

## Regional Office of Education Report

October 2024

### School Safety Committee

The Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents recently created a state level school safety committee that will meet every other month to talk about supports that we can provide to our school districts. The committee members will be representatives from multiple Regional Offices of Education. Christopher Tennyson will be one of the Committee Chairs due to his experience as a former school Resource Officer and certification as a Behavioral Threat Assessment Team Trainer. The committee has created their mission and vision statements along with their initial areas of focus which are listed below.

**Vision:** Prepared, secure, and resilient Illinois schools, ready to protect its students and staff from all natural, technological, and human threats.

**Mission Statement:** Through collaboration, coordination, and communication, the IARSS will work with K-12 schools to research, develop, and implement interdisciplinary, multijurisdictional programs and services to protect our students, educators, and communities current and emerging natural, technological, and human-caused threats and risks.

**Focus Areas:** Behavioral Threat Assessment, Hardening of Facilities, Standard Response Protocols, First Responder/School District Communication, Other Non-Illinois Homeland Security Advisory Council Initiatives

### Professional Learning & Educational Services

<b>Current Programs - Office of Professional Learning &amp; Educational Services</b>
Induction & Mentoring
Community Partnership Grant/IDPH Trauma Grant
Education Pathway Endorsement

Manufacturing, Health Science & Agriculture Endorsement Programs
Elevating Special Educators
School Improvement & Strategic Planning
School Improvement Cooperative (instructional coaching, training, networking)
Social Emotional Learning/Trauma/Youth Mental Health First Aid/TRS I-A
Early Childhood Professional Learning
Family Education & Engagement
NEXUS Family Support Services
Student Attendance
Computer Science Capacity Building
Afterschool Program
Preschool for ALL Expansion

**Office of Professional Learning & Ed Services: Professional Learning & School Improvement**

- The Office of Professional Learning & Ed Services has been awarded an afterschool program grant, a computer science grant, Education Pathways Round 5 grant, Early Childhood PFAE grant, and the Truancy and Alternative Learning Opportunities grant from ISBE. The Office is waiting to hear on competitive proposals that were submitted for R3 grant,
- The Office Professional Learning & Educational Services is excited to announce that we have been awarded a Preschool for ALL Expansion grant through the Illinois State Board of Education. The grant proposed partnering with Dixon YMCA and Dreaming Tree preschool in Dixon to open four full day preschool classrooms serving 80 children ages 3-4.

- Special thank you to our friend, Nora at Nora Kate Paints for her beautiful murals in our Office of Professional Learning and Educational Services!
- 100 educators and administrators joined ROE 47 and the Illinois Elevating Special Educators Network for our third annual summit specifically designed to meet the needs of special educators as we launch the 2024-2025 school year. The Summit provided special education professionals opportunities to come together to learn, share, grow, and connect. Summit activities will included a keynote from Cathleen Beachboard, an award-winning educator, best-selling author, and leading expert on raising psychological hope in schools. Special educators were also able to choose break out sessions specific to their needs, gaining insight into the latest research-based strategies and tips they can apply to supporting students with disabilities in the classroom.
- The third annual Pathway Playground will welcome over 1,000 Lee, Ogle, Whiteside 8th grade students to Sauk Valley College on Friday, October 18th. Our Pathways Team is still looking for area businesses to participate and provide a hands on activity for our students on that day. Help us to grow our area workforce and inspire a student on this engaging day!

**Be a part of the day!**

- Register to have a booth to share your career with the students
- Provide a hands-on experience for the students to engage with you and the staff to learn more about your careers
- Be ready to answer questions about your career
- Use the QR code below to register!

**Who we are looking for!**

We are seeking businesses from our three counties to participate in the following career clusters:

- Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources
- Manufacturing, Engineering, Technology, and Trades
- Business and Finance
- Human and Public Services
- Health Sciences and Technology
- Information and Technology
- Arts and Communication

