

SUMMARY
September 13, 2019 Meeting
Indiana State Advisory Council (SAC)
on the Education of Children with Disabilities
 Central Indiana Education Service Center
 Indianapolis, IN

<u>Council Members:</u>	<u>Present</u> <u>(Yes/No)</u>
Steven Cook , Indiana Association of Rehabilitation Facilities, INARF	NO
Kim Dodson , The Arc of Indiana	YES
Bethany Ecklor , Division of Mental Health & Addiction, Family & Social Services Admin.	YES
Melaina Gant , Department of Child Services	YES
Dr. Nancy Holsapple , Office of Special Education, Department of Education	YES
Kylee Hope , Division of Disability & Rehabilitation Services, Indiana FSSA	YES
Funmi Ige-Wright , parent representative	YES
Donald Koors , Board Member, Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired	YES
Lisa Kovacs , Hands & Voices International and parent representative	YES
Tom Lindenman , parent representative	YES
Mary McCoy , Assistant Superintendent, Archdiocese of Indianapolis	YES
Danielle Molter , parent representative	NO
John Nally , Department of Correction	YES
Dr. Leah Nellis , Indiana University-Kokomo	NO
Danny O’Neill , parent representative	NO
Lesa Paddack , parent representative, IN*Source	YES
Shirley Payne , Children’s Special Health Care Services, State Department of Health	YES
Aura Roblero , parent representative, Family Voices Indiana	YES
Linda Schroeder , teacher representative, Old National Trail Special Services	YES
Dr. Sharon Johnson Shirley , Superintendent, Lake Ridge New Tech Schools	NO
Kristi Tesmer , parent representative	YES
Dr. George Van Horn , SAC Chair, Special Education Director, Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation	NO
Lucy Witte , Board Member, Indiana School for the Deaf	YES

Also Present:

Jennifer Thompson, Department of Education;
 Jonathan Kraeszig, Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Family and Social Services Administration

Call to Order

State Advisory Council Chair Pro Tem Lucy Witte called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Seventeen of twenty-two members were present. At the Chair Pro Tem’s request, members and all others in attendance took turns introducing themselves.

Action Items

Lisa Kovacs moved to approve the June meeting summary as written. Funmi Ige-Wright seconded, and the motion passed.

Information Items

1. Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) Updates

In response to Council members' requests for information, IDOE staff invited the FSSA (Family and Social Services Administration) Indiana Vocational Rehabilitation ("Voc Rehab") Services Director of Youth Services Jonathan Kraeszig to present an update about Voc Rehab and Pre-Employment Transition Services ("Pre-ETS") for youth and students with disabilities. Following the presentation, Jonathan entertained questions and clarified terms and definitions used in the presentation. Then, general discussion followed regarding student work-based learning experiences and communication (or lack of communication) with parents regarding the availability of Voc Rehab and Pre-ETS opportunities for students and youth with disabilities. Council members recommended that Middle School students and parents be made aware that these programs exist, and that schools provide 14-year old students with disabilities and their parents with information on VR and Pre-ETS services during their annual case conferences so that these opportunities can be considered when developing students' "transition IEPs" to prepare for post-secondary education and career choices. Discussion included additional questions and answers concerning federal requirements for VR and Pre-ETS, as well as Indiana FSSA's automated systems, data capture/reporting, and contracting processes involved in state administration and oversight of both programs. Council members offered suggestions to improve FSSA's processes for program intake, data verification, monitoring contractors who provide services, and quarterly progress reporting. SAC Member Kylee Hope, who directs FSSA's Division of Disability and Rehabilitation Services shared that she asked Jonathan to coordinate with IDOE's Graduation Pathways specialist regarding incorporation of Pre-ETS in preparation of students with disabilities for graduation and the transition to adulthood/post-secondary education and careers. She further noted that her agency will be happy to do more targeted training, including videos and one-page information sheets for school personnel, parents and students. Discussion concluded with questions and answers concerning the total number of students with disabilities served by these programs, the perceived need for additional state funding to increase availability of services to reach all students with disabilities, and a reminder noting the date (9/24/19) of the next Vocational Rehabilitation Board meeting.

