

Regional Office of Education Report

November 2024

Compliance

Regional Offices of Education and Intermediate Service Centers in Illinois are responsible for ensuring that local school districts and recognized non-public schools adhere to state and federal regulations. This involves a thorough review of district documentation to verify compliance with the Illinois School Code. The results of these reviews are publicly reported on the state website and included in the Illinois Report Card.

Beyond simply assessing compliance, this process is viewed as an opportunity to improve school operations and enhance the quality of education for students throughout Lee, Ogle, and Whiteside Counties. By identifying areas where districts may need additional support or training, The regional office of education #47 plays a crucial role in promoting educational excellence throughout our three counties.

Professional Learning & Educational Services

Current Programs - Office of Professional Learning & Educational Services
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 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.
- The third annual Pathway Playground welcomed over 1,200 Lee, Ogle, Whiteside 8th grade students to Sauk Valley College on Friday, October 18th.



Playground Participants



MANUFACTURING, ENGINEERING, TECHNOLOGY & TRADES

Frantz Manufacturing Company
Astec
Morrison Tech
Walmart Distribution Center
Illinois Department of
Transportation District 2
Raynor Garage Doors
BorgWarner
Woods Equipment
Constellation- Byron Clean Energy
Center
Sterling Steel Company
Simpson Leather Craft
Donaldson Company
Whiteside Area Career Center
P & P Industries, Inc
Mid America Regional Council of
Carpenters Local 790
International Union of Bricklayers
and Allied Craftworkers
United Steelworkers Local 63
Diamond Drives by Timken
Etnyre
Rock River Chapter - Illinois
Society of Professional Engineers

AGRICULTURE FOOD & NATURAL RESOURCES

NRCS
Birkey's Farm Store, Inc
Careers in Agriculture
Gold Star FS
Agri-King Inc.
Ruth Edwards Nature Center
Whiteside County Soil & Water
Conservation District

HUMAN & PUBLIC SERVICES

Lee County Health Department
Ogle County Health Department
Sinnissippi Centers
Birth to Five Illinois
Illinois State Police
Sauk Valley Community College
Impact Program
Sterling Public Library
Lutheran Social Services of Illinois
4-C Community Coordinated Child
Care
SVCC Criminal Justice Department
Sterling Police Department
SVCC Early Childhood Education
Federal Bureau of Prisons
Regional Office of Education #47
Law Jones Funeral Home

HEALTH | SCIENCES & TECHNOLOGY

SVCC Nursing Program
CGH Medical Center
SVCC Sonography Program
Morrison Community Hospital
KSB Hospital
SVCC Radiologic Technology
Program
Cora Sauk Valley
CGH Medical Center Rehab

INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY

University of IL Extension- 4-H
Learning Technology Center of
Illinois
Surf Internet
Sauk Valley Bank

ARTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Olinger Photography
WQAD
Shaw Local Radio
Woodlawn Arts Academy
Educators of Beauty
Nora Kate Paints
Stahr Media
The Radar Free Press



The Pathway Team at The
Regional Office Of Education
and Sauk Valley Community
College would like to thank the
businesses that make this event
possible each year!