**Register**

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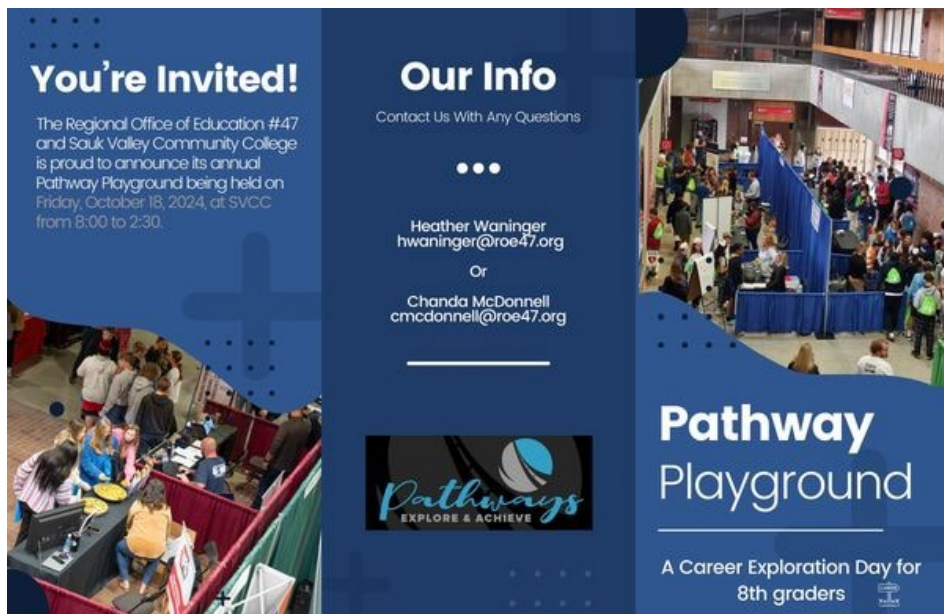
**The Impact**

"It is great to be part of an event that focuses on intriguing the minds of the youth. Raynor believes it is crucial to educate the youth about the jobs and trades in their local community and how they will play a role in the future development of it." Brent Reuter

**What is it?** 

The Pathway Playground is an exciting annual regional event for Lee, Ogle, & Whiteside County 8th grade students. The day promotes career exploration and engagement with community organizations and businesses through hands-on experience where students engage in small activities to build their interests in various career fields. The goal is to showcase the careers our area has to offer, to build social capital for adolescents in their community, and to provide guidance for students in their future endeavors.





## Office of Professional Learning & Ed Services: Parent Engagement & Community Outreach

- To date, ROE 47 has 142 partners on its IRIS referral platform. There have been 2788 referrals and 1556 families served. IRIS is an Integrated Referral and Intake System that works to connect local agencies with one another to streamline online client referrals. IRIS supports warm hand-offs for families, closes the communication loop for referring organizations, tracks outcomes, and provides a clear data-driven picture of partner capacity to improve the process over time.
- Family Educators and ROE 47 PL & Educational Service staff have attended over 36 community events and reached over 10,000 families with parent-child activities, educational materials, and links to EC programs and community services through our IRIS referral platform. In FY25, to date, the office has hosted or participated in community events that facilitated parent-child interaction and heightened awareness of EC opportunities, including:
  - Prophetstown Back to School Bash 2024
  - Bumps, Babies & Toddlers (Dixon)
- Forty parents and caregivers joined us on zoom for an evening with author Karen Young as she presented "Raising Brave Hearts: Tools for Beating Anxiety & Building Confidence". Karen shared practical strategies to understand and manage anxiety, improve performance, and foster resilience in children.
- Through the community partnership work that has been done in the ROE 47 area and our stakeholders expressing the need for middle school age students after school programming, ROE 47 has applied for and was awarded an after school program grant. The program opened to 6th - 8th grade students enrolled at

Challand Middle School in Sterling on September 23, 2024. The program is hosted at the new Elevate Youth Center in Sterling and provided in partnership with Sterling Township and the Sterling-Rock Falls YMCA.

- A social emotional lending library has been established that contains Blockfest, Mindful Trails, family engagement activities and Slumberkins resources. These items are available for check out to schools and agencies. We have 10 Mindful Trails, 15 Slumberkins StoryWalks, 15 Slumberkins Big Books, and Slumberkins books with stuffed animals, as well as a number of games and activities. To date, materials have been used for school wide student learning opportunities, staff professional development, community/school events, and school/community family engagement events.
- A monthly digital family newsletter has been developed and deployed through Mail Chimp on a monthly basis. Newsletters include parenting information, community family events, early childhood programming and service information, and other important links. Parents/caregivers can subscribe to the ROE Family Newsletter at <https://mailchi.mp/2cde621b466f/family-sign-up>
- ROE 47 is partnering with Nicklaus Construction to provide holiday meals for families. Please see details in the flier below.



