

NKCES Report – April 2023

The mission of the Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Educational Services is to strategically leverage the united voice of the superintendents and public schools as we connect, grow and serve the region with vital services as we: provide targeted support services for education professionals, enhance quality learning for students, model and support innovative instructional leadership practices...through a united voice.

BEECHWOOD INDEPENDENT

Executive Director Update:

BELLEVUE INDEPENDENT

Deeper Learning Virtual Meeting, April 10: Executive Director Amy Razor and CAO Melody Stacy met with Mr. Matthew Courtney with the Office of Continuous Improvement and Support to discuss specific spending requirements of the grant.

BOONE COUNTY

BRACKEN COUNTY

CAMPBELL COUNTY

Virtual Meeting with Nancy Grayson, Horizon Funds, April 13: Ms. Grayson requested a virtual meeting with Executive Director Amy Razor to update her on the programs supported by Horizon and the upcoming opportunities for educators in the fall of 2023.

CARROLL COUNTY

COVINGTON INDEPENDENT

DAYTON INDEPENDENT

NKCES Team Meeting, April 17: CAO Melody Stacy and Executive Director Amy Razor led the monthly team meeting, which was filled with learning, surprise, and delight! The time spent together building our human capacity is incredible and a highlight each month. A specific highlight of our meeting is focusing on the professional learning standards by Learning Forward as well as the CRRSA team leading us through Compassion and Resilience training. This is a great opportunity for all of us to increase our awareness around care for ourselves and those we serve.

ERLANGER-ELSMERE INDEPENDENT

FLEMING COUNTY

FORT THOMAS INDEPENDENT

GRANT COUNTY

GREENUP COUNTY

KENTON COUNTY

Deeper Learning Documentation Meeting, April 17: Executive Director Amy Razor, CAO Melody Stacy, and Deeper Learning Leadership met to collect documentation to support expenses incurred as a result of Deeper Learning events and activities.

LEWIS COUNTY

LUDLOW INDEPENDENT

NEWPORT INDEPENDENT

CHNK Meeting, April 18: CHNK CEO Rick Wurth and Mr. Tim Hanner invited Learning and Empowerment Leadership Team and CRRSA Consultants to meet to learn more about CHNK's future plans to expand mental health services to those who need it most. Both parties left the meeting excited about the possibilities that could derive from a CHNK and NKCES partnership.

NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

OWEN COUNTY

PENDLETON COUNTY

SOUTHGATE INDEPENDENT

Deeper Learning Promo Video, April 20: Living Media worked with the Deeper Learning Team to film each one individually talking about their passion around Deeper Learning in Northern Kentucky and the impact this will bring to classrooms in our region. This will also provide a highlight reel for the upcoming Deeper Learning Summit.

WALTON-VERONA INDEPENDENT

WILLIAMSTOWN INDEPENDENT

NKCES Leadership Meeting, April 24: This month's leadership meeting focused on department updates and summer training events. These meetings keep us in alignment as an organization and allow us to tap into each other's genius to best serve the region.

YSA Committee Meeting, April 25: CAO Melody Stacy attended the Committee meeting at NKU. The meeting was led by Early College Supervisor Amanda Dempsey. The purpose of the meeting was to share end of year updates as well as provide NKCES with an updated MOA to be approved at the May Board of Directors meeting.

NKYES, Excellence in Education Event, April 25: Executive Director Amy Razor and CAO Melody Stacy attended the event to join in the celebration of the incredible educators, support staff, and students being recognized in Kentucky.

KDE Virtual Meeting regarding Deeper Learning, April 27: Executive Director Amy Razor requested a meeting with Dr. Kelly Foster and her team to walk through some questions regarding an information/data collection request from KDE. The call was helpful in that there were questions around dues/registration as well as medical expenses that KDE needed to confirm whether they are allowable expenses. NKCES finds that the spending matrix allows these expenses.