Following Jonathan's presentation, State Director of Special Education Dr. Nancy Holsapple presented updates on staffing at the Indiana Department of Education and Indiana's State Determination from the U.S. Department of Education. She reported that, under the federal ranking system for Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part B Compliance, Indiana recently received the highest rating, "meets requirements," thanks to the work of special educators in local public schools across the State. Nancy went on to report the recent retirement of Office of Special Education Assistant Director Nancy Zemaitis, noting that interviews for a replacement are currently in progress. She also advised the Council that Sarah Mohr recently joined the Office of Special Education's monitoring team as a Low Incidence Specialist and will work with Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) toward development and implementation of compliant IEPs (individualized education programs) for this population as well as toward statewide compliance with the federal requirement limiting participation in the alternate assessment for students with significant intellectual disabilities to no more than 1% of the entire student population.

Nancy also reported that the statewide electronic IEP system now translates student IEPs and related notices, forms, etc., into seven languages other than English, noting the State's contractor is working to add Punjabi. She said both the IIEP system and IDOE's web site will now use "Service Plan" or "SP" to refer to the education programs of students with disabilities attending non-public schools (rather than "ISP" or "Individualized Service Plan"). Nancy also explained that the Office of Special Education's web site is being redesigned to improve navigability and user friendliness. It will soon include updated Spanish translations of the recently revised "Article 7" (Indiana's special education rules) and the parent friendly version known as "Navigating the Course: Finding Your Way through Indiana's Special Education Rules."

Nancy concluded by updating the council concerning copies of a recent letter addressed to the Council and the response prepared by IDOE on behalf of the council, copies of which were shared with the meeting materials. She clarified that the letter, misdirected to the Council, concerned wages for Direct Service Personnel (DSP) who assist persons with disabilities, and was therefore forwarded to FSSA's Division of Disabilities and Rehabilitative Services, which administers the Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services Waivers through which DSPs provide services. Nancy noted that IDOE had not yet received an acknowledgement or response regarding the forwarded letter that was signed by multiple DSPs in support of DSP wage increase legislation that did not pass during the 2019 session of the Indiana General Assembly.

Discussion Items

1. Council Member Reports and Concerns

One parent representative pointed to the need for improvements in the manner that classroom instructional assistants (IAs) are trained. She expressed concern that simply offering paraprofessional training is insufficient. She shared her opinion that, in her experience, there are instructional assistants (IAs) who lack sufficient training to provide effective services to the students to whom they are assigned. Another parent representative added that the available training for these paraprofessionals become part of schools' onboarding process after hiring each paraprofessional who will serve as a classroom instructional assistant for student(s) with disabilities. She further suggested that schools and parent organizations include information about paraprofessional training opportunities in newsletters targeted for parents of students with disabilities.

One member asked that IDOE share contact information for the person members should notify if they are running late or must cancel plans to attend on the day of the State Advisory Council meeting.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Next SAC Meeting Date

The Chair Pro Tem noted that the advisory council's next meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2019.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.



Pre-employment Transition Services: Overview and Updates

JONATHAN KRAESZIG, DIRECTOR OF YOUTH SERVICES
INDIANA VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES

Pre-ETS 101: WIOA

WIOA: Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act - law that was signed July of 2014. Replaces Workforce Investment Act of 1998. Emphasis on competitive, integrated employment. Due to WIOA, VR is required to provide pre-employment transition services (pre-ETS) to students with disabilities.

WIOA & Pre-ETS

- ✓ 5 focus areas for eligible and potentially eligible students with disabilities. VR is required to set aside 15% of federal VR program funds each year (approximately 9 to 10 million dollars) to provide pre-ETS to students with disabilities.
- ✓ Potentially eligible is defined as a student with a disability who either has not applied for Vocational Rehabilitation or has applied and has not yet been determined eligible for VR.
- ✓ The student must be on an IEP, a 504 plan, or have some other documented disability.

Students & Youth with Disabilities

WIOA defines these differently:

- ✓ Students with disabilities: for Indiana, this means an individual with a disability in secondary education, who is from age 14 through age 22. Federal law defines this slightly differently, but defers to the state definition, if it's more inclusive.
- ✓ Youth with disabilities: an individual with a disability aged 14 to 24, who may or may not be attending a secondary educational institution.
- ✓ So, a student with a disability is also a youth with a disability, but not every youth is a student.
- ✓ The distinction is important for the provision of pre-ETS services! Only students with disabilities are eligible. Youth who are not students should be referred to VR for services, if appropriate.

