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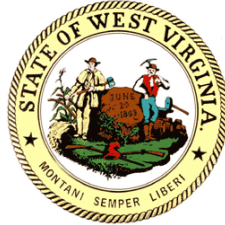
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To provide high quality, cost effective, life-long education programs and services to students, schools, school systems and communities.

VISION STATEMENT

To serve the educational needs of the total community.

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PROGRAMS &
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PROGRAM TITLE: **Adult Education**

PURPOSE: Provides technical assistance, educational leadership and training, and monitoring and administration services for adult basic education and workforce development programs in the region.

FUNDING SOURCE: West Virginia Department of Education (state and federal grants)

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MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Provided technical assistance to local Adult Basic Education (ABE) programs, which served 2,821 adult students.
- Administered the SPOKES Career Readiness Program, which enrolled 398 adult students referred by the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources.
- Distributed \$36,648 in state funds to GED® testing centers to cover the cost of more than 730 participants in the GED® test.

SUMMARY OF STRATEGIC PLAN RESULTS:

The Adult Education Coordinator monitored the performance of local ABE programs, offering varying levels of technical assistance, as appropriate. The Adult Education Coordinator monitored local ABE instructors for compliance with state requirements for professional development, and coordinated and/or presented local and regional training as warranted.

PERSONNEL SUPPORTED:

Adult Education Coordinator
Adult Education Secretary (.8)
Assessment Specialist
Career Development Consultants
SPOKES Instructors

PROGRAM TITLE: **Audiology**

PURPOSE: To provide hearing testing for students and hearing related information for teachers and parents

FUNDING SOURCE: RESA 8

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MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- 315 student tests performed
- 32 auditory processing evaluations
- Testing performed for all 8 counties at clinics in Berkeley, Hampshire and Pendleton counties

SUMMARY OF STRATEGIC PLAN RESULTS:

The goal is to provide additional outreach programs to the schools such as classroom noise readings and teacher in-services. In the past year, calibration of school based equipment was performed. Consultation was also provided to the Special Education Directors for purchasing new equipment.

PERSONNEL SUPPORTED:

Audiologist – contracted on an as-needed basis
Secretary

PROGRAM TITLE: **Head Start/Pre-Kindergarten and Early Head Start**

PURPOSE: The programs provide a comprehensive approach to preparing children birth to age five for future school and life success. Children learn through developmentally appropriate child development services; children are screened and receive follow-up health and nutrition services; adult education and family literacy activities support family involvement in their child’s preparation for school; and social services connect parents with resources to meet their individual family needs.

FUNDING SOURCE: Administration for Children and Families, US Dept. of Health and Human Services; local school collaboration partners (Berkeley, Jefferson and Morgan County Schools)

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MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- 406 Head Start children ages 3 to 5 were educated in 23 classes at 11 sites in Berkeley, Jefferson, and Morgan Counties.
- 114 pregnant women, infants and toddlers were served in Early Head Start through home-based and center-based programs.
- 130 pre-kindergarten children age 4 were served through collaborations with community partners.
- All children were screened for development, speech, hearing, vision, dental, mental and physical health; follow-up services were also provided.

SUMMARY OF STRATEGIC PLAN RESULTS:

RESA 8 utilized research-based strategies to support increased vocabulary development, phonemic awareness, and social-emotional development. It engaged in family literacy initiatives to assure the direct involvement by parents in their child’s learning.

PERSONNEL SUPPORTED:

Head Start Director
Secretary (1)
90 full-time managers, teachers, aides, bus drivers, social workers, health workers, and family services workers
3 part-time mental health consultants
60 part-time bus aides, food service aides, classroom aides

PROGRAM TITLE: IT Support

PURPOSE: To provide IT support services to the eight county school systems, the WV Schools for the Deaf & Blind and the community

FUNDING SOURCE: Technology and Modernization Grant, Vocational Grant, WVEIS Grant, Local Funds from County Boards of Education

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MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Over 6,900 Computer Repair service calls completed
- Completed Ethernet WAN in all RESA 8 Counties
- Installed software and provided training for whiteboards in classrooms
- Refurbished donated computers and placed them in classrooms
- Recycled old equipment that was no longer in service

SUMMARY OF STRATEGIC PLAN RESULTS:

Computer Repair completed over 6,900 requests with an average turn-around-time of less than 1.5 days for repairs on hardware and software. The program evaluations averaged a score of 4.53 out of 5.0. Technicians were trained on new technologies as needed to support the requests of the school systems.