Professional Learning Consortium Meeting, April 28: Executive Director Amy Razor participated in the meeting led by Director of Learning and Empowerment, Jessica Pass. The collaborative meeting is such an effective resource to hear more about NKCES offerings as well as learn from one another.

NKCES is Growing! We have made an exciting hire this month. NKCES is thrilled to welcome Rachel Ball as the SBMH Higher Education Liaison. We look forward to the impact she will make for students in Northern Kentucky!

Building Update: We have been told by boiler experts that we are in need of a new boiler. We are prioritizing this work for the summer. Additionally with the heavy rain already experienced this month, we have had some significant water enter the training rooms via the windows. We are in the process of obtaining bids for window replacements to determine the area in which we should prioritize.

Professional Learning (PL) Update:

April Professional Learning: NKCES supported 122 professional learning opportunities focused on academics, SEL, culture and climate, leadership, and special education, serving 1,058 educators.

PL Consortium: The 22.23 NKCES PL Consortium continued in April with a collaborative meeting. Topics included a NKCES IDEA Update ([NKCES Trainings](#)), a NKCES Learning & Empowerment [Update](#), and an April NKCES update. The meeting ended with a member-led PLC discussion.

Title I & Title II Meeting: The 22.23 NKCES Title I/Title II Consortium continued in April with a collaborative meeting. Topics included Title II ([Title II Timeline of Activities](#)), Title I [Title I Coordinator's Year at a Glance](#), and Title I District Consolidated Monitoring Checklist Review & Discussion. The meeting ended with a member-led PLC discussion.

District Assessment Coordinator (DAC) Meeting: The 22.23 NKCES DAC Consortium continued in April with a collaborative meeting. Topics included DAC Monthly Webcast. The meeting ended with a member-led PLC discussion.

Professional Learning Networks (PLNs): PLNs provide opportunities for educators to grow professionally in collaborative environments focused on collective learning. Check out our [22.23 NKCES PLN Dates here](#).

Special Education Update:

The NKCES DoSE Advisory Board met on April 24th. The NKCES DoSE Meeting was held on April 28th. Topics of discussion included Indicator 8 Parent Survey, Emergency/Probationary reporting requirements due in May, Specially Designed Instruction, Indicator 11, 12, and 13 Reports, IC Ad Hoc Reports, etc. The DoSEs read and discussed the book *Just Look Up* by Joe Beckman.

Mrs. Becky Nixon led the Special Education Regional Technical Assistance Center (SERTAC) State Directors Meeting on April 11th. OSEEL was present and shared updates and information regarding IDEA Proposals, Power by Inclusion Scholarships, HB 538, etc .

Mrs. Becky Nixon, along with the SERTAC Consultants, attended the Council of Administrators of Special Education Discipline Bootcamp. Julie Weatherly, national special education attorney, presented on various topics related to discipline of students with disabilities.

Mrs. Amanda Bell and Dr. Merissa Waddey continued the partnership with the KY Autism Training Center (KATC) to support two regional training sites.

Dr. Merissa Waddey has been meeting with each district’s SLP teams to provide updates on the professional learning opportunities the NKCES SERTAC has been hosting. She developed and shared a one-pager to make all of these opportunities easily accessible to SLPs and SLPAs in the NKCES region.

Mrs. Becky Nixon, Mrs. Misti Carr, and Dr. Merissa Waddey attended the LRP Institute in New Orleans April 16th-19th. Sessions were led by leading legal experts in the field of special education and addressed IEP compliance, discipline guidance, assessment and evaluation procedures and more.

Mrs. Becky Nixon attended the Kentucky Council of Administrators of Special Education (KYCASE) officer monthly board meeting on April 25th. The committee continued planning for the KYCASE New DoSE Institute and the KYCASE Summer Institute, which will take place July 16-18, 2023. [Registration is out now](#).

The SERTAC team attended their respective monthly state group meetings on April 25th-26th. Mrs. Becky Nixon continues to lead the state Low Incidence Task Group.

The SERTAC team continued to provide coaching and support for teachers and administrators across the region.

