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- On September 25 and 26, the NKCEE is partnering with Clinical Mental Health Counseling faculty at NKU to host continuing education workshops for counselors and other mental health professionals. Sessions offered include *Mindfulness and Self-Care*, *Understanding the Military Culture*, *Diagnosing Bipolar Disorder in Children and Adolescents*, and *Suicide Assessment, Treatment, and Management*. Please refer to the attached flyer for more information.
- The NKCEE will partner with Instructional Leadership faculty to support Secondary Principals from across the region and are working with Brian Robinson and Matt Turner to sponsor an upcoming meeting.
- We are working to compile the final evaluation report for the first Elementary Secondary School Counseling grant received in the region by the NKCES. The grant helped Campbell County, Dayton Independent, Erlanger-Elsmere Independent, and Pendleton County schools hire 15 professional school counselors to support evidence-based, data-driven school counseling. After meeting the GPRA goals during year one to reduce behavior referrals (by 30% overall) and to reduce the student to counselor ratios (from 411:1 in year one to 204:1 in year three), remaining years were dedicated to securing ASCA RAMP certification. Dr. Jen Stansbury Koenig, Dr. Brett Zyromski, and Vicki Dansberry will offer panel presentations about the successful model of regional collaboration at the International Counselling Conference on September 4 in Verona, Italy. Drs. Stansbury Koenig and Zyromski will also offer a paper presentation about the grant-funded school counseling interventions and their the statistically significant impact on student achievement on September 10 at the European Conference of Educational Research in Budapest, Hungary.
- In conjunction with the First Lady's *Reach Higher Initiative*, GEAR UP Kentucky will be hosting the first-ever Kentucky School Counseling and Advising Institute on October 27-28 at the METS Center. Designed for teams of five school personnel led by school counselors, the two-day statewide convening will explore successful practice, evaluation, and relevant research to create dynamic school counseling programs that engage the whole school community in ensuring all students are prepared for college success. GEAR UP is soliciting proposals at this time. The deadline for submissions is Friday, September 4, 2015. Questions may be directed to Charliese Lewis at [Charliese.lewis@ky.gov](mailto:Charliese.lewis@ky.gov) or 502-573-4327.