Required Activities

Those required activities are:

1. Job exploration counseling: discussion of vocational interests, review of local labor market and in-demand industries and occupations, non-traditional employment options, identification of career pathways of interest to the students.
2. Work-based learning experiences: apprenticeships (not including registered and pre-apprenticeships) and job shadowing, paid and non-paid internships and/or work experiences, informational interviews, volunteering.
3. Counseling on postsecondary opportunities: gaining awareness of career pathways, promoting participation in postsecondary education, attending college fairs and tours, connecting students to services and supports from agencies that assist people with disabilities.
4. Workplace readiness training: receive training on communication, problem solving, and other specific social and interpersonal skills as well as independent living skills.
5. Instruction in self—advocacy: training on self-awareness, disclosure of disability, and knowing individual rights and responsibilities.



Pre-ETS Contracts

- ✓ Spring of 2016, Request for Funding released to existing VR providers only.
- ✓ 22 proposals received.
- ✓ 9 proposals funded starting 10/1/16 for a total of \$7 million over 2 years. (8 original contractors still providing pre-ETS).
- ✓ Contractors work with other providers to cover more counties and school systems.
- ✓ 51 of 92 counties covered initially.

Pre-ETS Contracts Now

- ✓ 2 new contracts began July 1, 2018 for a total of 10 contracts.
- ✓ All 92 Indiana counties are now covered.
- ✓ 1 additional vendor, Hands in Autism, provides specialized services that align with pre-ETS.
- ✓ Discussion of handouts: pre-ETS basics and provider list.

Working with Schools

- ✓ Contractors are assigned specific counties and school systems.
- ✓ Contractors work with school personnel on identifying students for pre-ETS.
- ✓ Pre-ETS mantra: supplement, don't supplant!
- ✓ If schools are providing similar services for a specific population, providers may offer pre-ETS to another group.
- ✓ If schools excel in some services similar to pre-ETS, providers may assist with other areas.

Enrolling in Pre-ETS

- ✓ Most providers take referrals from the school system.
- ✓ If you have a student you believe would benefit from pre-ETS, talk to your school personnel about a referral to the local provider.
- ✓ If you need assistance, contact the provider directly or email Jonathan or Will (contact information at the end of this presentation).
- ✓ The provider will receive information from the school, including a release of information and disability documentation (IEP, 504, etc.).
- ✓ An intake will be scheduled for your student, at which time an intake rubric will be completed and basic goals set.
- ✓ The provider cannot work with a student until they have the release from the school and disability documentation.

Pre-ETS Updates

- ✓ MOU with DWD for JAG funding through pre-ETS has been approved.
- ✓ New RFP to be released late this year or early 2020.
- ✓ FFY 17 total students served = 2,852
- ✓ FFY 18 total students served = 3,902
- ✓ Active students currently being served = 6,662
- ✓ Total schools being served = 377 statewide

Pre-ETS Services Count

	FFY16	FFY17	FFY18
Job-Exploration Counseling	0	7,746	23,306
Work-Based Learning Experiences	0	4,139	13,609
Workplace Readiness Training	0	13,769	34,675
Instruction in Self-Advocacy	0	4,969	10,904
Counseling on Post-Secondary Opportunities	0	2,005	6,570

Youth VRCs

- ✓ VR is in the process of hiring 10 new positions statewide: Youth VR Counselors.
- ✓ Will assist in the expansion of pre-ETS activities in schools currently not covered.
- ✓ Can carry out pre-ETS coordination activities (attending IEPs, working with workforce development boards, etc.) not allowable to our providers.
- ✓ Will act as local liaisons between VR and school systems, fostering positive relationships.
- ✓ Will work with pre-ETS providers for TA, oversight, and training.

Your Contacts

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Will Colteryahn, Coordinator of Youth Services

William.Colteryahn@fssa.in.gov

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Questions? Comments?



Pre-Employment Transition Services

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) amended the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and requires Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) agencies to set aside federal funds for the provision of Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) to "students with disabilities who are eligible or potentially eligible for VR services." This is a great opportunity to ensure students have access to meaningful career planning in order to help with the seamless movement from high school to employment or post-secondary training.

What are Pre-Employment Transition Services?

The five core services of Pre-ETS are listed, along with examples of those services (Pre-ETS is not limited to the examples listed):

- 1 Job exploration counseling
 - Discussion of students' vocational interests
 - Review of local labor market and in-demand industries and occupations
 - Non-traditional employment options
 - Identification of career pathways of interest to the students
- 2 Work-based learning experiences
 - Apprenticeships and job shadowing
 - Paid and non-paid internships and/or work experiences
 - Informational interviews
 - Volunteering
- 3 Counseling on postsecondary opportunities
 - Gaining awareness of career pathways
 - Promoting participation in postsecondary education
 - Attending college fairs and tours
 - Accessing services and supports from agencies that assist peoples with disabilities
- 4 Workplace readiness training
 - Receive training on communication, problem solving, and other specific social and interpersonal skills as well as independent living skills.
- 5 Instruction in self—advocacy
 - Training on self-awareness, disclosure of disability, and knowing individual rights and responsibilities.