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for your
support

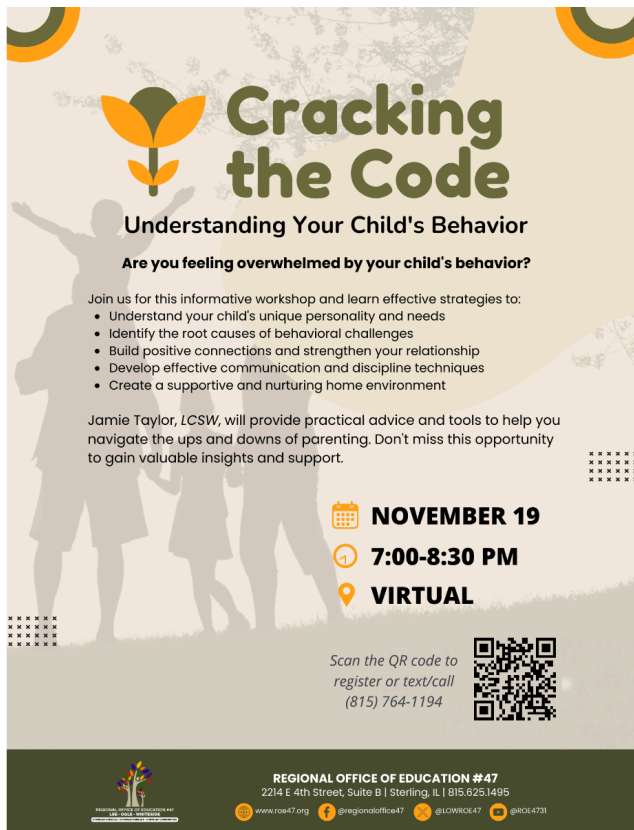
FINANCE & BUSINESS SERVICES

Sterling Federal Bank
Greater Sterling Development
Corporation
Sterling Mainstreet
Sauk Valley Area Chamber of
Commerce
Sauk Valley Bank
Central Bank

- ROE 47 has launched a year-long social media campaign to raise awareness of trauma, reduce stigma, and promote resilience. Posts are available each Monday on Facebook.
 - *Childhood trauma leaves a lasting impact, affecting not only individuals but also generations to come. By raising awareness about the complexities of childhood trauma and promoting understanding, we can foster a more compassionate and supportive environment for children who have experienced these challenging events. Join us as we embark on a journey to create a resilient community where every child feels safe, seen, and heard. Together, we can break the cycle of trauma and empower individuals to heal and thrive.*

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.



Cracking the Code

Understanding Your Child's Behavior

Are you feeling overwhelmed by your child's behavior?

Join us for this informative workshop and learn effective strategies to:

- Understand your child's unique personality and needs
- Identify the root causes of behavioral challenges
- Build positive connections and strengthen your relationship
- Develop effective communication and discipline techniques
- Create a supportive and nurturing home environment

Jamie Taylor, LCSW, will provide practical advice and tools to help you navigate the ups and downs of parenting. Don't miss this opportunity to gain valuable insights and support.

NOVEMBER 19

7:00-8:30 PM

VIRTUAL

Scan the QR code to register or text/call (815) 764-1194

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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



Early Childhood Summit

MUSIC MOVEMENT & PLAY-BASED LEARNING

8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Sauk Valley
Community College

**NOV
15**

Join us for an inspiring day dedicated to early childhood education featuring renowned musician, author, and child development specialist, Jim Gilli. Discover how music and movement can be powerful tools for learning and development.

The afternoon will delve into the world of play-based learning with engaging presentations by Rochelle educators. Explore innovative strategies to utilize play-based learning to foster creativity, critical thinking, and collaboration in the higher elementary grades.

Leave this summit energized and equipped with practical tools to enhance your early childhood practice.

Cost: \$50 for SIP co-op members, \$100 for non co-op members

Every attendee gets a signed copy of Jim's book, "May There Always Be Sunshine," inspired by a Russian folk song with illustrations reflecting the original and added verses by children.

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ROE 47 Presents

3RD ANNUAL TRANSITIONAL ENGLISH STATEWIDE SUMMIT

DECEMBER 13TH, 2024
8:30 - 12:00 P.M.
ZOOM



Keynote

Keynote John Warner will provide strategies for developing writing habits of mind and rethinking the 5 paragraph essay.



Breakout Sessions

Sessions on the Implementation of Transitional English, developing teacher leaders, support ELs and diverse learners, the Illinois Literacy Plan, and more!



Strategic Planning

Learn about resources to help build partnerships, develop Transitional ELA courses, and enroll students!

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To register, scan the QR Code or visit www.roe47.org

**Illinois Elevating Special Educators
Presents:**



Empowering Special Education: AI and Tech Tools for Effective Teaching

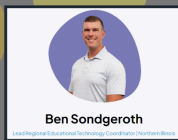
This professional development workshop will delve into the ultimate AI and technology tools designed specifically for special education. Educators will explore innovative resources to enhance personalized learning, improve student engagement, and streamline classroom management. Join us to unlock the 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
to sign up!



Please register by
February 5, 2025



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**Cost-Free
Lunch is included
5 Hours PD Credit**



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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 microbots 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 microbot 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
Space is limited in k-5 and 6-12 programs.

Please contact Anji Garza (agarza@roe47.org)
with questions or for more information.

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 Chaddock.