PERSONNEL SUPPORTED:

IT Manager
Technology Specialist (1.6)
Computer Technician (5)
Contracted Computer Technician
Secretary (.3)

PROGRAM TITLE: Medicaid Reimbursement Program

PURPOSE: WV Code 18-2-5b: Provide programmatic and technical assistance that results in the highest level of Medicaid reimbursement dollars while operating within the guidelines set forth by the Bureau of Medical Services, the State Board of Education and the Department of Health and Human Resources

FUNDING SOURCE: County Funded

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MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Assisted counties with the attainment of 2,183 physician's authorizations/orders
- Provided group and individual in-service(s)/training(s) for county personnel
- Provided training and assistance to counties concerning the required Random Moment Time Studies
- Enrolled or reenrolled 47 county providers
- Monitored supporting documentation to insure against audit findings for each county in the RESA 8 region
- Processed and tracked claims electronically that resulted in over \$6,698,201.71 in reimbursements back to the counties

SUMMARY OF STRATEGIC PLAN RESULTS:

Continuing to implement the provision of services established in the Strategic Plan, led to increased communication with county personnel, increased provider participation, and increased program support. By meeting the objectives and executing the task set forth by the plan continues to allow the counties to receive the highest levels of allowable reimbursements.

PERSONNEL SUPPORTED:

Medicaid Coordinator/Specialist
Medicaid Secretary

PROGRAM TITLE: Program Development

PURPOSE: Provides the leadership and initiative for collaborative efforts in planning and implementing high-quality professional development/technical assistance services to enhance school improvement and student achievement.

FUNDING SOURCE: RESA 8

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MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Annual Conference for School Administrators
- Various IPI (Instructional Practice Inventory) trainings
- Various trainings for principals and vice principals
- ASCD Regional Chapter sponsorship for central office administrators
- Various graduate-level continuing education classes
- Various NxG sessions for teachers and administrators
- ESL training for teachers
- Principal Mentor Training
- Administrative Assistant Workshop
- Various substitute teacher trainings in Martinsburg
- Various collaborative projects with WVDE
- Regional Academic Fairs (Senior & Junior Science, Social Studies, Math Field Day)

SUMMARY OF STRATEGIC PLAN RESULTS:

During 2011-2012, RESA 8 provided technical assistance and trainings for 624 teachers and 216 administrators in the implementation of selected 21st century elements and skills. Topics included - standards-based mathematics instruction, core subject of mathematics, and 21st century collaborative teaming and problem-solving processes with concepts found within professional learning community initiatives. 586 students had opportunities to demonstrate 21st century skills of problem-solving, higher-order thinking, and the scientific method through participation in various regional academic fairs.

PERSONNEL SUPPORTED:

Program Development Coordinator
Secretary (.5)

PROGRAM TITLE: Public Service Training

PURPOSE: Public Service Training, or PST, is the umbrella term for a group of programs related to maintaining the health, safety, and well-being of the general public including but not limited to – Firefighting, Rescue, Emergency Medical Services, and Law Enforcement. RESA 8 PST provides fire departments, EMS squads, law enforcement, industry, and the general community with a wide variety of cost-effective training.

FUNDING SOURCE: WVDE Grants; Class Tuition

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MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- 6,035 participants were enrolled in 708 classes
- Coordinated the Eastern Panhandle Training Weekend
- Supported the Mineral County Fire School
- Piloted the new Rescue Core Prerequisites class
- Working relationship with other agencies to coordinate training – WV Department of Education, WV State Fire Commission, WV Office of Emergency Medical Services, American Heart Association, WVU Fire Service Extension, James Rumsey Technical Institute, Mineral County Technical Center, Blue Ridge CTC, WV Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Local Emergency Planning Committees

SUMMARY OF STRATEGIC PLAN RESULTS:

Class evaluation forms and commitment statements help maintain student, instructor, and program integrity. Instructor in-services were held. Documents describing Firefighter 1 Training was developed. PST Instructors were certified and recertified according to WVDE procedures. Program Evaluations mailed to instructors and departments received a mean response of 4.34 with 5 being the highest rating.

PERSONNEL SUPPORTED:

- Public Service Training Coordinator
- 2 part-time Assistant Public Service Training Coordinators
- Secretary (.5)
- Secretary (.1)
- Part -time Fire Service, EMS, and CPR Instructors

PROGRAM TITLE: Regional Wellness

PURPOSE: The partnership will build collaboration among community, schools, and county school systems to assist students and staff in achieving healthy lifestyles. The Coordinated School-Public Health Program (CSPHP) addresses 8 components of wellness such as: staff support and wellness promotion; a healthy and safe school environment; family, business, and community involvement; guidance/counseling, psychological, and social services; nutrition services; physical education; and health education.

FUNDING SOURCE: WV Department of Health and Human Resources

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MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Attended and supported local school and/or county wellness team meetings.
- Coordinated the expansion of the CSPHP model by bridging the gap between resources and needs. Coordinated policy awareness, accountability, and compliance.
- Coordinated and conducted four Regional School Wellness Councils.
- Made connections between needed services and available resources for schools and counties.
- Provided Technical Assistance or Training in the following areas: Life Skills Training ,Electronic Health Data Grant, Safe and Supportive Schools - Policy 4373 Overview/Implementation ,Discipline Management System (4373) Training, Health/PE Academy, Health Education Assessment Project (HEAP),Fitness Gram Assessment ,Youth Risk Behavior Survey, Youth Tobacco Survey, Safe & Supportive Schools Grant (S3),Let's Move West Virginia!, Bullying Prevention, Suicide Prevention.