Who is a "Student with a Disability"?

A student with a disability is an individual with a disability in a secondary, postsecondary, or other recognized education program who:

- is between the ages of 14 and 22 years old
- is eligible for, and receiving, special education or related services under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IEP, 504 plan)

For further information, please contact either Will Colteryahn at (317) 232-1966 or william.colteryahn@fssa.in.gov or Jonathan Kraeszig at (317) 232-1964 or jonathan.kraeszig@fssa.in.gov.

Currently, there are 11 Pre-ETS contractors, who are collaborating with other providers, to deliver pre-employment transition services in all Indiana counties (though not yet to every school in these counties). Please contact the following individuals to determine if Pre-ETS is available in your school:

Bona Vista: Blackford, Delaware, Grant, Henry, Howard, Madison, Miami*, Tipton, and Wabash Counties.

Contact: Meredith Freeman, mrfreeman@bonavista.org

Miami County is dually covered by Bona Vista and PEAK. For more information about PEAK contact Harrison Smith, hsmith@PEAKCommunity.com

Easterseals ARC of NE Indiana: Allen*, LaGrange, and Whitley Counties.

Contact: Ashley Gettys, agettys@esarc.org

Allen County is dually covered by Easterseals ARC of NE Indiana and GAP-LOCC. For more information about GAPLOCC contact Kathleen Savich, kathie.savich@oppent.org.

Easterseals Crossroads: Boone, Clay, Clinton, Fountain, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, Marion, Montgomery, Morgan, Parke, Putnam, Rush, Shelby, Tippecanoe, Warren, and Wayne Counties.

Contact: Dwana Back, dback@eastersealscrossroads.org

GAP-LOCC: Adams, Allen*, DeKalb, Elkhart, Huntington, Lake, LaPorte, Noble, Porter, St. Joseph*, Steuben, and Wells Counties.

Contact: Kathleen Savich, kathie.savich@oppent.org

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New Horizons: Dearborn, Fayette, Franklin, Ohio, Ripley, and Union Counties.

Contact: Holly Rosenbarger, hrosenbarger@nhrinc.org

PEAK: Carroll, Cass, Fulton, Jasper, Kosciusko, Marshall, Miami*, Pulaski, St. Joseph*, Starke, Whitley*, and White Counties.

Contact: Harrison Smith, hsmith@PEAKcommunity.com

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Prairie Quest Consulting: Jay and Randolph Counties.

Contact: Erin Brady, ebrady@pqcworks.com

Public Consulting Group: Benton, Newton, and Vermillion Counties.

Contact: Amy Howie, ahowie@pccgus.com

Stonebelt: Bartholomew, Brown, Davies, Decatur, Greene, Jackson, Jennings, Knox, Lawrence, Martin, Monroe, Owen, and Sullivan Counties.

Contact: Bitta DeWees, bdeweess@stonebelt.org

Sycamore: Clark, Crawford, Dubois, Floyd, Gibson, Harrison, Jefferson, Orange, Perry, Pike, Posey, Scott, Spencer, Switzerland, Vanderburgh, Vigo, Warrick, Washington Counties.

Contact: Patti Sebanc, pssebanc@sycamoreservices.com

Hands in Autism: Statewide: Services available to those who qualify.

Contact: hands@iupui.edu

Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) Providers

Currently, there are 10 Pre-ETS contractors, who are collaborating with other providers, to deliver required services in all Indiana counties (though not yet to every school in these counties). Below is a listing of all schools *currently* receiving services. If you are interested in learning more about Pre-ETS, would like to request services be made available in your school, or to refer specific students for services please contact the agency representative offering services in your county of residence.



For further information, please contact:
William Colteryahn at (317) 232-1966/ william.colteryahn@fssa.in.gov
Jonathan Kraeszig at (317) 232-1964/ jonathan.kraeszig@fssa.in.gov

A collaboration of services with Carey Services, Hopewell, Hillcroft, Meridian Services, and The ARC of Wabash County.