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-Baake at gheimerdingerbaake@roe47.org with any questions.

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



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8:30 AM - 10:30 AM



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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**

Visit
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Please register by
February 3, 2025






**Cost: Free
Lunch is included**

5 Hours PD Credit




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ILLINOIS ELEVATING SPECIAL EDUCATORS

Presents our 2024-2025
Special Education Professional Learning Opportunities

Visit **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, Cathleen 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**

More information coming soon!

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

Please reach out to:
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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

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





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 and 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

Tue., September 24	Virtual	3:30-4:30 PM
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






7th Annual Social Emotional Learning Summit

Tug of War

The Power of Pulling Together




Tom Toney
Keynote Speaker


Are you feeling pulled in a million directions? Overwhelmed by the demands of education? As educators, we often find ourselves in a constant battle, striving to create the best possible learning environments for our students. But the pressures can be immense, leaving us feeling exhausted and defeated.

It's time to change the game.


In this summit, we will explore the concept of Tug of War and how it relates to our daily experiences as educators. We'll delve into the energy-sapping habits that can hinder our progress and discover strategies to overcome these challenges.




Understanding the Tug-of-War Mentality: Recognize the common patterns that can lead to feelings of exhaustion and frustration.



Building Positive Relationships: Learn how to foster collaboration and cooperation with colleagues, students, and parents.




Cultivating Resilience: Develop strategies to cope with stress and maintain a positive outlook.



Embracing the Power of Teamwork: Discover how to harness the collective strength of your team to achieve common goals.

Friday, March 21, 2025
8:30 AM - 2:30 PM
Sauk Valley Community College

Scan QR Code



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Administrator Academy

Literacies of the Digital World: Teaching Technology Skills for Success in the 21st Century

This workshop aims to educate participants on the significance of computer literacy, digital literacy, and digital citizenship for student success in school and life. Attendees will learn to differentiate between these concepts, identify essential skills for each, and understand the appropriate timing for student exposure. Ultimately, participants will create an actionable plan for implementation in their school or district.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18
8:30 - 2:30 P.M.
SAUK VALLEY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
173 IL RTE 2; DIXON



To register, scan code or visit www.roe47.org

Office of Professional Learning & Ed Services: Professional Learning Events

October 2024 Participants - 313

Tuesday, October 1

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

Wednesday, October 2

Teacher Tools Network Session @ 3:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Friday, October 4

Transitional Math @ 8:30 a.m. (SVCC)

Tuesday, October 8

LETRS Cohort 3 Training @ 8:30 a.m. (ROE)

Tuesday, October 15

LETRS Cohort 1 Face to Face Training @ 8:30 a.m. (ROE)

LETRS Cohort 1 Virtual Training @ 3:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Thursday, October 17th

Essential Facilitation for Special Education Teacher Leaders @ 8:30 a.m. (SVCC)

Tuesday, October 22

Math for ALL @ 8:30 a.m. (ROE)

New Teachers Networking @ 3:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Wednesday, October 23

Deanery School Improvement Networking Session @ Newman Catholic High School: Trauma

Thursday, October 24

Developing Special Education Leaders Year 1 @ 8:30 a.m. (SVCC)

IWAS Pathway Endorsement Work Day @ 9 a.m. (ROE)

Trauma Training @ Center for Change

Wednesday, October 30

Instructional Support Networking @ 8:30 a.m. (ROE)

Brain Architecture @ Prophetstown Elementary School

Thursday, October 31

Understanding Generational Differences @ Rock Falls Elementary District

October 2024 in Photos:









REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION 47

***HOW WE SUPPORT
YOUR DISTRICT***

Nexus Program

11/01/2024

123

Families Supported

301

Children Supported

43

McKinney Vinto

394

Goals Met

1,569

Family Contacts



REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION 47

HOW WE SUPPORT YOUR DISTRICT

Attendance Program

11/01/2024

80

Families Supported

159

Children Supported

9

McKinney Vinto

70

Goals Met

966

Family Contacts

Parents as Teachers First Years

October brought a new data management system to our program. We have been using Penelope provided by the Parents as Teachers National Center (PATNC) for the last 10 years, but the program's developers have decided that it is now obsolete and will not be updating it any longer. Therefore, PATNC decided to switch to Visit Tracker and our data migrated from Penelope into the Visit Tracker system on October 7th. Our home visitors have spent the entire month trying to learn the new system while continuing to provide home visits and all of the other components of our program at the same time. We have also been re-entering a significant amount of data that did not transfer to the new system, so it feels like we are playing catch-up.