*Holiday Support Fund Initiative*

**GIVE  
GIVE BACK  
THANKS**

Help us bring joy and nourishment to our families in need this holiday season. Together, we can make a difference!

**Ways To Give**

Scan the QR Code to Donate		Book an air duct cleaning with Nicklaus Construction and have it completed by November 15. They'll donate \$50 for each appointment.
Donations may be mailed to:		<b>Call 815-441-7523 Today</b>
<b>ROE #47</b> Attn: Professional Learning & Educational Services 2214 E. 4th Street, Suite B Sterling, IL 61081		


For More Information Email: [msanders@roe47.org](mailto:msanders@roe47.org) Call: 815-625-1495

### Office of Professional Learning & Ed Services: Social Media

The department's social media presence continues to grow. Like our page on Facebook (Regional Office of Education #47) and download our ROE47 App for weekly teacher talks, instructional tips, news, giveaways, updates & more! Follow us on Twitter @RegionalOffice47

Want to hear from educators & students in the classroom? Check out our Teacher Talks on YouTube! We have an extensive library of 153 videos (and growing) in our collection!

## Upcoming Events



### INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT NETWORKING

Calling all educators in instructional support roles (instructional coaches, interventionists, etc.). These networking sessions are designed to explore data, reflect on current systems and practices, understand evidence-based practices, and consider systems development and refinement through a continuous improvement approach to support all learners... and your loved ones!

**Session Dates**

**More Information**

- ✔ **August 28**
- ✔ **October 30**
- ✔ **January 29**
- ✔ **April 30**

**ROE 47**

2214 E. 4th St., Suite B, Sterling

**8:30 - 11:30 AM**

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**ILLINOIS ELEVATING SPECIAL EDUCATORS**  
Presents our 2024-2025  
Special Education Professional Learning Opportunities

Visit [ROE47.ORG](http://ROE47.ORG) to register for these **FREE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES**

**DEVELOPING LEADERS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**Administrators and teacher leaders:**  
Are you looking to grow your knowledge, skills, and leadership in special education?  
In this series, participants will take a deep dive into processes and procedures for helping students with disabilities, from the early stages of intervention all the way through facilitating productive IEP meetings. Each session will feature a deep dive, opportunities to build your leadership toolkit exploration of current issues, community resources, and roundtable discussions.

**October 24**  
**December 10**  
**February 13**  
**April 10**

At Sauk Valley Community College  
8:30-2:30  
Lunch is included  
6 PDHs available

**TARGETED IMPROVEMENT TO MEET THE NEEDS OF DIVERSE LEARNERS**

**Administrators and teacher teams:**  
Join us as we explore special education data, reflect on current systems & practices, understand evidence-based practices, and consider systems development & refinement through a continuous improvement approach to support diverse learners.

**November 12**  
**January 14**  
**March 11**

At the ROE office in Sterling (by Goodwill)  
8:30-2:30  
Lunch is included  
6 PDHs available

**ESSENTIAL FACILITATION FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION LEADERS**

**Administrators and teacher leaders:**  
This comprehensive workshop series is designed to equip special education teachers with the essential leadership and facilitation skills necessary to excel in their roles as teacher leaders. Participants will develop a deep understanding of teacher leadership, explore effective facilitation strategies, and build the confidence to drive positive change within their school community.

**October 17**  
**January 23**  
**April 24**  
**June 19**

At Sauk Valley Community College  
8:30-2:30  
Lunch is included  
6 PDHs available

**QUARTERLY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**Teachers:**  
Join us in these learning opportunities to learn, share, grow, and connect.

**September 20** — **Register today!**

**Special Education Summit**  
Activities will include a keynote from leading scholar Carmen Beachboard. Special educators will also choose sessions specific to their needs, gaining insight into the latest research-based strategies and tips they can apply to supporting students with disabilities in the classroom.

**December 6**  
**February 7**

At Sauk Valley Community College  
8:30-3:00  
Lunch is included  
6 PDHs available

More information coming soon!


Please reach out to:  
Shauna Dinges at [sdinges@iesnetwork.org](mailto:sdinges@iesnetwork.org) or Kelly Marcum at [kmarcum@iesnetwork.org](mailto:kmarcum@iesnetwork.org)

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# TEACHER TOOLS NETWORKING

Join us for an hour of professional development and networking! Connect with fellow teachers from across the region to share ideas, strategies, and resources. Learn from ROE staff and gain valuable insights to enhance your teaching practice. Let's learn and grow together!