Counties	Schools
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blackford • Delaware • Grant • Henry • Howard • Madison • <i>Miami*</i> • Tipton • Wabash 	<p>Alexandria-Monroe High School Anderson High School Blue River Valley Schools Corydon Central High School Cowan High School Daleville Jr-Sr High School Delta High School East Central High School Eastbrook High School Eastern High School Elwood Jr-Sr High School Frankton Jr-Sr High School Indiana Connections Academy Kokomo High School Lapel Sr High School Madison-Grant Jr./Sr. High School Marion High School Mississinewa High School Muncie Central High School North Manchester High School Northfield Jr-Sr High School Northwestern Senior High School Oak Hill High School Pendleton Heights High School Peru High School Shenandoah High School Southwood Jr-Sr High School Speedway Senior High School Taylor High School Temple Christian School The Crossing School - Kokomo The Excel Center Kokomo Tipton High School Wabash High School Wapahani High School Western High School White's Jr-Sr High School Yorktown High School</p>
<p><i>Miami County is dually covered by Bona Vista and PEAK. For more information about PEAK contact Harrison Smith, hsmith@PEAKCommunity.com</i></p>	

A collaboration of services with Noble, Arc Opportunities of Lagrange County.

Counties	Schools
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Allen*• LaGrange• Whitley <p><i>Allen County is dually covered by Easterseals ARC of NE Indiana and GAP-LOCC. For more information about GAP-LOCC contact Kathleen Savich, kathie.savich@oppent.org.</i></p>	Easter Seals ARC Northeast Indiana Bishop Luers High School Carroll High School Churubusco Jr-Sr High School Columbia City High School DeKalb High School Homestead Senior High School North Side High School Northrop High School Norwell R Nelson Snider High School South Side High School Wayne High School

A collaboration of services with Sycamore Services, Adult and Child, ARC of Greater Boone County, Shares Inc., Noble, Bosma, Ability Services, CARS, and Wabash Center.

Counties	Schools	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boone • Clay • Clinton • Fountain • Hamilton • Hancock • Hendricks • Johnson • Marion • Montgomery • Morgan • Parke • Putnam • Rush • Shelby • Tippecanoe • Warren • Wayne 	Arsenal Technical High School Attica Jr-Sr High School Avon High School Beech Grove Sr High School Ben Davis High School Ben Davis Ninth Grade Center Benjamin Bosse High School Bethesda Christian School Brownsburg High School Carmel High School Cascade Senior High School Center Grove High School Clinton Central High School Clinton Prairie High School Cloverdale High School Covington Jr-Sr High School Crawfordsville High School Damar Charter Academy Danville Community High School Decatur Central High School Eastern Hancock High School Eminence Jr-Sr High School Erskine Green Training Institute Fishers High School Fountain Central Jr-Sr High School Frankfort High School Franklin Central High School Franklin Community High School Greencastle Senior High School Greenfield-Central High School Greenwood Community High School Hamilton Heights High School Hamilton Southeastern HS Heritage Christian School Indian Creek Sr High School Indiana Connections Academy Indiana Connections Career Academy Indiana School for the Blind & VI Indiana School for the Deaf Jefferson High School Lawrence Central High School Lawrence North High School Lighthouse Academy South Lincoln High School Martinsville High School McCutcheon High School	Midwest Academy Monrovia High School Mooresville High School Morristown Jr-Sr High School Mt Vernon High School New Palestine High School Noblesville High School North Central High School North Montgomery High School North Putnam Sr High School Northeastern Jr-Sr High School Oldenburg Academy Options Charter School - Carmel Options Charter School - Noblesville Parke Heritage Middle/High School Perry Meridian High School Pike High School Plainfield High School Richmond High School RISE Learning Center Riverton Parke Jr-Sr High School Roncalli High School Rossville High School Rushville Consolidated High School Sanders School Seeger Memorial Jr-Sr High School Shelbyville Sr High School Sheridan High School Shortridge High School South Putnam High School Southmont High School Southmont Sr High School Southport High School Southwestern High School Speedway Senior High School Triton Central High School Tri-West Senior High School Waldron Jr-Sr High School Warren Central High School West Lafayette Jr/Sr High School Western Boone Jr-Sr High School Westfield High School Whiteland Community High School Zionsville Community High School

A collaboration of services with Opportunity Enterprises, Goodwill Industries of NE Indiana, Pathfinder, Park Center, Logan Community Resources, and Corvillia.

