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Title I Updates

Office of Early Learning and Intervention

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Charlie Geier, Cindy Hurst, Rachael Havey, Anthony Tharp

Meet the Title I Team



We would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to the new Title I Team at the IDOE. We will be working in conjunction with Grants Management Specialists and the Outreach Department to assist Title I schools. We are excited to begin working with you and offering support for Title I needs and concerns. We plan to send out these monthly updates with grant-related information and best practice ideas.

Charlie Geier

Director of Early Learning and Intervention

Charlie will lead the office's efforts in English language learning and migrant education, Title I, and early learning. He joins us from MSD Washington Township where he served as ENL teacher, Instructional Coach, English Department Chair, ENL Coordinator, and most recently as the Curriculum Coordinator for Special Services. As the Curriculum Coordinator for Special Services, he focused on equity and excellence for all students and coordinated federal and state grants. He also serves as the president of the Indiana Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages.

Cindy Hurst

Title I Coordinator – Cindy's responsibilities include providing support to Title I schools and managing school improvement grants. Cindy has been with IDOE for over 10 years. Her husband, Matt, is an art teacher at Lewis Cass High School in Kokomo. They have two children, Byron and Katie.

Rachael Havey

Title I Specialist – Rachael joined IDOE in October 2012 as a Diagnostic Assessment Specialist in the Office of Student Assessment; prior to being part of IDOE, Rachael was a middle school teacher and literacy coach in MSD of Warren Township. Rachael has a B.S. from Indiana University and a M.A. from University of Indianapolis. She lives in Indianapolis with her husband and two year old son, Dean.

Anthony Tharp

Title I Specialist – Anthony has a B.S. in Elementary Education with a dual license in general education and special education from IUPUI. He is currently finishing up a Master's degree in Education Administration from Butler University. Anthony has been a special education teacher in the Brown County School Corporation prior to IDOE. His wife is a Youth Program Coordinator for IUPUI. Anthony and his wife reside in Columbus.

Grants Management Info

Important Dates:

September 15 – last day to request reimbursement for 2012-13 purchases

November 1, 2013 – May 30, 2014 – Amendment Window

Visit the [Learning Connection](#), IDOE –Title I community, for more information on dates and the amendment process.

Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities:

SIG 1003(g) Meeting – Sept. 12. Click [HERE](#) to register.

Title I New Program Administrator Meetings – Sept 12 and 13. **Sept 12 pm LIMITED open spaces.** Sept 13 CLOSED. Click [HERE](#) to register.

RISE Evaluator Training - Sept. 13 & 25. Click [HERE](#) to register

Keeping Homeless Children Connected to School DOE - Sept. 17. Click [HERE](#) to register

IN State Reading Association "Reading and Writing: Getting to the Core"-Hyatt Regency-Indianapolis. September 29-30. Read more [HERE](#)

INTESOL Conference "Inside and Out-Linking Language, Learning, and the Real World" - IUPUI Campus Center-Indianapolis. November 2. Learn more [HERE](#). Indiana educators are invited to submit a session proposal!

We Want Your Help!

We will be working on updating our Technical Assistance Guides and planning more professional development for this fall. Please click below to give us your ideas, thoughts, and current needs: [Field Feedback](#)

Waiver Corner - Resources

[Indiana's Approved Waiver](#)
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