A positive from the switch – Visit Tracker was developed by the daughter of a Parents as Teachers Home Visitor, so it is very closely aligned with PAT and many other home visiting models are also using it. It is very easy to use and logically connects all the pieces of documentation that are part of a home visit. Already, the home visitors are saying how they like that everything is connected in the home visit report.


We have also been working with the Education Outreach Program to start the planning for our joint holiday party (already!!). Last year's inaugural event was enjoyed by both PAT families and EOP students alike. This year we hope to include some of the EOP students in the planning and running of the activities to give them some hands-on experience in early childhood and hopefully spark some interest in a future career in early childhood education.

In other Early Childhood news...

Lois Meisenheimer, the program coordinator, has been busy working with the Birth to Five Illinois team to launch the newly-formed workgroups for our joint STARS/Birth to Five Illinois collaboration. Every other month the whole STARS/Action Council meets to share progress from the workgroups and other program updates. In the opposite month, the workgroups focus on projects that address the identified goals for our region. The workgroups bring together diverse stakeholders from across the region who are all focused on improving early childhood opportunities and access for children and families in our service area. There's a lot of exciting work happening, including but not limited to:

- developing a childcare toolkit for businesses,
- expanding publicly-funded preschool slots
- developing a Community Resource Hub designed by parents

You can read more about all the goals, projects, and participating community members in the following document:

 [Region 47 Workgroup Descriptions and Projects Fall 24](#)

Education Outreach Program

For November, the Education Outreach Program would like to focus on collaboration. We are lucky to be able to provide our students with Leadership Opportunities that encourage and enlighten them with services, resources, and organizations in our service area.

On November 18th, the Education Outreach Program and TRIO are collaborating to provide our students with a tour at Sauk Valley Community College focusing on transitioning as a student. For some, this means understanding financial support or maybe just the location of the testing center. For others, it will give some insight into the CTE programs that Sauk has to offer. If our students are interested in this opportunity they can receive information, referrals, and even a stipend for the day!

We have been working closely with other organizations to provide services that are often overlooked by the young adult community. Many students are experiencing pregnancy/parenting for the first time, witnessing or involved in an abusive relationship, and experiencing mental health challenges. Being able to connect some of the services that we see as needed but are often underserved at this pivotal age is so important for our communities. Allowing our students to educate and prepare themselves while in our program is something we are proud of!

McKinney Vento Homeless Program

Monitoring and support to our school districts is keeping things very busy. Federal laws are making some changes that will affect our overall program and the students that we are currently serving. November is our National McKinney Vento Conference. It is always so enjoyable and eye opening to hear from other States as to what and how they best serve their McKinney Vento students. Upcoming cooler weather will affect the needs that our students will be facing. Community resources are continually sought for support in these areas.

Center For Change

November

As we move forward into November, the Center for Change is proud to report continued growth and success in academics, social skills, and emotional development among our students. The support from our dedicated staff and the commitment of our students are creating a positive and resilient learning environment. Each milestone achieved is a testament to the collective efforts of everyone involved, from students and staff to families and community partners.

This month, we are focusing on the theme of "Thankfulness", placing a spotlight on gratitude for the opportunities we are afforded. Through daily reflections, class discussions, and activities,

students and staff alike are encouraged to recognize and appreciate the support systems around them. Emphasizing gratitude in this way helps build a positive outlook and strengthens interpersonal connections within the school community.

In celebration of this theme, we are excited to announce our Thanksgiving Feast scheduled for November 25th. This event will bring students and staff together to share a meal and reflect on what we are thankful for. Our sincere thanks go out to the local restaurants and stores for their generous donations, making this feast a reality for our students.

Additionally, the Center for Change continues to foster strong relationships with external resources, enriching our students' educational and personal experiences. These partnerships provide invaluable resources and support, empowering students to grow both inside and outside the classroom.

As we reflect on the progress made and look forward to future accomplishments, we remain committed to supporting our students in all aspects of their growth, academically, socially, and emotionally. Thank you to all who contribute to the success of the Center for Change.