Counties	Schools	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adams • <i>Allen*</i> • DeKalb • Elkhart • Huntington • Lake • LaPorte • Noble • Porter • <i>St. Joseph*</i> • Steuben • Wells <p data-bbox="105 1556 462 1780"><i>Allen County is dually covered by Easterseals ARC of NE Indiana and GAP-LOCC. For more information about Easterseals ARC of NE Indiana contact Ashley Gettys agettys@esarc.org.</i></p> <p data-bbox="105 1814 462 1974"><i>St. Joseph County is dually covered by GAP-LOCC and PEAK. For more information about PEAK contact Harrison Smith, hsmith@PEAKCommunity.com</i></p>	Adams Central High School Adams High School Angola High School Belmont Senior High School Bluffton High School Boone Grove High School Career Academy HS Chesterton Senior High School Clay High School Concord Community High School Crown Point High School Decatur Central High School DeKalb High School East Allen Alternative East Chicago Central High School East Noble High School Eastside Junior-Senior High School Elkhart Central High School Elkhart Memorial High School Fairfield Jr-Sr High School Fremont High School Garrett High School George Rogers Clark High School Goshen High School Hebron High School Heritage Jr/Sr High School Huntington North High School Indiana Connections Career Academy Jimtown High School Kouts Middle/High School LaCrosse School LaPorte High School Leo Junior/Senior High School Mishawaka High School Morgan Township Middle/High School Morton Senior High School Munster High School New Haven High School New Prairie High School North Wood High School Northridge High School Norwell High School Penn High School	Portage High School Riley High School South Adams High School South Central Jr-Sr High School Southern Wells Jr-Sr High School Studebaker Center Valparaiso High School Warsaw Community High School Washington High School Washington Twp. Middle/High School Westville High School Wheeler High School White's Jr-Sr High School Woodlan Jr/Sr High School

Counties	Schools
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dearborn • Fayette • Franklin • Ohio • Ripley • Union 	Batesville High School Connersville Sr High School East Central High School Franklin County High Jac-Cen-Del MS/HS Milan High School Oldenburg Academy Rising Sun High School South Dearborn High School South Ripley High School Union County High School

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Counties	Schools
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carroll • Cass • Fulton • Jasper • Kosciusko • Marshall • <i>Miami*</i> • Pulaski • <i>St. Joseph*</i> • Starke • <i>Whitley*</i> • White <p><i>Miami County is dually covered by PEAK and Bona Vista. For more information about Bona Vista contact Meredith Freeman, mrfreeman@bonavista.org.</i></p> <p><i>St. Joseph is dually covered by PEAK and GAP-LOCC. For more information about GAP-LOCC contact Kathleen Savich, kathie.savich@oppent.org.</i></p> <p><i>Whitley County is dually covered by PEAK and Easterseals ARC. For more information about Easterseals ARC contact Ashley Gettys, agettys@esarc.org</i></p>	Argos Community High School Bremen Senior High School Carroll Senior High School Caston Jr-Sr High School Culver Community Middle/High School Delphi Community High School Knox Community High School LaVille/Union North High School Lewis Cass High School Logansport Community High School Logansport Junior High School N Judson-San Pierre Jr Sr High School North Judson San Pierre Oregon-Davis Jr-Sr High School Pioneer Jr-Sr High School Plymouth High School Rochester Community High School Tippecanoe Valley High School Triton Jr-Sr High School Twin Lakes Senior High School Warsaw Community High School Wawasee High School West Central Senior High School Winamac Community High School

Counties	Schools
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jay• Randolph	Jay County High School Monroe Central Jr-Sr High School Randolph Southern Jr-Sr High School Union City Community Jr/Sr High Winchester Community High School

Counties	Schools
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Benton• Newton• Vermillion	Benton Central Jr-Sr High School Hammond High School Lawrence Central High School -- <i>Marion County</i> Lawrence North High School -- <i>Marion County</i> Morton Senior High School -- <i>Lake County</i> North Newton Jr-Sr High School South Newton Senior High School Tri-County High School

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Counties	Schools
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bartholomew• Browne• Davies• Decatur• Greene• Jackson• Jennings• Knox• Lawrence• Martin• Monroe• Owen• Sullivan	Bedford-North Lawrence High School Bloomfield Jr-Sr High School Bloomington Graduation School Bloomington High School North Bloomington High School South Brown County High School Columbus East High School Columbus North High School Columbus Signature Academy (CSA) New Tech High School Crothersville Jr-Sr High School Edgewood High School Fishers High School George Rogers Clark School Greensburg Community High School Harmony School Hauser Jr-Sr High School Indiana Connections Academy Jennings County High School Jennings County Middle School Liberty Christian Academy Lincoln High School Loogootee High School Mitchell High School North Daviess Jr-Sr High School North Decatur Jr-Sr High School Owen Valley Community High School Sandy Creek Christian Academy Seymour Senior High School South Decatur Jr-Sr High School South Knox Middle-High School Sullivan High School The Academy of Science & Entrepreneurship Washington High School White River Valley High School

A collaboration of services with Southern Indiana Resources Solutions Inc., The ARC of Gibson County Rauch Inc., Blue River Services.

