

Engage • Equip • Empower

Your Pathway To Professional Excellence

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE PROPOSAL

2025-
2026

PREPARED FOR :



Dawson Springs
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Our Services

→ Professional
Learning Networks

→ Crisis Response
Team

→ ++CIE Grant
Writing Consortium

→ ++High-Quality
Professional Learning
2025-26 Plan

→ ++Consulting and
Coaching Services

→ ++Accredited New
Teacher Program

Crisis Response

The WKEC Crisis Response Team, is included in WKEC membership, and stands with school districts when they need us most, providing immediate support during emergencies, tragedies, and other crises. Our specialists offer counseling, crisis communication assistance, and trauma-informed strategies to help schools navigate difficult times. We also provide training to equip educators with the tools to manage crises effectively. With expertise and compassion, we ensure districts have the support they need to promote healing and resilience.



Gretchen Wetzel
Crisis Response
Director



Sarah Akin
Crisis Response
Counselor



Ann Samons
Crisis Response
Counselor



Rachel Johnson
Special Education
Crisis Support



Jay Simmons
Superintendent
Crisis Support



Sean Caldwell
Crisis Response
Support Staff



Christy Phelps
Crisis Response
Principal Support



Dr. Susan Beatty
Crisis Response
Support Staff



Dianne Owen
Crisis Response
Support Staff



Mary Mac Dyer
Crisis Response
Communication

The Team

Here when you
need us most.

Professional Learning Networks

WKEC membership offers a variety of professional learning networks designed for nearly every district role, providing region-wide opportunities for collaboration, growth, and innovation. These communities bring together educators and leaders to share best practices, tackle challenges, and stay ahead of emerging trends. By fostering excellence and connection across districts, our networks empower professionals to enhance student success and drive continuous improvement in schools.

→ 2025-26 Professional Learning Networks

Superintendent Network

School Counselor Network

Instructional Supervisors

PBIS Network

Finance Officers Network

Speech Language Path. Network

Principal Network

ASD Network

DoSE Network

Math Network

School Counselor Network

ELL Network

CIO Network

Gifted and Talented Network

DPP Network

Media Specialist Network

Food Service Network

School Psychologist Network

Public Relations Network

Health & PE Network

SRO Network

School Safety Network

Transportation Network

++MORE ADDED EACH YEAR!

