requiring substitutes' participation in specific training prior to their working in schools in the county. The training requirement is part of the MCSESC's substitute teacher services provided to school districts in Medina County. The class is required for all Medina County substitutes who hold a "sub only" license and for subs who are fully licensed as educators, but who have not had full-time employment experience as teachers.

The Substitute Training Class was created when administrators from area school districts and from the MCSESC became concerned about the varying levels of knowledge and skills with which guest teachers, especially those who have not been trained and licensed as educators, enter the classroom. Subsequently, ESC staff members designed a one-day training based on proven practices and principles outlined by the **Substitute Teaching Institute at Utah State University**.

During the class, instructors model and provide participants with practice in using a variety of classroom management and instructional techniques. They also provide information on guest teachers' roles and responsibilities, expectations for professionalism, special education and current legal issues in education, and first aid and safety procedures. The substitutes leave the training with a 'substitute bag' containing needed supplies for their first few assignments as guest teachers. They may also choose to purchase a copy of the Substitute Teacher Handbook (Substitute Teaching Division, STEDI, 2009) which is used as the text during the class.

The class has helped to establish common expectations for guest teachers and has promoted specific preferred teaching and management strategies for substitutes who work in the schools in Medina County. Substitutes have reported that they feel more confident in their abilities and more comfortable that they are fully knowledgeable about what is expected of them as guest teachers after they take the Substitute Orientation Training Program.

Special Education Forum

The Medina County Educational Service Center offers a special education forum to bring together special educators in the area to learn the newest laws and techniques in special education. This professional development opportunity enables school district personnel to share best practices in the field and to communicate with each other about different topics in special education. Educators will also have the opportunity to ask presenters questions and gain insight on district-specific issues. The forum will support school districts in improving special education services across the shared services area through the use of multiple means of representation. The next Special Education Forum meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2012 from 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm. The topic is the Common Core and Special Education.

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Staff Development

The Medina County Schools' Educational Service Center 2012-13 Fall/Winter Professional Development Catalog is now available.

Many new and various repeat classes and workshops are now available both online and **face-to-face** as offered by the Office of Professional Development. Catalogs with fall and winter offerings were sent out to all Medina County School Districts in September.

Classes for teachers include topics related to classroom management, special education, technology, and language arts. Semester hours for this professional development are available from either the University of Akron or Ashland University. CEUs are also available for teachers not wishing to pursue college credit.

Online offerings are provided in partnership with ed2go (www.ed2go.com/mesc). Many courses including both classroom instruction and technology are available. Online classes run for 6 weeks and are also available for semester hours.

Questions regarding professional development may be addressed to either Janelle Sailer jsailer@medina-esc.org or Dan Vincent dvincent@medina-esc.org



Inspired Leaders Licensure Program

Medina ESC will partner with **Cleveland State University** during the 2012-2013 school year to provide the "Inspired Leaders Licensure Program." This program will provide a cohort of teachers who already possess master degrees the complete coursework to achieve their principal's license through Cleveland State University.



Participants must have been nominated by their building principal and district superintendent in order to qualify for this program. An informal, introductory meeting was held at Medina ESC on Monday, September 24, and approximately fifteen teachers attended for a question and answer session with Deborah E. Morin, Director for the Center for Educational Leadership for Cleveland State. This program benefits all teachers participating with a fast track towards the principal license, as well as with tuition incentives and group learning.

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Dr. Turkson, DO, MetroHealth Psychiatry, **MetroHealth Medical Center**, will be the guest speaker on Saturday, October 27, at the Medina Campus of the University of Akron. Dr. Turkson will speak on how to deal with mental health issues and substance abuse in the schools. Topics will include cutting and other self-abusive issues, identifying and discussing new mental health medications, talking to students, recognizing and assessing for substance abuse symptoms in the clinic, and helping students that have been released from inpatient treatment.

For more information, contact Lori Hogue, Director of Nursing, 330-723-6393, Ext. 118 or Kathy Mowery 330-723-6393, Ext. 103.

Inspirational Quote:

Education costs money, but then so does ignorance.

Claus Moser