Counties	Schools	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clark • Crawford • Dubois • Floyd • Gibson • Harrison • Jefferson • Orange • Perry • Pike • Posey • Scott • Spencer • Switzerland • Vanderburgh • Vigo • Warrick • Washington 	Academy for Innovative Studies Benjamin Bosse High School Boonville High School Cannelton Elementary & High School Castle High School Central High School Charlestown Senior High School Clarksville Senior High School Community Montessori, Inc. Corydon Central High School Corydon Central Junior High School Crawford County High School Eastern High School Floyd Central High School Forest Park Jr-Sr High School Francis Joseph Reitz High School Gibson Southern High School Harwood Career Preparatory High School Heritage Hills High School Jasper High School Jeffersonville High School Lanesville Jr-Sr HS Madison Consolidated High School Mount Vernon High School New Albany Senior High School New Tech Institute New Washington Junior-Senior High School North Harrison High School North High School North Posey High School Northeast Dubois High School Paoli Jr & Sr High School Perry Central Jr-Sr High School Pike Central High School Princeton Community High School Reitz Memorial High School Salem High School Scottsburg Senior High School Silver Creek High School South Central Jr & Sr High School South Spencer High School South Vermillion	Southridge High School Southwestern High School Springs Valley Community High School High School Tecumseh High School Tell City Jr-Sr High School Terre Haute North Vigo High School Terre Haute South Vigo High School Waldo J Wood Memorial JHS West Vigo High School West Washington Jr-Sr High School William Henry Harrison High School

Indiana IEP Release Notes: Summer 2019

Location of Update	Title	Description of Update	User Actions
Summer 2019			
System			
	Update ISP Language on all pages and documents in IIEP	Throughout the system a plan offered to students at a nonpublic school has been referred to as an ISP. This language has been updated to a 'Service Plan' or 'SP' in all locations.	None.
	Modify references of Cognitive Disability to Intellectual Disability	Due to Article 7 changes going into effect this summer, references of Cognitive Disability in IIEP will be changed to Intellectual Disability.	None.
	Modify Compliance Symbol Descriptions	The compliance symbol descriptions have been modified to more accurately reflect the events and logic behind each symbol. This includes updating the language from ISP to SP.	None.
IEP/ISP Process			
	State Assessment and Other Participations Page Redesign	This page has been redesigned to streamline the process for indicating daily accommodations, state assessment participation levels, and the state assessment accommodations.	Users will select daily accommodations for each student which will then determine which state assessment accommodations are available for a student, based on the student's participation level.
	Remove ROC (Rule of Completion) for Discontinuation of Special Education	Previously the system required the parent revocation date on this page to be between the begin date and annual review date of the current/most recent IEP. This requirement has been removed.	None.
Students			
	Auto Remove Ineligible Students from Caseload	A student will be automatically removed from the CCC team's caseload at midnight the night following the creation of a Final Notice of Ineligibility document.	None.
Users			
	New column in User search results for "Last Login"	The search results for users will include a column that displays when those users last logged in. If the user has not logged into the system, the column will be empty.	None.
	Permission to Delete Unrecognized Faxes	District Administrators and/or District Admin - Transfer users will have the ability to delete documents that are listed in IIEP's Unrecognized Faxes section. Previously only PCG had the capability of doing that.	District Administrators and/or District Admin - Transfer users can perform this action by clicking on Admin > School System > Unrecognized Faxes and then deleting the unwanted document.
	Compliance Email Alerts by User	District Administrators and/or District Admin - Transfer users will have the ability to create compliance email alert notifications for the users in their districts. The alerts can be for specific types of events and set to however many number of days before or after the compliance will change.	For DAs and DA-Ts there will be a button "Add Email Alerts" available on each user's User Information page. This button will take you where the details of the alert will be designated.
Documents			
	"View All" Option by School Year	The students' Documents page will have the students' documents grouped by School Year and will also have a "View All" option.	When searching for a document, users can select View All or select a school year from a dropdown list.
Webinar Recording		A WebEx recording is available if you would like to see one of the items noted above; not all may be presented. Please click on the link to the right to play the webinar.	https://youtu.be/lmnCR9vtYGA