++CIE Grant Consortium

→ 2024-25 Overview

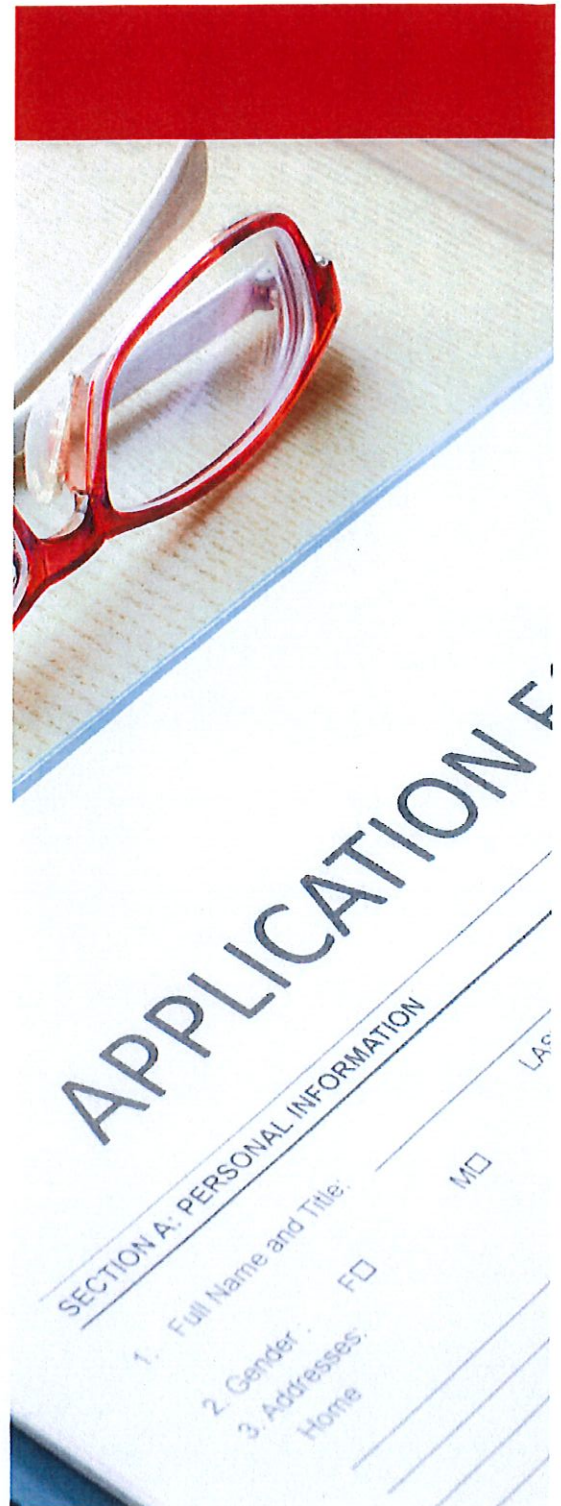
- **Grant Writing Training** – Offered (5) workshops to build internal capacity for successful grant applications.
- **Grant Proposal Assistance** – Provided hands-on guidance in writing and submitting competitive grant applications.
- **Customized Grant Searches** – Identified new funding opportunities tailored to district needs and priorities.
- **Collaboration on Regional Grants** – Facilitated multi-district applications for larger-scale funding. Based on eligibility.

→ About CIE

The Center for Innovation & Excellence (CIE) at WKEC provides districts with specialized support in grant writing, leadership development, and strategic planning. Membership is available for an additional cost, with pricing based on each district's current SAR report.

→ CIE Provides

- Grant Writing Seminars for district personnel for district and school KDE Grants
- Grant Writing Consultation and Editing Services for district-written grants
- CIE Writes federal, state, and foundational grants for district in the consortium grouped by needs and eligibility of grants.



++High-Quality Professional Learning Plan 2025-26

The High-Quality Professional Learning Plan for the 2025-26 school year offers a comprehensive range of professional development opportunities for school administrators and educators across the region. Designed to meet the diverse needs of districts, this plan includes numerous offerings in leadership development, instructional strategies, compliance training, and student support. Through workshops, coaching, and specialized training, WKEC aims to empower school leaders and educators with the tools and knowledge needed to drive excellence and improve outcomes for all students.

[PD Plan Detailed](#)



Leadership

Professional Learning Offering

- What Makes a Great Principal
- What Makes a Great Principal –Virtual Series–
- Certified Evaluation Update Training
- Responsibility Centered Discipline
- Code Red (Suicide Prevention)
- Threat Assessment
- Cognitive Coaching
- Collaborative for Success: MTSS Foundations & Practices
- PREPaRE Workshop 1 (1-Day)
- PREPaRE Workshop 2 (2-Day)
- Title 9 Training Series
- Redbook Training
- Budget Planning Workshop
- Psychological First Aid
- Building Resilience: A Trauma-Informed Approach to Support
- GateKeeper Training

Presenter

George Couros
George Couros
Gretchen Wetzel
Larry Thompson
Sarah Akin
Sarah Akin/KCSS
Chista Lemily
Sarah Akin
Sarah Akin
Sarah Akin
Bricker Graydon Law
Ron Flannery
Gretchen Wetzel
Sarah Akin
Sarah Akin
KCSS

Classroom Culture

- EdFest Summer Conference
- Bridging the Gap – Strengthening Student-School Connections