**Session Dates:**  
October 2  
December 4  
February 5  
April 2

**Time:** 3:30-4:30 PM  
**Location:** Virtual



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# BUILDING RESILIENCE IN OUR CHILDREN

SEL CAPACITY BUILDERS



SEL Capacity Builders is dedicated to fostering a strong network of educators, caregivers, and community leaders committed to enhancing children's emotional well-being. By providing practical tools and expert knowledge on trauma, attachment, behavior, and more, you will walk away with strategies to use in your classroom, your home, and your workplace to promote resilience.



**Sep Trauma & Attachment**  
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. | Sauk Valley Community College  
Understand how trauma and attachment affect child development and behavior. Presented by The Knowledge Center at Chesham.

**Nov Youth Mental Health First-Aid**  
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. | Sauk Valley Community College  
Learn to recognize and respond to mental health issues in youth. This session has a pre-work component.

**Feb The School of Hope**  
8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. | Sauk Valley Community College  
Learn how the science of hope can improve academic outcomes, decrease anxiety, and change your life. Presented by Cathleen Beachboard.

**Mar SEL Summit**  
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. | Sauk Valley Community College  
Dive into a transformative summit, designed to equip you with the tools and strategies to build vibrant, inclusive communities within your schools. Keynote by Tom Toney.

**Jun Building a Tool-Kit**  
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. | Sauk Valley Community College  
Build a toolkit of strategies to support children's behavior regulation and resilience and explore the importance of self-care. Presented by Jamie Stuart Taylor, LCSW.

Please contact Grace Heimerdinger-Boake at gheimerdingerboake@roe47.org with any questions.

ROE 47  
**Computer Science**  
Teacher Leader Program




**Session One**  
The training emphasizes building a strong foundation in computer science education, covering topics like computational thinking, algorithms, programming, and integrating CS into different content areas. Participants will explore resources for teaching CS concepts and collaborative practices like pair programming and debugging.

**Session Two**  
The training delves deeper into integrating computer science (CS) across the curriculum. Participants will explore connections between CS and various content areas for both K-5 and 6-12 grade levels. Practical application will be emphasized through hands-on experience with microbits for grades 6-12. The K-5 session will feature participants designing cross-curricular lessons incorporating unplugged, plugged, and robotic activities for K-5 students.

**Session Three**  
The training deepens CS integration, focusing on physical computing, project-based learning, and AI connections for middle and high schoolers. Elementary teachers will explore microbit basics and designed cross-curricular lessons.

**Session Four**  
This final year 1 session will focus on reflecting on the learning journey and developing actionable plans for integrating computer science into classrooms. Participants will share their experiences, challenges, and successes. We will collaboratively develop strategies for overcoming obstacles and sustaining CS initiatives. Participants will leave equipped with a personalized action plan to implement in their classrooms.

**Session Dates**

- Session One: MS/HS: September 26 K-5: September 27
- Session Two: MS/HS: January 30 K-5: January 31
- Session Three: MS/HS: March 13 K-5: March 14
- Session Four: MS/HS: June 16 K-5: June 17

**Benefits of Participation**

- ISTE membership access
- Comprehensive LTC training aligned with new IL CS standards
- Comprehensive 2-year program
- Scholarships for technology conferences
- Access to ROE 47 technology lending library
- Ready-to-use classroom resources and lesson plans
- Networking opportunities with fellow educators
- Professional learning hours
- Support for building an IT pathway endorsement program
- Access to student engagement events (e.g., hackathons)
- And more!

To register, visit [www.roe47.org](http://www.roe47.org)  
Space is limited in K-5 and 6-12 programs.  
Please contact Anji Garza (agarza@roe47.org) with questions or for more information.

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# NEW TEACHER CADRE

If you are a new teacher, certified or non-certified in a teaching role, or a teacher in a new teaching area, certified or non-certified in a teaching role, we have several options of support designed to help you grow professionally and network with other teachers to share ideas, support and build a network both in your district and outside with other schools to share strategies--instructional, classroom management, remote learning, special education and SEL.

