

ANNUAL REPORT
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*Regional Education
Service Agencies*

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MISSION STATEMENT

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 &
SERVICES

EDUCATION

- PreK-12 professional development sessions for **6,798** participants
- Adult Basic Education (ABE) professional development for **99** participants
- Substitute teacher training for **164** participants
- Regional student academic fairs and activities for **567** participants
- Coordinated free GED testing for **745** participants
- Coordinated Graduate Credit classes for **23** participants
- Provided technical assistance for school improvement to **4** schools
- Provided SPOKES classes for **384** participants
- Provided technical assistance to ABE classes with **2,601** participants.
- Provided direct service to **1,758** Expectant mothers & children age 0-5years.
- Coordinated participation in GED classes for **44** Head Start parents.
- Coordinated undergraduate classes for **45** Head Start parents.

FINANCIAL BENEFIT

- RESA employs **149** full-time personnel with **5.79** positions being paid from the legislative state basic foundation allowance for RESAs. The remaining positions are funded through grants obtained by the RESAs.
- Cooperative purchasing cost avoidance of over **\$3,165,929** for school systems
- Assisted counties with Medicaid Billing reimbursement, training and monitoring. RESA 8 recouped **\$5.98 million**
- Used the **\$498,705** legislative state basic foundation allowance to leverage over **\$12.4M** in federal, state, local and private funding
- Administered assessments for **813** DHHR TANF referrals

HEALTH & SAFETY

- Audiological services for **422** students
- Provided public service training classes for **5,730** participants
- Provided information to over **2,000** parents of young children.
- Follow-up health services to **285** Head Start, PreK and Early Head Start children
- Social services provided to **170** children and families.
- Mental health services provided to **109** Head Start, Pre-K and EHS children

TECHNOLOGY

- Responded to **7,274** computer repair and installation work orders
- Installation of Second Round of BTOP routers in schools
- Maintained and/or replaced Cisco routers in schools and central office facilities
- Provided specific WVEIS user training to **245** participants
- Provided Help Desk assistance to **2,483** WVEIS users statewide
- Provided a state-of-the-art computer training lab in each RESA
- Provided teleconferencing facilities in each RESA and support to each BOE systems
- Maintained HP warranty certification

This report contains information about some of the activities of RESA 8 during the **2012-2013** school year. Not all services are listed. Services may differ within RESA 8 from time to time. Being able to offer the right services at the right time allows RESAs to meet the needs of county schools and school systems as well as support WVDE and WVBE initiatives and goals. A complete Annual Report may be found by going to the web site of RESA 8 or hard copies may be obtained by contacting the RESA 8 office.

PROGRAM TITLE: Adolescent Health

PURPOSE: To support community collaborative efforts designed to develop the assets youth need to thrive and become successful across the state of West Virginia. The program provides support to community initiatives and training to community members and or professionals regarding adolescent health topics throughout the region.

FUNDING SOURCE: The Office of Maternal, Child, and Family Health

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MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Provided the following training sessions: 40 Developmental Assets, Bullying and Suicide Prevention, Pregnancy Prevention, and Obesity Prevention/ Nutrition Education.
- Administered Search Institute 40 Developmental Assets training to school and community members and coordinated a monthly program at a local middle school.
- Coordinated a Regional Adolescent Health Educational Forum for professionals throughout the region, offering CEU's for Social Workers and Nurses.

SUMMARY OF STRATEGIC PLAN RESULTS:

The Adolescent Health Coordinator attended community meetings throughout the region and contributed by providing educational sessions and materials to community members. The Adolescent Health Coordinator attended regional student health fairs and school wide events and promoted adolescent health topics at these events. The Adolescent Health Coordinator prepared and facilitated educational trainings for parents, community members, and professional staff throughout the region.

PERSONNEL SUPPORTED:

Adolescent Health Coordinator

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 2,529 adult students during Fiscal Year 2013.
- Administered the SPOKES Career Readiness Program, which enrolled 348 adult students referred by the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources during FY13.
- Distributed \$32,739 in state funds to GED® testing centers to cover the cost of more than 740 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)
Adult Education Instructors, SPOKES Program (8)
Assessment Specialists

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:

- 422 student tests performed
- 82 auditory processing evaluations
- Testing performed at clinics in Berkeley, Hampshire and Pendleton counties

SUMMARY OF STRATEGIC PLAN RESULTS:

The Audiology service does not have a program-specific strategic plan. It is my goal to provide additional outreach programs to the schools such as classroom noise readings and teacher in-services. In the past year, I organized calibration of school-based equipment and consulted with Special Education Director on purchase of new equipment.

