



The Scoop



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FAIRFIELD COUNTY ESC STUDENTS EXPERIENCE REAL-WORLD JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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The Fairfield County Educational Service Center provides students with multiple disabilities in Fairfield County the opportunity to engage with community partners through the community experience/vocational internship program. Gloria Oesterling is the Vocational Transition Coordinator for the ESC and provides key support services to students and families in bridging the classroom to real-world gap.

The Transition program provides students with the following services:

- Job Coaching
- Varied Volunteer Job Opportunities
- Employment Skills Support
- Work Performance Evaluations
- Competitive Employment
- On-the-Job Training with Needed Supports
- Individualized Instruction
- Community-Based Vocational Skills and Opportunities Beyond the Typical Classroom

The vocational/work experience program/transition planning and beyond was developed to provide Fairfield County students with job training in real work environments. Initially, students in the program are taught a variety of vocational tasks frequently encountered in work environments. These skills in combination with the skills acquired through functional academics, life-skills and other classes

provide the students with experience in real work settings which otherwise would not be possible.

Students that participate in the program are provided instruction in work values and attitudes, self-help skills, independent living and community participation. Students learn to identify resources that will assist them in becoming a participating citizen in their communities. Transition plans are developed by teams of educators and guardians for individual students through the use of assessments, interviews and teacher observations. The plans then provide guidance to the coordinator in pairing students with community partners to build real-world experiences.

The community partners that have committed this year or in years past to providing opportunities for students are: Buckeye Honda, Hampton Inn, Diley Ridge Medical Center, Ohio Glass Museum, Fairfield Medical Center, Carnival Foods, Olive Garden, McDonald's, Frisch's, Giant Eagle and the Baltimore Fire and Police Departments.

If you would like to learn more about the program or have a potential partner in mind, please contact Gloria Oesterling at 740.653.3193 or via email at goesterling@fairfieldesc.org.

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Upcoming Professional Development



February:

- 9: ST Math: Classroom Connections¹
Webinar
K-3: (3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)
3-5: (3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.)
- 10: All County Principal Network
Location: Liberty Center
(8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.)
- 10: ST Math: Helping Struggling Stud.¹
Webinar
(3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.)
Repeated: 2/16 @ 6:00 p.m.
- 17: ST Math: Classroom Connections¹
Location: Webinar
Middle: (3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.)
K-3: (6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.)
- 18: Communicable Diseases (Pre-K)
Location: FCESC (12:00 p.m.)
- 18: Implementing Reading Skills²
SST11
Location: ESC of Central Ohio
(9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.)
- 24: ST Math: Classroom Connections¹
Location: Webinar
3-5: (6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.)
- 26: Language & Literacy Series²
SST 11: Writing Language
Location: ESC of Central Ohio
(9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)
- 3/7: PAST Quarterly Planning
Location: Liberty Center
(8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

PDEXPRESS LOGIN SUPPORT

You can log into PDEExpress at:
pdexpress.faircoesc.org.

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- 1: Register through ST Math Teacher Resource Site
2: Register on STARS

Employee Spotlight: Laura Garrett

Laura Garrett joined the Fairfield County Educational Service Center team recently as the Behavior Specialist. Laura works with students throughout the ESC classrooms and Prep for Success and is available to provide service to students in districts as well.

Laura attended The Ohio State University and received her Bachelor's in Psychology. She then attended Ball State University where she earned her Master's with a specialization in autism spectrum disorder. She is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst and a Certified Ohio Behavior Analyst. Laura loves having the opportunity to help students overcome behavior challenges and is learning so much every day.

Laura, her husband, son (Isaac), and two dogs recently moved to Mt. Sterling. Laura moved from Cleveland to Columbus to attend OSU. In her spare time, Laura enjoys spending time with her family, being crafty, listening to music and trying new restaurants.

What is your personal motto? "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." Maya Angelou

What is your favorite movie and/or book? "I love musicals. My favorites include West Side Story, Sound of Music and Les Miserables."

What's something that most coworkers don't know about you? "I was born in New Jersey and lived there until 2008. I used to have a pretty thick Jersey accent."