Brian Mendler
Trevor Muir

++High-Quality Professional Learning

Academic

Professional Learning Offering

- ELL Professional Learning with TCM
- Social Studies: Historical Documents HS/MS
- Intro to KAS SS Standards/Inquiry Practices
- Routine Writing Grades 3-8
- New Science Teacher Prep Session
- Do and Argue Science
- Talk and Do Science
- Anchoring Phenomena
- Vibrant Learning Experiences (K-2)
- Writing in Science
- ACT Prep Train the Trainer
- In the Trenches: Proven Strategies From Your Peers MS/HS
- In the Trenches: Proven Strategies From Your Peers (Virtual)
- ELA : Middle and High
- Getting to Know the ELA Standards
- Beyond the Book: Enhancing Family Literacy
- Building Fluency & Vocabulary in the Classroom

Presenter

TCM Trainer
David Stobaugh
Kallie
KY Writing Project
Dr. Susan Beatty
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TBD
Top Regional Teachers
Top Regional Teachers
Div. Academic Standards
Kristen Tilford
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Academic/Behavior

- Building Thinking Classrooms K-5
- Building Thinking Classroom K-12
- Behavior 911

Christa Lemily
Christa Lemily
Sarah Akin

Counseling

- Social Emotional Learning Virtual Series
- Back-to-Basics School Counselor Virtual Sessions

Sarah Akin
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New Teacher

- New Teacher Mindset
- New Teacher Mindset -Virtual Learning Series-
- New Teacher Science Prep Session
- Parent-Teacher Communication -Virtual-
- Building Thinking Classrooms for New Teachers

Trevor Muir
Trevor Muir
Dr. Susan Beatty
Christy Phelps
Christa Lemily

++Additional Consulting & Coaching

WKEC also offers customized consulting and coaching services tailored to the unique needs of each district. Whether through one-on-one support or staff-wide training, our experts provide specialized guidance in areas like leadership development, crisis response, instructional coaching, and compliance. These expanded services ensure districts have access to deeper expertise and hands-on support to enhance student outcomes and operational success.

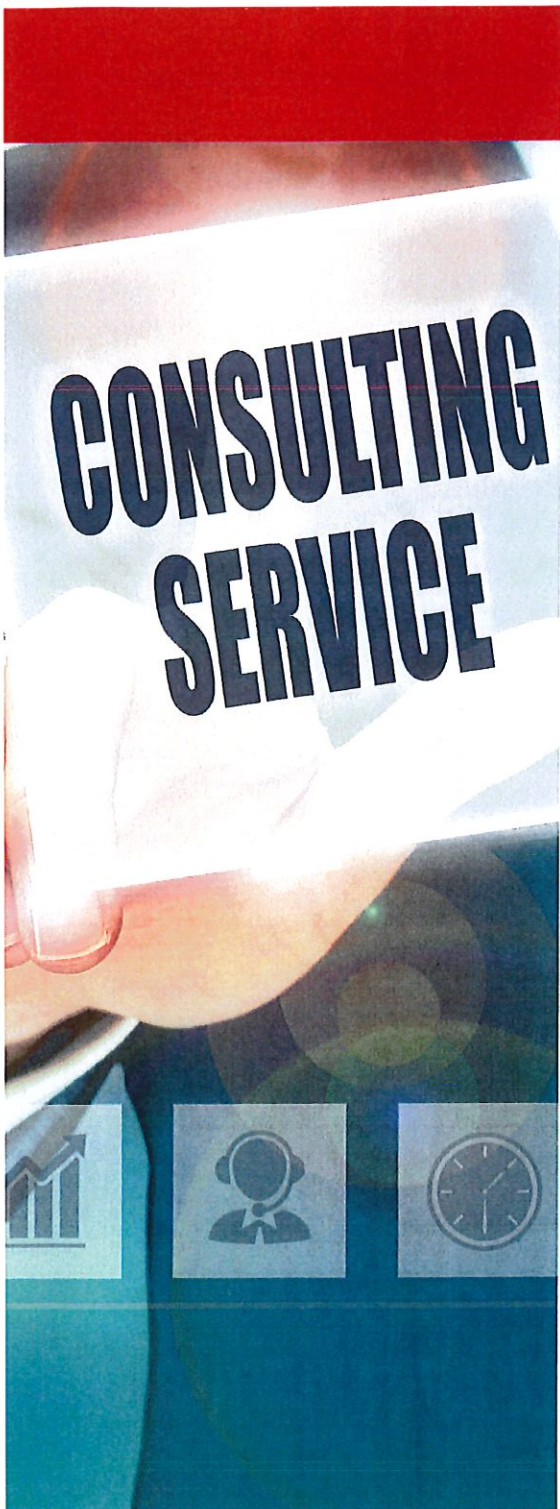
++Additional customized support (see below) is available beyond our core offerings to meet the specific needs of districts.