July 20, 2019

State Advisory Council on
Education of People with
Disabilities :

Re: D.S.P. wage increase to \$15.00 hour;

I felt that there is a need in me to write this letter to you about the wage increase for Direct Support Professionals, which was by-passed this year. My husband and I work with people who have disabilities, mentally and/or physically. My husband is going on 14 plus years and I am going on 10 plus years. We have learned a lot, have been through many trainings, been through the thick and thin of this field and through the company's ever changing ideas. Through all these changes, we have barely had an increase in our wages until 2 years ago.

When the article published in the Arc of Indiana, with the news of a possible wage increase to \$15.00 an hour, we felt that there was a light at the end of the tunnel. The daily schedules, the struggles, the goals, just seemed so unappreciated, and many of the recent hires just don't stay. One fourth of our DSP staff have been here for a long time, ranging from 10 to 17 years.

Besides our commitment to the people we serve, we also have bills to pay. The consumers build long lasting relationships with the staff who have been here the longest, because the clients

are also here for a long time. We become their second family, so to speak, seven and a half hours each day. But when people come and go, it can also hurt the consumers. The state has implemented so much for consumer goals and what is expected from the staff to achieve these goals can be so unrealistic. There is so much needed to help the consumers achieve a better life, dealing with their disabilities, that an increase in their Medicaid Waiver would've helped them and allowed a wage increase to the DSPs, which gives them the incentive to stay, instead of leaving and finding employment elsewhere, giving the same care to consumers for other companies at a higher pay than the \$10.00 an hour that is offered here.

An increase would give the company the adequate staffing and the services needed for adults with disabilities. It was a big disappointment for us, the DSP staff, to find out there wasn't going to be an increase in their wages. Don't you think you could've at least voted a half-way increase, like \$12.50 an hour, then work up to the \$15.00?

Enlighten me, how is it that the state can afford to pay a CEO a six figure salary a year, or even the Deputy of Directors the same, compared to what we, the DSPs gross, if we're lucky, \$29,000.00 a year????

Realize, if it wasn't for people like us, these consumers wouldn't achieve some of the goals they have. But this can take time and the staff who stay in the consumer's lives, helps them and

understands them. DSP staff are the one who earns consumer trusts, who are the ones who work with them four to five days a week. But sadly, what is expected from staff doesn't match up to the pay scale.

Please reconsider to pass the wage increase for DSPs, it is the everyday cost of living that goes up but the pay does not. It just doesn't seem fair that the people with disabilities, who metaphorically get pushed aside due to a lack of long term staffing.

I am looking forward to your reply with some possible response that could have a positive outcome to a better decision based on an increase in the near future for Indiana's DSPs.

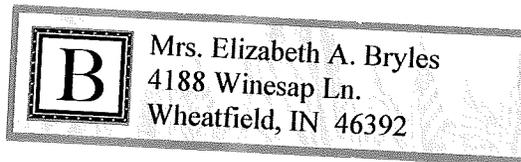
Please contact me at

Elizabeth A Bryles - DSP

Thank You for taking

your time reading my letter.

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July 30, 2019

Mrs. Elizabeth A. Bryles
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Dear Mrs. Bryles:

We are writing on behalf of the State Advisory Council on the Education of Children with Disabilities, which serves as the advisory panel to the Indiana Department of Education regarding matters related to special education and related services for school-age children, as required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part B. Because this Council serves in an advisory capacity only and has no authority to make or implement policy, your inquiry about a proposed wage increase for Direct Support Professionals for individuals with disabilities has been forwarded to the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration's Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services ("DDRS") for further review and response. In Indiana, DDRS has administrative rule making authority for requirements and training of Direct Support Professionals.

Thank you for contacting Indiana's State Advisory Council on the Education of Children with Disabilities.

Sincerely,

Dr. George Van Horn, Chair
State Advisory Council on the Education of Children with Disabilities

Dr. Nancy J. Holsapple, State Director of Special Education

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<https://www.doe.in.gov/specialed/state-advisory-council>

Upcoming State Advisory Council Meeting Dates

- November 8, 2019
- March 13, 2020
- June 12, 2020
- September 11, 2020
- November 13, 2020