Fairfield County ESC Seeking Substitute Teachers & Aides

Substitute Teachers

- Bachelor's Degree
- Substitute Teacher License (\$25.00)
- BCI/FBI Background Check (\$51.00)
- ESC Pre-K and County Classrooms
- Amanda Clearcreek, Berne Union, Bloom Carroll, Fairfield Union, Lancaster City, Liberty Union, Pickerington Local and Walnut Township
- Contact Bobbi Williams at 740.653.3193 to find out more.

Substitute Aides

- High School Diploma
- Aide Permit (\$25.00)
- BCI/FBI Background Check (\$51.00)
- ESC Pre-K and County Classrooms
- Contact Bobbi Williams at 740.653.3193 to find out more.

If you know a person with the above qualifications, please have them contact Bobbi Williams. Bobbi will support candidates through the process of obtaining their aide or sub license.



ST Math: JiJi Believer

February 1 - April 8, 2016

Show off your students' JiJi spirit with your own JiJi Believer photos and stories. Share your adventures in math success to enter the challenge and earn the opportunity to receive custom JiJi items for your classroom or home!

TWO OPTIONS THIS YEAR:



3-minute Music Video

-OR-



Social Share Photo Series

JOIN THE CONVERSATION:



<http://bit.ly/JiJiFacebook>



#JiJiBeliever

<http://bit.ly/JiJiTwitter>

Learn more and submit your entries at
mindresearch.org/jijibeliever

Questions? jijibeliever@mindresearch.org



2016-2017 FCESC Calendar Approved

MONTH	POSSIBLE WORK DAYS	NON-WORK DAYS	12-MONTH EMPLOYEES	205 DAYS	225 DAYS
AUGUST	23	0	23	18	23
SEPTEMBER	22	1	21	21	21
OCTOBER	21	1	20	20	20
NOVEMBER	22	2	20	20	20
DECEMBER	22	6	16	16	16
JANUARY	22	2	20	20	20
FEBRUARY	20	0	20	20	20
MARCH	23	0	23	23	23
APRIL	20	2	18	18	18
MAY	23	1	22	22	22
JUNE	22	0	22	7	22
JULY	21	1	20	0	0
TOTALS	261	16	245	205	225

NON-WORK DAYS

Labor Day – September 5

Fair Day – October 13

Thanksgiving – November 24 and 25

Christmas/New Year's – December 23 – January 2 (inclusive)

Martin Luther King Day – January 16

Good Friday/Easter Monday – April 14 and April 17

Memorial Day – May 29

Fourth of July – July 4

EMPLOYEE STARTING DATES

205-Day Contract – August 8 through June 9

225-Day Contract – August 1 through June 30

Parking

The roof at the Liberty Center building is being replaced. The dumpster has been moved to the front of the building so please do not block access to the dumpster.

Sign In & Sign Out Sheet

Please remember to sign in and sign out each time you enter and leave the Central Office. The sign in/sign out sheet is used to guide Janet, Bobbi and Tara when answering calls.

Staff Meetings

Staff meetings will be developed to occur in two ways: face-to-face and online. It is challenging to get all the Central Office staff together monthly, so the ESC will be developing an online meeting option where folks can review materials, post questions and collaborate without being in the same place at the same time. More to come on this!

Central Office Staff Meeting

Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.

Severe Weather Awareness

Severe Weather awareness week is 3/20 – 3/26.
Statewide Tornado Drill: 3/23 @ 9:50 a.m.

Governing Board Meetings

The ESC Governing Board will meet on March 1, 2016.

Network Meetings

SPED Supervisors: 2/15, 2/22, 2/29 @ 8:00 a.m.
Principals: 2/10/2016 @ 8:00 a.m.
Special Ed. Forum: 2/17/2016 @ 12:00 p.m.
Curriculum: 2/19/2016 @ 8:30 a.m.
Counselors: 2/24/2016 @ 12:30 p.m.