Learning and Empowerment Team:

The Learning and Empowerment team worked with more than 324 educators and students and engaged in work with every NKCES district this month.

The CRRSA team partnered with 7 districts and served 105 educators and students in Northern Kentucky this month. The team led professional learning on Evidence Based Practices and provided Behavior Supports. The team also provided MTSS coaching and led a statewide book study. The SEL team hosted the statewide SEL Specialists group at NKCES this month. Both teams continued to participate in the monthly statewide CRRSA meetings and continued work on an SEL Implementation Guide and MTSS Academic supports.

The Deeper Learning team worked with districts this month to support district plans and develop professional learning. The team attended and presented to the UK Next Gen Leadership cohort. They continue work on planning and developing opportunities for the NKY Deeper Learning Summit happening June 14th and 15th in Covington.

The SBMH and TISS grants combined to create the Northern Kentucky Institute for Empowerment. The NKIE work this month has been focused on creating systems and processes for the implementation of both grants. Most of the recent work included preparations for the first SBMH Steering Committee meeting, attending mental health community partner meetings, participation in federal grant monitoring meetings, analysis of possible applicants for the remaining open positions, and completion of the implementation plan for TISS.

Mr. Joe Bertucci, Arts Education Manager, worked with Vicki Dansberry and Project Evaluator Dr. Joan Ferrante to complete the Annual Performance Report to the U.S. Department of Education for our Assistance for Arts Education grant. All GPRA and Project Performance Measures were met or exceeded. Twenty-eight schools from fifteen districts completed Comprehensive Arts Plans for the 2023-24 school year. Mr. Bertucci provided feedback on all plans, and the process to support those plans is underway. Information about this summer's arts education and arts integration workshops is forthcoming.

Northern Kentucky Institute for Strategic Prevention conducted 8 activities reaching 212 educators/community partners and 120 students. The team conducted a key leader interview with an SRO in Grant County around youth substance use and mental health trends. The team met with Kazakhstan delegates through NKU's World Affairs Office to highlight the work of NKISP and share youth substance use prevention best practices. Planning has begun for the NKY Youth Summit and the leaders finished implementing Too Good for Drugs with Beechwood 6th graders. A regional CATCH My Breath training was also held.

Grant Consortium Update:

Grants awarded: Dayton was awarded the Calming Space grant for our co-op. Dayton and Bellevue will receive Food Service Equipment awards. 21st CCLC awards will go to Campbell County (2 awards); Covington (2 awards); Dayton; Erlanger-Elsmere; and Williamstown.

Grants available for application: The following opportunities were available: [Interact for Health 2023 Equity and Youth Voice for mental health](#) Abby Beausir, Christi Jefferds, Kelly Savicki, and Lyndsey Mayberry are working on a proposal from NKCES. [Mental Health Awareness Training](#); [Energy](#)

[Improvements](#) ; [Reading Diagnostic and Intervention Fund](#) [Stronger Connections](#); [Innovative Approaches to Literacy](#); [Enhancing School Capacity to Prevent Violence](#); [STOP School Violence](#); [School Violence Prevention Program](#); [Trauma Informed School Services](#); [Healthy Meals for Small Rural Schools](#) ; [Mentoring for Children Impacted by Opioids](#)

Eligible districts met to discuss options for the Innovative Approaches to Literacy grant and application is in development for those eligible districts who chose to participate.

Meetings for next year will remain at 10 AM, first Thursday of each month, rotating two months online, one month in person. The meeting in April will be adjusted to accommodate the holiday and Spring Breaks.

Regional School Programs (RSP) Update:

Mrs. Turner met with the RSP Standing Committee to review procedures to be presented for approval at the board meeting.

RSP Testing dates 5/3/23 - 5/8/23. Thank you to NKCES staff who assisted with proctoring.

RSP Field Day is May 17th, and our Awards and Promotion Ceremony will be May 18th at 12:30pm in the school gym.

RSP's last day of school for students is May 19th.