For questions, please contact Gail Wright at gwright@roe47.org

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Tue., October 22	Virtual	3:30-4:30 PM
Tue., November 19	Virtual	3:30-4:30 PM
Tue., December 17	Virtual	3:30-4:30 PM
Tue., January 28	Virtual	3:30-4:30 PM
Tue., February 18	Virtual	3:30-4:30 PM
Tue., March 11	Virtual	3:30-4:30 PM
Tue., April 29	Virtual	3:30-4:30 PM
Tue., May 13	Virtual	3:30-4:30 PM



SCAN TO REGISTER



Illinois Elevating Special Educators  
Presents:



# Empowering Special Education: AI and Tech Tools for Effective Teaching

This professional development workshop will delve into the ultimate AI and technology tools designed specifically for special education. Educators will explore innovative resources to enhance personalized learning, improve student engagement, and streamline classroom management. Join us to unlock the potential of technology in creating inclusive and supportive learning environments! We are thrilled to present an extraordinary event featuring three remarkable speakers who will share their insights, experiences, and expertise. This is an opportunity to learn from the best and gain valuable knowledge that can inspire and empower you.

Friday, December 6, 2024  
8:30 - 2:30  
Check in begins at 8:00  
Sauk Valley Community College

Visit  
[ROE47.org](http://ROE47.org)  
to sign up!



Please register by  
February 3, 2025



Ben Sonderoth

Cost: Free  
Lunch is included  
5 Hours PD Credit



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# COUNSELOR & SOCIAL WORKER NETWORKING



Connect with colleagues to stay informed about state updates, share best practices, and find support within our professional community.



## SESSION DETAILS

- September 5**
  - November 7**
  - January 9**
  - April 3**
- ROE 47**  
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  - 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM**



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# BEHAVIOR LEARNING SERIES



From the beginning of the year, your choices impact student behavior. In this series, reflect on your current practices, relate learned strategies into your context, and better understand behaviors beyond your classroom systems.

**AUGUST 2024 - MARCH 2025**

3:45 PM - 5:00 PM

1.25 PD Hours

Online via ZOOM

[www.iesenetwork.org](http://www.iesenetwork.org)

[info@iesenetwork.org](mailto:info@iesenetwork.org)

(217) 893-3219

**BUILD STRONG CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT**  
August 29, 2024

**EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE: THE KEY TO BEHAVIORAL SUPPORT**  
September 26, 2024

**FUNCTIONS OF BEHAVIOR & FUNCTION-BASED STRATEGIES**  
October 17, 2024

**COLLECT BEHAVIOR DATA TO INFORM NEXT STEPS**  
November 7, 2024

**HOW TO BE PROACTIVE WITH CRISIS**  
February 6, 2025

**RESTORATIVE PRACTICES: MAKE LONG TERM IMPACT**  
March 6, 2025



REGISTER NOW

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Illinois Elevating Special Educators  
Presents:



# "Building Schools of Hope: Strategies for Lasting Impact"

Presented by:  
**Cathleen Beachboard**

This full-day professional development session will equip educators with the tools to create a culture of hope within their schools. Grounded in neuroscience and positive psychology, the training will cover practical strategies to increase student motivation, resilience, and academic success. Participants will engage in interactive sessions, explore case studies, and receive make-it-take-it resources to implement hope-driven practices that support the success and well-being of all students and staff.

Friday, February 7, 2025  
8:30 - 2:30  
Check in begins at 8:00  
Sauk Valley Community College

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Please register by  
February 3, 2025



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**Librarians Networking**

Gather on Zoom to connect with librarians and library staff to network, exchange information, resources, and collaborate on problem-solving by exploring how other librarians have tackled similar challenges. By sharing and learning from fellow librarians and paraprofessionals, you can discover fresh ideas to enhance your library.

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Tue., November 5	Virtual	3:00-4:00 PM
Tue., December 3	Virtual	3:00-4:00 PM
Tue., January 7	Virtual	3:00-4:00 PM
Tue., February 4	Virtual	3:00-4:00 PM
Tue., March 4	Virtual	3:00-4:00 PM
Tue., April 1	Virtual	3:00-4:00 PM
Tue., May 6	Virtual	3:00-4:00 PM

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## Office of Professional Learning & Ed Services: Professional Learning Events

### September 2024 Participants - 374

#### Tuesday, September 3

Librarians & School Library Media Specialist Networking Session @ 3:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday, September 4

Preschool Family Support Specialist Networking Session @ 9:00 am

#### Thursday, September 5

School Counselors & Social Workers Networking Session @ ROE 47  
Strengthening Young People Against Anxiety @ 3:30 p.m.

#### Tuesday, September 10

Pathway Quarterly Cohort Networking @ 3:15 p.m.

