



AREA COOPERATIVE FOR EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT

November 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 12th 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

- ◆ 11/30/20: Readers for the Blind Application due
- ◆ Special Education Finance Self-Assessments for Cohort 1 open-due January 31, 2021
- ◆ 12/01/2020: December Child Count due in Core Data

Guides for completion of the about referenced special education processes

Upcoming Trainings

- ◆ Please see attached list with details of each training. Thank you
- ◆ Please see the ACES Training List 2020-2021 for additional trainings offered; contact the ACES Director to schedule.
- ◆ Review Special Education Program Review Report-released in October. Please contact me if you would like support in navigating the CAP's.
- ◆ Make contact with First Step Transition Coordinator to establish relationship, and to get student transition dates.
- ◆ Being submitting CAP in IMACS (Cohort 3)-Due November 1st

Monthly To Do List

- ◆ Print/Save updated Model Forms from DESE Website
- ◆ Form G for IEP students-MAP-A remote learners
- ◆ Print updated Standards & Indicators from DESE Website
- ◆ Schedule Initial & Renewal CPI Trainings as needed
- ◆ Begin gathering data for December 1 Child Count
- ◆ **Do not address MAP-A assessment on Form G**

Tiered Monitoring Cohort

2020-2021		
Self-Assessment	Maintain	CAP
Cohort 1	Cohort 2	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

Director's Desk-

Greetings Cooperative Members,

The first snowfall of the fall 2020 season hit the ground last night! Woke up to a white winter wonderland with ice on the roads and blowing conditions. It is a friendly reminder that we are half-way through first semester. This is generally when we get an in-flux of special education referrals in our districts and consequently here at ACES. Please ensure that when requesting assessments to be completed, that you provide your related service provider and the ACES staff with the RED and PWN with dated parental consent. This will ensure we test with consent and the RED will provide us with a background on the kiddo to appropriately choose which assessments to administer.

There have been several questions related to MAP-A assessments for the medically fragile students/remote learning in our districts and the mandate that the assessments be completed in person. There is no DESE training or guidance that says IEP teams need to address that how the MAP-A assessment needs to be completed on Form G. Here is the web link. It is advised that someone in your district have the required training in the event a MAP-A eligible student moves into your district. <https://dese.mo.gov/college-career-readiness/assessment/map-a> If you need help or assistance, please get ahold of me. I can come onsite, text, phone, or email and help you with anything related to special education.

Stay warm and safe, we are all in this together~~Cindy

ACES Board Meeting Schedule

ACES Board Meeting Schedule
(NMWSU Campus CIE 1402)

November 6, 2020 @ 11 a.m.
February 10, 2020 @ 11 a.m.
April 9, 2020 @ 11 a.m.

Location:
NWMSU J. W. Jones Student Union, Meeting Room D

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ACES Monthly Data Report

October Statistics

- ◆ Diagnostic Assessments: 30
- ◆ Behavior/Adaptive Assessments Completed: 7
- ◆ Behavior Interventionist Staff/Agency Consultation: 18
- ◆ Behavior Interventionist Training Conducted: 1
- ◆ Director Visits: 12
- ◆ Director Trainings Conducted: 3

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!

Education is what remains after one has forgotten what one has learned in school.
Albert Einstein

Here are a few everyday mental health tips to help you elevate your mood and become more resilient. **Practice self-care and make yourself a priority.**

The first step in practicing self-care is to take care of your body. In order to do this it is important to:

- Eat a healthy diet – research has shown that what you eat—and don't eat—affects the way you think and feel.
- Exercise, which can help decrease depression and anxiety and improve moods.
- Get enough sleep.

MAP-A DTC Corner

Missouri Assessment Program-Alternate
Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
October 20, 2020

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Greetings MAP-A District Test Coordinators,
During this challenging time, DESE Special Education and Assessment wish to address a frequently-asked question: **How do we assess our MAP-A students who are virtual learners only, since remote testing is not an option with Kite Student Portal (the DLM assessment).**

The current model requires students to participate in both fall and spring windows. However, for students who are full-time remote learners this fall, and are not receiving in-person instruction, the inability to access the fall testing window will **not** affect students' scores.

Full coverage of the Blueprints in the spring will provide the opportunity to obtain complete scores. The Department will continue to monitor instructional delivery methods and district calendars in preparation for the spring administration.

It is best practice to continue instruction to the Essential Elements throughout the year in grades 3-11 to allow students to grow academically to become and remain comfortable with the instructionally-embedded model.

Type of Training

PD Time

Description

Type of Training	PD Time	Description	When:	Where:
Crisis Prevention and Intervention Training (CPI) Refresher Course	Small Staff Team	3.5 hour	Formal refresher trainings are required within a 12 month period for continued certification	When: Oct. 9, 2020 8-11:30 a.m. Oct. 27, 20 8:30-12 p.m. Where: Union Star School South Holt School
Crisis Prevention and Intervention Training (CPI) Foundation Course	Small Staff Team	8 hour	Initial training for certification in CPI techniques	01/28/2021 NWMSU J. W. Jones Student Union, Tower View Dining Room
Paraprofessional Training	Small Staff Team	6 + hour (2 separate Training Sessions)	Job specific training required by DESE enabling paraprofessional to perform duties as assigned in the member districts.	11/04/2020 NWMSU J. W. Jones Student Union, Meeting Room D 11/09/2020 Rock Port R-2
Special Education Teacher Cohort Training	Small Staff Team	6+ hour (4 separate training sessions)	This cohort is designed to build capacity in staff in the areas of: compliance, timelines/due dates, evaluation procedures, communication & collaboration, and other best practices.	11/19/2020 01/14/2021 03/18/2021 NWMSU J. W. Jones Student Union, Meeting Room D
Academic and Behavior Assessment Training	Small staff team	4 hour	Review and training of commonly used assessments	TBD NWMSU J. W. Jones Student Union, Meeting Room D
Behavior Management Training	Whole Staff team	5 hour	Understanding and addressing behaviors that occur in the classroom	10/27/2020 9-3 p.m. NWMSU J. W. Jones Student Union, Meeting Room D

When coming for a full day of training, a refrigerator for meals is not provided. However, The Jones, located on the second floor of Student Union features retail locations such as Chick-fil-A, Einstein Bros. Bagels, Zen Asian and a Provisions on Demand (P.O.D.) mini-convenience store.

Social distancing of 6 feet or more cannot be practiced in the campus room facilities; therefore all visitors must wear a face mask at all times. Please watch this video if you are coming to any of the ACES training.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7qX9-lb8hsQ&feature=emb_title