Reminders & Updates



SEE ATTACHMENT TO NEWSLETTER EMAIL FOR FULL SIZE IMAGE

Tech Talk

Sticky Notes

Along with *Paint*, *Snipping Tool*, *WordPad* and *Notepad*, *Sticky Notes* is a small utility that allows you to create all kinds of notes. You can place them anywhere you want on your Desktop, you can format their text, resize, and paint them in a variety of colors.

Sticky Notes is available in Windows 10, in Windows 8.1 and in the Home Premium, Professional, and Ultimate editions of Windows 7.

If you have a Tablet PC or a touchscreen, Sticky Notes supports pen and touch input.

Sticky Notes should already be installed on your computer. To find it, navigate to Search and type in "sticky"...

Use these shortcuts to format your text:

- Ctrl+B – Bold
- Ctrl+I – Italics
- Ctrl+U – Underline
- Ctrl+T – Strikethrough
- Ctrl+L – Normal, left-justified
- Ctrl+E – Centered
- Ctrl+R – Right-justified
- Ctrl+Shift+> - increase text size
- Ctrl+Shift+< - decrease text size
- Ctrl+Shift+L - to make an outline, or list, toggle for 7 options

Although Sticky Notes is not a groundbreaking new feature, it is a nice little application that makes it easy to jot something down. It's great for keeping a quick note in front of you so you won't forget it.

Click the application once to temporarily hide all the sticky notes on your desktop. To bring all of your sticky notes back to the desktop or to the top of the windows on the desktop, click it again ...

Right-click on a note to select the color you want – blue, green, pink, purple, white, or yellow. Mix and match.

You can use Sticky Notes to write a to-do list, jot down a phone number, or do anything else that you'd use a pad of paper for. To type a note, click where you want the text to appear, and then start typing.

Sticky Notes will remain securely wherever you put them on the Desktop until you delete them.

For questions or comments on Sticky Notes, or anything related to computers and technology, contact one of your IT guys at (740) 653-3193 or send them an email ...

Tyle Clark - tclark@fairfieldesc.org
Don Hornbeck - dhornbeck@fairfieldesc.org

LPDC: Renew Your License TODAY!

Over the past several weeks, Bobbi Williams has sent out information to Fairfield County ESC Staff members about renewing licenses.

Certificated employees are reminded to complete their LPDC paperwork for course/workshop completion, submit IPDP and submitting paperwork for renewing their license. Attached to the newsletter message are directions to:

- Align Licenses
- Extend/Advance/Renew Resident Educator License
- Apply/Renew Substitute Teacher License

As a reminder, Bobbi Williams contacted employees required to renew their license this year as well as those employees requiring a new FBI background check.

Contact Bobbi Williams with any questions about LPDC, renewing licenses and to schedule a time for your background check at 740.653.3193 or email at bobbi.williams@fairfieldesc.org.



From Your Treasurer

Have you moved recently? Are you taking classes? Are you considering changing banks? All of these changes can affect the correct processing and notification of your compensation and benefits.

- A quick email to Caprice Dicken, Payroll Services, at cdicken@fairfieldesc.org to let her know if you are changing your address will ensure that you receive tax forms and required employee notifications promptly.
- A change in your depository means a change in your direct deposit. The form *Authorized Agreement for Direct Deposit* will need to be filed with Caprice Dicken a minimum of **three weeks** in advance of the change. You can find this form on the intranet section of our website at faircoesc.org.
- An increase in semester hours and/or a degree change may result in an increase in your pay. The documentation to make this change (transcripts, grade slips, copy of degree) needs to be submitted to Bobbi Williams, Certification Services, bwilliams@fairfieldesc.org no later than **August 15** for the change to take effect on your new contract.

For more information about these, and other items, check out our Employee Handbook on the intranet section of our website.

Fiscal Focus



From Your Insurance Committee

And speaking of changes, have you added a child to your family recently? Attended your own wedding? These are examples of "Qualifying Events" which will affect your insurance coverage. Please complete the *Health Insurance Enrollment/Change Form* found on the intranet section of our website, and turn it in to Caprice Dicken, at cdicken@fairfieldesc.org.