#### Wednesday, September 11

IT Pathway Networking @ 2:30 p.m.

#### Tuesday, September 17

LETRS Training @ 3:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, September 18**

**Deanery School Improvement Networking Session @ Newman Catholic High School**

**Thursday, September 19**

**Administrator Networking Session @ SVCC**

**Friday, September 20**

**Special Ed Summit @ SVCC**

**Tuesday, September 24**

**Math for ALL Cohort @ ROE #47**

**New Teacher Cadre @ 3:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday, September 25**

**Librarians Networking Session @ ROE #47**

**Thursday, September 26**

**Computer Science Teacher Leadership Program (6-12) @ SVCC**

**Friday, September 27**

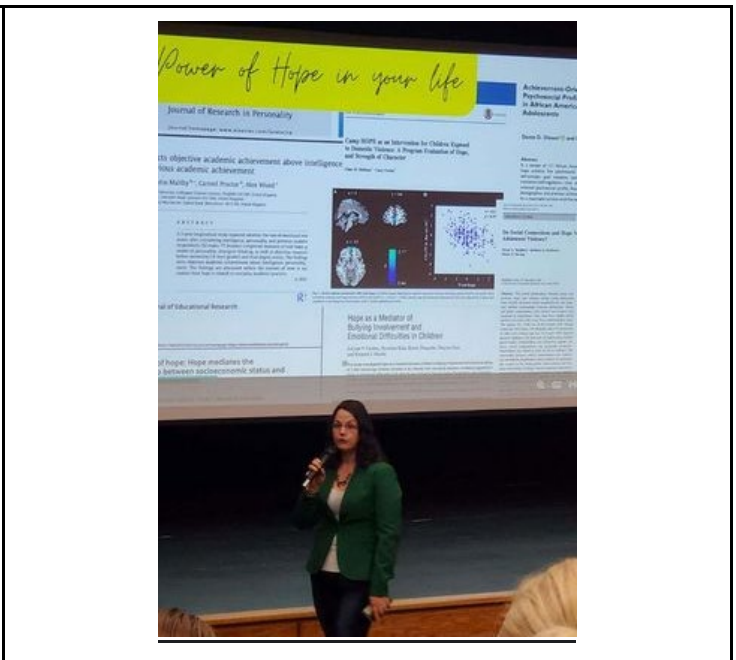
**Computer Science Teacher Leadership Program (K-5) @ SVCC**

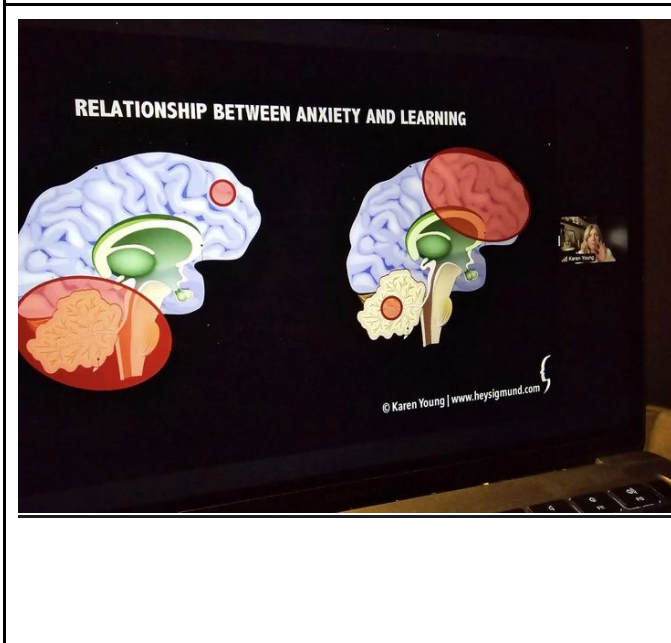
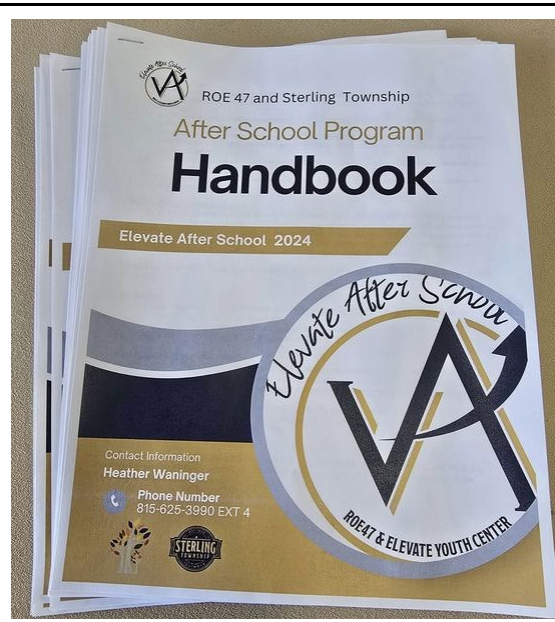
**Transitional English Fall Networking @ SVCC**

