



# What's Happening at the MCSESC!

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## Medina County College and Career Fair

The annual Medina County College/Trade/Tech and Career Fair was held at the Medina County Fairgrounds Community Center on Wednesday, October 15, from 6:00 to 7:45 p.m. There were 86 colleges and career/military/service organizations registered to participate, and approximately 380 students, parents, and educators were in attendance. As these young people make decisions on the next step in their lives, some, no doubt, will be directed toward the colleges, universities, companies, and organizations that were represented.



Here are some selected comments that were received on evaluations from participating representatives:

- \* *A great fair; the hospitality was great.*
- \* *Awesome—thanks!*
- \* *Good organization; we enjoy coming.*
- \* *Thank you for your hospitality!*
- \* *Students were very friendly.*
- \* *I love this Fair—a great College Fair! Very well prepared!*

We would like to thank the area high school guidance counselors for their support in planning this event and their commitment to the further education and career development of students in Medina County. We also express our appreciation to the personnel at the Medina County Community Center for their on-site assistance. In addition, we commend the students from the Medina County Career Center for volunteering their time to assist as ushers.

The fair was coordinated by the Medina County Schools' Educational Service Center and Medina County Economic Development Corporation. It was authorized by the Ohio Association for College Admission Counselors.

### Inspirational Quote

*Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time.*

**Thomas A. Edison**  
Inventor

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## Personnel—Substitute Services

Last spring, the Medina County Schools' Educational Service Center (MCSESC) joined the North Coast Shared Services Alliance (NCSSA), a four-partner consortium that includes our ESC, the Educational Service Center of Lorain County, the Cuyahoga County Educational Service Center, along with Rachel Wixey and Associates.

Each month our staff conducts substitute teacher orientation training sessions at both Cuyahoga and Lorain County Educational Service Centers. Our team's goal is make sure all substitutes have a smooth transition into the NCSSA. During the orientation, a PowerPoint presentation shared with all in attendance. This presentation addresses standard hiring forms, the schedule management tools, what to expect from attending the session, and any questions. Also, at this orientation our team processes each individual substitute's paperwork and ensure that applicants meet employment requirements for the Alliance.



The districts we now service include the following:

Avon Lake City Schools  
Bay Village City Schools  
Berea City Schools  
Brooklyn City Schools  
Clearview Local Schools  
Early Learning Center, Lorain County  
Fairview Park City Schools  
Firelands Local Schools  
Garfield Heights City Schools  
Lakewood City Schools

Lorain City Schools  
Maple Heights City Schools  
Orange City Schools  
Parma City Schools  
Rocky River City Schools  
Shaker Heights City Schools  
South Euclid Lyndhurst City Schools  
Vermilion Local Schools  
Wellington Exempted Village Schools

## Online Anytime School Program



The Medina County Schools' Educational Service Center (MCSESC) continues to offer opportunities in online education around the clock and around the year. Students wishing to recover credits, enrich their education, or simply get ahead may wish to investigate what we have to offer through our Online Anytime Program. Students may also choose from 49 full- or half-credit courses to take in all the major subjects in order to fill in their high school schedules if they find themselves locked out of a required course.

Our program also offers education in a classroom setting with our MCSESC Alternative School. We currently have six students working in our on-site lab. Four are from Medina, and we have one each from Cloverleaf and Buckeye. These students attend our school from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. under the direction and instruction of certified teachers.

Alternative School students work towards recovering credits and early graduation, which most of the students achieve.

If you have any questions about our programs, please contact Linda at 330-723-6393, Ext. 125, or Tom at 330-635-8146.

## Special Needs Initiatives

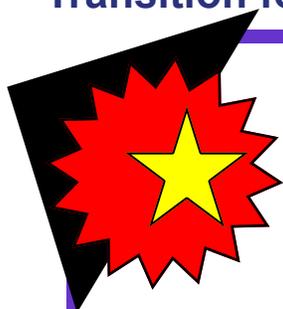
Many exciting things have been happening in the Special Needs Initiatives department. Christina Combs, our behavior specialist, has been busy providing consultation services, Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI) trainings, and facilitating social skills groups throughout the districts in Medina and Summit Counties. Cristina has gone as far as Mansfield to provide CPI training to the Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center as well!

Our first Interpreter Forum of the school year was held recently and attended by many American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters from our area. The Medina County Schools' Educational Service Center (MCSESC) is planning another exciting opportunity for our interpreters coming up on November 8. It is entitled "Transition for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Students: Preparing for Kindergarten and Post-Secondary Success."

The Special Education Forum has been well attended thus far, with presentations on Individual Educational Plan/Evaluation Team Report (IEP/ETR) compliance as well as a legal update. The next forum will focus on Least Resistant Environment (LRE) in preschool. Rachael Krauss, Director of Special Needs Initiatives, is planning several professional development opportunities for our districts and hopes to have updates soon. The MCSESC will be hosting the first Preschool Supervisors' Meeting November 7.

Recently Rachael Krauss attended the Special Education Leadership Conference in Columbus, where the dynamic speakers focused on topics including executive functioning, districtwide autism teams, and increasing reading competency in our students. Also, Rachael facilitated an Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) in the classroom presentation and will be presenting on SART (Strategy Assessment Revision Tool). She also has been providing services as a BCBA (Board Certified Behavior Analyst) in Mayfield. Finally, in Rachael's busy schedule she managed to complete the training as a Resident Educator and an OTES

## Transition for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students Seminar



*Ohio School for the Deaf, Center for Outreach Services,  
in partnership with Medina County Schools' Educational Service Center, Presents...*

"Transition for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Students:  
Preparing for Kindergarten and Post-Secondary Success"

November 8, 2014  
10 am to 4 pm  
(Lunch on your own).  
Contact hours – 5 (.5 RID CEUs)  
Medina County Schools' Educational Service Center (MCSESC)  
124 West Washington St  
Medina OH 44256

This workshop will introduce interpreters to the concept of "transitioning" as it relates to education. The focus will be two-pronged – exploring what a deaf child transitioning into the kindergarten classroom needs to be successful, as well as positive predictors of post-high school success specific to the deaf and hard-of-hearing population.

### PRESENTERS



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Julie Stewart, MS.



Registration is limited to 26 participants. To register, email [lgehring@medina-esc.org](mailto:lgehring@medina-esc.org).