



## Executive Director's Report – September 2016

**5 year Vision:** NKCES will be a trusted partner with local school districts and the learning community to research and apply innovative 21st Century practices by leveraging resources, developing strategic alliances and inspiring powerful leadership while providing exemplary customer services to districts, communities & our students.

Beechwood Independent

Bellevue Independent

Boone County

Bracken County

Campbell County

Covington Independent

Dayton Independent

Erlanger-Elsmere  
Independent

Ft. Thomas Independent

Gateway Community &  
Technical College

Ludlow Independent

Newport Independent

Northern Kentucky  
University

Pendleton Independent

Silver Grove  
Independent

Southgate Independent

Walton-Verona  
Independent

Williamstown  
Independent

**Regional School Programs:** Under Stephanie Turner's leadership, the transition into the new school year has gone exceptionally well. RSP is off to a great start and we appreciate her stepping up to the plate to assure the students had a great start to the 2016-17 school year.

**Vander Ark Next Generation Learning Sessions:** We are excited to have 100 registrants for the "Smart Schools: Focus on Next Generation Learning Series". This will be a unique learning experience that will provide an opportunity to strengthen your knowledge and partnerships as active learners, as we work together to prepare our students as 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learners. The cost of \$200.00 includes all three workshops, online curriculum, e-book, soft copy of book and lunch on the final day. The power of this event lies within the participants—it's not too late to register for this event to help make NKY~TheBestPlaceToLearn! A special thanks to the planning committee for their extra support in making this event a success!

**Facility: Houston Brothers** has submitted a proposal and contract for the needed repairs on the brick of the building. This will occur in the spring of 2017.

**KASS Sessions:** Tom Shelton and Liz Storey have reached out to NKY for presenters for the winter conference. A request went out to all districts to help NKY shine and we are excited to have 3 districts turning in proposals to present which include: Fort Thomas Independent Schools, Boone County Schools and Campbell County Schools.

**Brighton Center:** I spent time at the Brighton Training center to learn more about the resources and trainings they can provide for our region. It was a great morning of learning and networking with dedicated leaders in our region.

**EL UPDATE:** It is great to report that all districts who originally discussed collaborating through the EL Consortium have confirmed participating and we are moving forward with the plan that was designed by the committee. Danielle and Savannah are both excited to be able to service your students in this critical area through their expertise as EL Instructors.

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**PL Consortium:** The PL Consortium is lengthening their meeting time so that they can also have time to network together on common areas, share resources and plan together. We have created a Live Binder for easy access to all flyers and resources from our meetings. The PLCs are already in full swing with the addition of an Instructional Coach PLC that was held for over 28 coaches in our region. It was a great time of networking and sharing resources—the possibilities are tremendous!

**Partnership with University of Cincinnati** (for preschool): We are excited that NKCES has entered into a partnership with the University of Cincinnati regarding the Building Preschool Children's Complex Language Using Expository Science Texts Grant, as well as the Text Organization for Preschoolers in Special Education (TOPS) Grant. The Text Organization study will begin September 2016 and follow through to May 2017, and is opened to early childhood educators and speech-language pathologists (SLPs) who work with preschoolers with language impairment in early childhood special education classrooms. Several of our districts in the region will participate in the study this fall. The grant for Expository Science is in the process of being submitted for funding & if funded it will begin in the fall of 2017 and include an opportunity for our NKY region.

**Redbook Training:** We hosted a NKY Redbook Training at NKCES and it was a big success. The session was full and we received positive feedback with Ron Flannery as the trainer.

**NISL:** We have held our second session of NISL with our NKY Cadre of Principals. It is great to have this group in our building and we look forward to finding ways to support their work.

**Novice Reduction Training:** I attended the state-wide meeting for cooperative directors and their teams to see first-hand the Novice Reduction Training. It was great to see that the training focused on core instruction for all students and specifically utilized the Thinking Strategies Work and Explicit Instruction that we have focused our work on at NKCES. The regional training will be October 6<sup>th</sup> at Ralph Rush Training Center.

**Early Childhood Guest Speaker:** As a positive step forward, NKCES, NKYEC, United Way and the Prichard Committee are working together to keep the light shining brightly on early childhood education for our region. Niki Patton Rowe will be in our region to speak on the importance of Early Childhood as a way to support the critical work you already do to champion this effort. Please feel free to share this invitation within your district and also with community partners: RSVP Chris Perkins [cperkins@nkyec.org](mailto:cperkins@nkyec.org)

## GRANT REPORT

UC Evaluation Services Center, Jacinda Dariotis and Jen Stansbury Koenig, discussed potential collaboration for evaluation and research. Discussion focused on expanding the reach of the Grants Consortium through various research and evaluation agencies.



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**NORTHERN KENTUCKY Education Council**

The Northern Kentucky Education Council's Action Team 1, Reducing Barriers to Learning in partnership with United Way of Greater Cincinnati, the Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Educational Services and the Prichard Committee invite you to

**Why Early Childhood?**

Presentation by Nicki Patton Rowe

Please join us to learn more about the critical importance of early childhood experiences and the development of Northern Kentucky's future workforce.