→ Leadership & Administration

- Superintendent & Principal Coaching
- Title IX Consulting Services
- Strategic Planning Consulting
- Portrait of a Learner Consulting
- In-District Staff-Wide Professional Development

→ Instructional Support

- Literacy Coaching
- Math Coaching
- STEM & Science Consulting



++Accredited New Teacher Program



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NEED TO SUCCEED.**
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BY LEARNING
FROM THE BEST.**

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We are the future of new teacher mentorship.

**Meet the requirements of the
newly enacted SB 265 for
districts to provide a New
Teacher Induction and
Mentor Program.**

Per KRS 161.031(2) The Education Professional Standards Board shall develop standards and guidance for local districts to implement new teacher induction and mentor programs. All school districts shall provide an induction program for teachers in their first year of teaching.

INVESTMENT

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Pricing 2025-26

WKEC MEMBERSHIP

\$3,900

- (1) WKEC Board Member Seat
- Professional Learning Network Access
- Crisis Response Team 24/7 Support
- Cooperative Pricing/Procurement
- Access to KDE/District desired trainings at WKEC

CIE MEMBERSHIP

\$2,700

- Weekly Newly Released Grant Notifications
- Access to Attend In-Person Grant Seminars with One-on-One Assistance
- Access to Grant Editing Services
- District Eligibility to be written into Region-Wide Grants

2025-26 LEARNING PLAN



\$7,750

- Access for District-Wide Participation in ALL 2025-2026 Professional Learning Offerings at WKEC.
- District-Wide Access to WKEC's Annual EDFEST Conference
- Quarterly Reports on total District-Wide PD hours at WKEC.
- (3) Mentor!That 1-Year Subscriptions



SAVE THE DATE

STELLAR SUMMER SESSIONS

Date	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSION	AUDIENCE
June 4	Initial Threat Assessment	Threat Assessments Teams
June 4	Co-Teaching Transformation Initiative	Cohort 2
June 5	Threat Assessment Follow-Up	Threat Assessments Teams
June 10	Positive Beginnings: Kickstart Your School Counseling Program for the Year Ahead	School Counselors
June 10	Steering Success: Elevate Your Bus Drivers to Excellence	Transportation
June 12	Code Red : Code Red Mental Health Crisis Planning	Admin, Counselors, Mental Health Etc.
June 25	Historical Documents	Social Studies Educators
July 7	Adolescent Literacy Session offered by Kristen Tinch (Part 1)	ELA Grades 4-12
July 8	In The Trenches: Proven Strategies From your Peers	All Educators
July 9		All Educators K-12
July 9	Certified Evaluation Update Training @ EDFEST	Admin
July 10-11	KDE: Initial Certified Evaluation Training	Admin
July 14	Innovators Mindset with George Couros 	Admin/Educators K-12
July 14	Beyond the Book: Family Literacy Activities	ELA K-5
July 15	Evidence Based Practices for Classroom Management	New Teachers
July 15	Collaborating for Student Success: MTSS Foundations and Practices	Admin/Counselors/Teachers
July 17	Classroom Management 2.0	Teachers, Counselors, Support Staff
July 17	UFLI	Grades K-3
July 18	Science: New Teacher Prep Days	New MS/ HS Teachers
July 21	Behavior Data Entry and Decision-Making	Admin/Data Decision Maker
July 21	Getting to know the ELA Standards	ELA Grades K-12