PERSONNEL SUPPORTED:

Audiologist – contracted on an as-needed basis
Secretary – part time

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.
- 140 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)
110 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 Schools for the Deaf and 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 7700 Computer Repair service calls completed
- Supported Searchsoft, eWalk, mobile equipment and routers.
- 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 7,700 requests with an average turn-around-time of less than 3.7 days for repairs on hardware and software. The program evaluations averaged a score of 4.64 out of 5.0. Technicians obtained training and certifications to support their efforts in providing outstanding service to the school systems.

PERSONNEL SUPPORTED:

IT Manager
Technology Specialist (1.6)
Computer Technician (6)
Secretary (30% of time allotted to IT Support)

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 and the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare.

FUNDING SOURCE: The current FFP (Federal Financing Participation) rate along with a cost settlement methodology.

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MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Assisted counties with the attainment of 3,009 physician’s authorizations/orders
- Provided group and individual in-service(s)/training(s) for county personnel
- Provided updates and assistance to counties concerning the required Random Moment Time Studies
- Enrolled or reenrolled 24 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 \$6,500,000.00 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, this continues to allow the counties to receive the highest levels of allowable reimbursements.

PERSONNEL SUPPORTED:

Medicaid 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 trainings for principals and vice principals
- Principal Mentor Training
- IPI (Instructional Practice Inventory) implementation support to counties
- ASCD Regional Chapter sponsorship for central office administrators
- Educator Enhancement Academy - Initial Regional Training Model in conjunction with WVDE
- Graduate-level continuing education courses
- Collaborative projects with WVDE
- Workshops to support teacher and administrator understanding of Next Generation Content Standards and Objectives
- Substitute teacher trainings
- Administrative Assistant Workshop
- Regional Academic Fairs (Senior & Junior Science, Social Studies, Math Field Day)

SUMMARY OF STRATEGIC PLAN RESULTS:

During 2012-2013, RESA 8 provided technical assistance and workshop opportunities for 6,613 teachers and administrators in the implementation of the West Virginia Next Generation Content Standards and Objectives. Teachers and administrators were able to deepen their understanding of the instructional shifts and student learning outcomes that contribute to student academic success with the Next Generation Content Standards and Objectives framework. RESA 8 sponsored regional academic fairs that facilitated student participation in project based learning, collaborative learning experiences, and presentation skills.

PERSONNEL SUPPORTED:

Program Development Coordinator
.5 secretary

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, Hazardous Materials, 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:

- 5,730 participants were enrolled in 675 classes
- Coordinated the Eastern Panhandle Training Weekend, and supported training weekends in Mineral and Pendleton Counties
- Implemented new EMT and EMR Curriculum to meet new National Education Standards. RESA 8 PST published a preceptor guide that is used statewide
- Transitioned Rescue Training to meet NFPA 1006 Standards
- Implemented policies and procedures to meet new Legislative Rule for Fire Service Training
- More Fire Service classes being offered in blended learning format – online for cognitive knowledge and hands-on for psychomotor skills
- RESA 8 PST had a lead role in WVDE becoming IFSAC Accredited
- ACAMS training provided to personnel from each county in the RESA 8 region
- 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. PST Instructors were certified and recertified according to WVDE procedures. Program Evaluations mailed to instructors and departments received a mean response of 4.50 with 5 being the highest rating.

PERSONNEL SUPPORTED:

Public Service Training Coordinator
Two Assistant Public Service Training Coordinators (part time, limited to 1,039 hours)
Secretary (half time with benefits)
Secretary (10% of time allotted to PST)
Part Time Fire Service, EMS, and CPR Instructors

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:

- Provided Non-Violent Crisis Intervention training (CPI) to 185 teachers, paraprofessionals, and bus drivers representative of all eight counties and the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and Blind.
- Coordinated training for all middle and high school principals in the implementation of Support for Personalized Learning with the West Virginia Department of Education
- RESA 8 county directors of special education met on a monthly basis with the RESA director to review additional needs, concerns and current issues. Activities were designed and implemented to address these issues.
- The RESA 8 Director of Special Education served as a liaison between the state office of special programs and local directors to provide updates and information about state initiatives.
- In conjunction with the county directors of special education and the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, collective and individual needs of the local education agencies were identified and professional development was provided.

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.

PERSONNEL SUPPORTED:

Special Education Coordinator
.40 secretary

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 with 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:

- 512 children referred
- 439 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. One-hundred 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 (1)
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 98 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 3,919 RESA 8 users
- Provided technical assistance to RESA 8 counties
- Developed and presented up-to-date training on WVEIS programs
- Provided technical support for new WVEIS website programs
- Provided technical support for all WVEIS programs
- Developed and presented training to teachers on WVEIS programs
- Worked with state department on program development and implementation

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. The WVEIS program also provides technical support to RESA 8 schools.

PERSONNEL SUPPORTED:

WVEIS Specialist
WVEIS Operator (.4)

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 149 full-time personnel and over 300 part-time with 5.79 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 '13 General Budget and Special Projects - \$12.4 million

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