**Monday, September 30**

**SEL Capacity Builders @ SVCC**

**September 2024 in Photos:**







Office of Professional Learning & Ed Services: NEXUS



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## HOW WE SUPPORT YOUR DISTRICT

Nexus Program

Nexus Program - October 2024

**87**

Families Supported

**126**

Children Supported

**34**

McKinney Vinto

**277**

Goals Met

**1,269**

Family Contacts



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## ***HOW WE SUPPORT YOUR DISTRICT***

Attendance Program

Attendance Support Program - October 2024

**55**

Families Supported

**109**

Children Supported

**2**

McKinney Vinto

**47**

Goals Met

**1,322**

Family Contacts

**Parents as Teachers First Years**

September has been a busy month for our staff. We have continued enrolling families and began enrolling prenatal moms in our ENRICH collaboration with Northwestern School of Medicine. This study focuses on improving the pregnant participants' cardiovascular health and birth outcomes. Each enrolled participant receives a nice package of resources from the grant project, including a blood pressure monitor, scale, Fitbit, and various items for their newborn promoting optimal health and wellness. So far we have 2 enrolled and several more in process.

At the end of the month, staff participated in a training on Mental Health First Aid provided by the University of Illinois Extension and Sinnissippi Centers. This helpful training provided staff with warning signs and suggestions for early intervention when working with families who may be experiencing mental health or substance use challenges. During the training, the facilitators mentioned that Sinnissippi Centers has a peer counselor who will provide free Narcan training and supplies to staff or anyone else who may be interested. We are exploring offering that to our home visiting program partners and also possibly a session for our program participants.

## **Education Outreach Program**

The Education Outreach Program has classes underway and is ready for the Fall season and the changes it may bring. For many of our students, they begin to experience changes in their lives as well.

We currently have 87 active students either seeking GED prep class work or job search assistance after earning their diploma. We have a number of our students pregnant or experiencing life as a new parent, many seeking part-time employment, and others preparing for post-secondary or trade school programs. Our individuals in Follow-Up have already secured unsubsidized employment or are looking to advance skills required to obtain a career.

Also on October 1st, the Education Outreach Program earned our first graduate for the 2024-2025 school year! Kaci was enrolled in on August 7th and by October 1st earned her Illinois High School Diploma. Congratulations Kaci!

## **McKinney Vento Homeless Program**

Registration and enrollment is a key time to identify our families that are faced with Transitional Housing Arrangements. Immediate enrollment and support services are vital for enhancing the educational success of our students. We are in the process of offering support to community agencies that work and support our families. District wide trainings are being arranged and provided to help alert all the staff for greater opportunities for identifying our families.

## **Center For Change**

## October

As we approach the close of the first quarter of school, we are thrilled to report that it has been an exceptionally successful start. Our students have embraced the opportunities presented to them, and the atmosphere on campus is one of growth, collaboration, and enthusiasm. The first quarter is drawing to a close on October 15th, and we're proud of the strides we've made thus far.

This quarter has also marked the continued expansion of new and exciting events and clubs, all aimed at promoting student growth and engagement. In addition to our well-established Phoenix Leadership Council, which has already made a significant impact, we are excited to announce the launch of a new reading club. This initiative not only encourages a love of reading but also offers students the chance to earn professional development hours within their home district—another great step in fostering both personal and academic growth.

We've been actively pushing for more student involvement in the community, and one exciting event on the horizon is our upcoming field trip to Selmi's Pumpkin Patch at the end of the month. This event will provide students with a fun and enriching off-campus experience, reinforcing the importance of community connection.

As we look forward to October, we are eager to continue this momentum into the rest of the fall season. The quarter may be ending soon, but we are just getting started with the exciting opportunities ahead!

We are thrilled about what's to come as we wrap up the quarter and look forward to new milestones in the coming months.