SUMMARY OF STRATEGIC PLAN RESULTS:

Promotion of the CSPHP model was accomplished through four Regional Wellness Councils that were held which included both school and private partners. Nutrition Directors were supported through attendance and support of their local county wellness team meetings. Wellness presentations were conducted for staff, parents, and students at counties request.

PERSONNEL SUPPORTED: Program Coordinator

PROGRAM TITLE: Special Education

PURPOSE: The RESA 8 Special Education Program is designed to be an instrument through which county directors of special education, their staff, and other individuals involved in provision of services to special needs children, have opportunities to improve the instructional process, curricula and /or personnel. Joint and collaborative efforts for school improvement are based on data that results in targeted professional development and technical assistance.

FUNDING SOURCE: WVDE Grant

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MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- County directors of special education, and the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, identified collective and individual needs of the local education agencies.
- RESA 8 county directors of special education meet on a monthly basis with the RESA coordinator to review additional needs, concerns and current issues.
- The RESA 8 Special Education Coordinator served as a liaison between the state office of special programs and local directors to provide updates and information about state initiatives.
- The RESA 8 Special Education Coordinator worked with individual schools providing technical assistance and professional development to address identified areas of need for low performing schools in the area of Special Education and schools that did not meet AYP in the area of Special Education.

SUMMARY OF STRATEGIC PLAN RESULTS:

The goal to increase student achievement was accomplished through delivery of training in co-teaching, differentiated instruction, writing and math strategies. Efficient and effective systems were fostered through regional delivery of high quality professional development, lending library of professional journals and books, and cooperative purchasing. Financial support was provided for qualifying teachers to obtain highly qualified status.

PERSONNEL SUPPORTED:

Special Education Coordinator
Secretary (.45)

PROGRAM TITLE: West Virginia Birth to Three

PURPOSE: As defined by Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act: to enhance the capacity of families of children, who either have or are at risk of having delays in their development, by providing services and supports in a natural environment.

FUNDING SOURCE: US Department of Education (IDEA, Part C); WV Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Public Health, Office of Maternal Child and Family Health

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MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- 493 children referred
- 418 children received services under IDEA
- 100 percent of all eligible children went to IFSP within 45-calendar days

SUMMARY OF STRATEGIC PLAN RESULTS:

The WV Birth to Three Regional Administrative Unit continues to participate in community-based events to raise public awareness about early intervention services provided under Part C of IDEA, allowing us to identify children between the ages of birth through 35-months of age who have or may be at risk of having developmental delays. Ninety-nine percent of all eligible children receive an evaluation, assessment and initial IFSP within 45-days of referral. The Child Outcome Summary Form (COSF) is used at the initial IFSP, six-month review and upon exit from the system to measure child progress and family satisfaction.

PERSONNEL SUPPORTED:

Program Coordinator
Administrative Assistant (2)
Interim Service Coordinator (4)
Parent Partner (position vacant)
Support Staff/Language Interpreter (1 PTE)

PROGRAM TITLE: WVEIS

PURPOSE: The WVEIS project was created in 1991 by the state of West Virginia to ensure standardized data collection and reporting to the West Virginia Department of Education. The WVEIS program at RESA 8 currently supports a total of 8 county school systems, which includes a total of 96 schools, and the WV School for the Deaf and Blind.

FUNDING SOURCE: WVDE Grant

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MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Provided technical assistance and training to 2,416 RESA 8 users
- Provided technical assistance to RESA 8 counties
- Developed and presented up-to-date training on WVEIS programs
- Developed and presented training on Sequel query programs
- Provided technical support for new WVEIS website programs
- Provided training for implementation of Policy 4373

SUMMARY OF STRATEGIC PLAN RESULTS:

The WVEIS program at RESA 8 provides technical assistance and program support to RESA 8 counties and personnel so that all student data is kept current and all required reporting requirements are sufficiently met.

PERSONNEL SUPPORTED:

WVEIS Specialist
IT Office Specialist (.25)
IT Manager (.25)

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Regional Education Service Agency 8 (RESA 8) operates under the policies and leadership of the West Virginia Board of Education and the RESA 8 Advisory Council to provide improved educational opportunities for the students of the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind and the counties of Berkeley, Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Jefferson, Mineral, Morgan and Pendleton.

RESA 8 employs over 130 full-time personnel and 300 part-time with 5.35 positions being paid from the legislative state basic foundation allowance for RESAs. The remaining positions are funded through grants obtained by the RESAs.

The combined total budgeted amount for FY '12 General Budget and Special Projects - \$12,421,106.00

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