



# AREA COOPERATIVE FOR EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT

January 2020

## ACES Mission

ACES is committed to providing a full continuum of special education and at-risk services for students in member districts from pre-school through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, as well as, to build the capacity of the educators and school systems in addressing the issues that interfere with educational outcomes.

## ACES Vision

ACES will strive to be a comprehensive program of services for students whose behavioral difficulties and academic issues interfere with their educational performance. The key to this service provision is the active collaboration amongst educators, parents, students and the community.

## Important Due Dates

- ◆ 01/01/2020: Semi Annual Certifications for staff paid with federal funds.
- ◆ 01/01/2020: Cohort 3-Begin prepping for Finance Self-Assessment
- ◆ 01/31/2020-LEAs in Cohort 3 submit Special Education Finance Self-Assessments
- ◆ 02/01/2020: Cohort 3 Compliance Self-Assessment File Reviews
- ◆ Complete Blind Literacy Survey & Blind/Deaf Census-Information may arrive via mail
- ◆ 02/01/2020: MOSIS Graduate Follow-up file-Districts must submit follow-up data for students with disabilities who dropped out from grades 9-12 as well as graduated during 2016-17.

## Upcoming Trainings

New Special Education Teacher Cohort Meetings:  
(NMWSU Campus CIE 1402)

- 9:00AM-3:00PM
- January 23, 2020
- March 19, 2020

CPI Full Foundation Training:  
(NMWSU Campus CIE 1402)

- Spring training TBA

CPI Refresher Training: TBA

NWMO LASE Meetings:  
(Northwest Tech School-New Commons)

- 9:00AM-3:00PM
- ✓ February 20, 2020
- ✓ April 2, 2020

Please see the ACES Training List 2019-2020 for additional trainings offered.

## Monthly To Do List

- ◆ Cohort 2: Begin working to clear CAP's
- ◆ Cohort 3: Self-Assessment due in IMACS February 1<sup>st</sup>
- ◆ Spring Map-A Assessment Window Opens: Check for specific dates here: <https://dese.mo.gov/college-career-readiness/assessment#mini-panel-assessment3>

Written public comments on the proposed changes to the MO State Plan are being solicited beginning December 9, 2019, and should be directed as follows no later than the close of business on January 14, 2020, to:  
Special Education Compliance Department of Elementary and Secondary Education  
P. O. Box 480  
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0480  
Fax: 573-751-3910  
Email: [Idea.Comments@dese.mo.gov](mailto:Idea.Comments@dese.mo.gov)  
[dese.mo.gov](http://dese.mo.gov)  
Thursday, January 2, 2020  
10:30-11:30 a.m.  
<https://dese.mo.gov/communities/doing/feedback>

## Tiered Monitoring Cohort

2019-2020		
Maintain Cohort 1	CAP Cohort 2	Self-Assessment Cohort 3
West Nodaway	Jefferson	Avenue City
Fairfax		Craig
King City	North Nodaway	Mound City
Nodaway Holt	South Holt	North Andrew
Pattonsburg	Tarkio	Northeast Nodaway
Stanberry	Union Star	Rock Port
	Worth County	South Nodaway

## Merry Christmas Everyone,

It has been our extreme pleasure here at ACES, to be able to work with all of you this school year. As first semester of the 2019-2020 school year comes to a close, we want to compliment you all on your hard work, dedication, and commitment to students. We have the privilege of witnessing students make huge gains academically; as well as socially, emotionally, physically, and behaviorally. We appreciate the active collaboration and being members of your multidisciplinary teams. May you enjoy the final days of first semester and we will see you next year!

Tis the season to be Jolly!! Please don't hesitate to call, email, or text. ~Cindy

## ACES Board Meeting Schedule

**ACES Board Meeting Schedule**  
(NMWSU Campus CIE 1402)  
February 25, 2020 11:00 a.m.  
April 23, 2020 11:00 a.m.

### Location:

CIE (Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship)  
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# ACES Monthly Data Report

## December Statistics

- ◆ Diagnostic Assessments: 16
- ◆ Behavior/Adaptive Assessments Completed: TBA
- ◆ Behavior Interventionist Agency Consultation Visits: TBA
- ◆ Director Visits: 6

## Compliance Corner

- ◆ Please review the process for requesting testing or Behavior Intervention services. <http://areacooperative.weebly.com>
- ◆ Compliance updates will be given in the newsletter, and at each LASE meeting, so don't miss them!
- ◆ Be sure to know what Cohort your district is in, and stay tuned for Cohort training updates. I have included the listing on the front of the newsletter.
- ◆ Please don't hesitate to contact the ACES Director or RPDC Lauren Struthers if you have questions or need Compliance advice!

## ACES EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Hi my name is Jeff Sturdivan and I am a Licensed Clinical Social Worker as well as your new ACES Social Worker, serving NW Missouri. I have resided in Maryville, MO with my wife and two children for the past 4 years and have worked as an outpatient therapist with children, adolescents, adults, as well as families during this time. I have worked in Maryville and the surrounding counties during this entire span and feel I have a good understanding of the mental health needs as it relates to our communities.

I have always worked in rural settings and lived in Washington State and Idaho prior to our move to the Midwest. Before becoming a therapist, I have over a decade of work experience in the social services arena. I started as a peer support specialist working with children with severe behavioral issues, moving onto working for the State of Washington in many forms such as an investigator for child abuse and neglect, family reconciliation services, Indian child and welfare worker, as well as a prejudice reduction trainer in partnership with the University of Washington Children's Alliance and State of Washington. I feel advocating for our children and families has been my largest and most rewarding measureable outcome as well as bringing knowledge and education to those that are underserved. I'm looking forward to working with all of you!

### Jeff Sturdivan, LCSW