Thursday, September 27th 4:00pm-5:30pm  
St. Elizabeth Training and Education Center  
3861 Olympic Blvd.  
Erlanger, KY

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**Grants were announced this month to the following Grants Consortium districts:**

Drug Free Communities: Pendleton County Schools was awarded \$625,00 over five years to prevent youth substance abuse and build community collaboration. Kenton, Boone and Campbell Counties received continuation grants for \$125,000 each for this year.

Erlanger PEP No Cost Extension was submitted. If approved, the districts in Erlanger PEP grants will have funds for this year.

Dollar General – Newport (3); Silver Grove, Southgate, and Bracken County received funding for literacy, but amounts were cut in half from the requests.

**Grants in Progress include:**

Math Achievement Fund several districts have contacted Vicki for support (Newport, Silver Grove, and Ludlow.)

Diane Hatfield offered information about various programs and training required by the grant.

School Incentive Grants (focus and priority schools are eligible. Paul Baker said he had heard information that there will only be funding for priority schools).

SSS – Goal 2 IES is on hold pending a phone conference with the Washington project officer.

**Grants Pending include:**

Innovative Approaches to Literacy is likely not to be received. We discussed submitting this for alternate funding in pieces or to researchers as a project.

Carol M. White Physical Education Program will be awarded end of September.

IES Research-Practitioner Partnership (RPP) was successfully submitted.

KDE Early Childhood – Several districts submitted this grant. Award notice due in late October. Vicki received a request from a partner agency to pass along information about the content of everyone's grant. The group agreed the agency should work through districts to get this information for district grants.

KDE RTTT EC Homeless – A fund was opened to some districts by KDE from Race to the Top Early Childhood funding to focus on homeless preschoolers. Newport and Erlanger applied. Other districts that were not notified by KDE will advocate about why not.

**Grant News**

Letters for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade Mathematics NSF grant proposal – the group decided that it would be useful in the future for Amy to write letters of support in cases such as this saying that we will offer the grant to districts.

Newport Aquarium contact – Vicki will be meeting with Scott Wingate of the Aquarium to discuss advantages and opportunities for collaboration for grants.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT**

Below is a brief comparison chart revealing the power packed August NKCES provided with over a thousand N KY staff members served within our region! As the chart reveals, we have increased the number of participants by more than 100% within the same month of last year. This is due mostly to the endeavors of the various PLC committees with continual focus on trainings and differentiation.

Emphasis on early childhood began in August with the preschool directors. Directors meetings have been scheduled to meet more often with provisions to increase trainings that have been identified. Two of the working meetings will include the regional RTC center. Brittany Howell and Linda Alford, along with the directors, are creating a preschool resource list, which will provide them easy access to agencies, resources, and information for early childhood support. Linda Alford is also attending the Kindergarten Readiness Council Meetings, which ties into the

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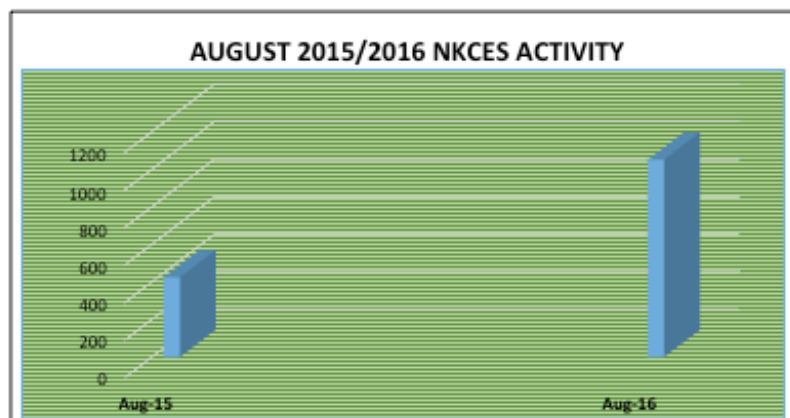
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early childhood work in N KY. Linda will be serving on the NKY Early Childhood Brand Project Team, which United Way and Skyward have engaged to help Design Impact develop clear brand and messaging strategies to increase community demand for a high-quality, full-day preschool throughout NKY. The branding toolkit will provide a cohesive umbrella to unify the campaign, while also accounting for the unique perspectives of both rural and urban Northern Kentucky communities. The first meeting will occur on October 13th with meetings taking place through April 2017. Amanda Greenwell, Director of Success by 6, through United Way, will lead this project.

We wish to acknowledge the assistance of Vicki Dansberry, who assisted many of the preschool directors in preparation and guidance in the Early Childhood Planning and Implementation grants. We send our best wishes to each participating district in landing these grants, which will enable Northern Kentucky to take early childhood to the next level.

**NKCES AUGUST ACTIVITY COMPARISON  
2015 - 2016**

YEAR	NUMBER OF CONTACTS
Aug-15	425
Aug-16	1052



*Number of N KY School Districts who participated in NKCES trainings, conferences, and face to face activity in August 2015, in comparison to August 2016.*

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