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Southwest Regional Education Center

“SUPPORTING EXEMPLARY STUDENTS”



News from the Executive Director - Cathe North

As we fast approach the first forty days of school, it appears that the SWREC is off to an auspicious start. I would like to welcome Dr. Maria Fuentes Leas, interim Superintendent of the Reserve Schools, Mr. Jim Barentine, Superintendent of the Lordsburg Schools, and Mr. Jerry Birdwell, Superintendent of the Animas Schools. We are sure you will become an integral part of the SWREC Council. Jim Nesbitt, Superintendent of the T or C Schools, has been elected Council President and Dane Kennon, Superintendent of the Hatch Valley Schools, is Vice President. Harvielee Moore, Superintendent of the Deming Schools is also a Council member.

Our excellent SWREC team of Geri Bennett, Business Manager, Connie Longley Copeland, Program Specialist, Casey Andrews Hedge, Medicaid Data and Office Support, Denise Gustin, WIA Data and Office Support, and Danny Bryant, Perkins/Tech Prep Coordinator is back. To this extraordinary group we are delighted to add Dr. Bruce Hegwer, WIA Program Manager. Bruce will also provide 3-tier licensure training for the region.

Bruce has referred to the SWREC as the 1-stop shop and that is right on target. We aim to be your 1-stop shop for professional development, technical assistance, and support.

SWREC Strategic Planning

The SWREC Council and the SWREC Team will be meeting in Pinos Altos the evening of November 8 and all day November 9 for some serious strategic planning and some frivolous fun. This is not a “retreat” but an “advance” as we are planning for progress, expansion, and moving forward.

Federal Programs

The Title I and V end of year report has been completed. There are several important foci for Federal programs this year. One is the development of NCLB defined highly qualified teachers. A second is increasing the number of students reaching proficiency in reading and math. Federal Programs can also fund activities supporting the development of your EPSS, professional development for staff and administrators to reach your EPSS goals, Positive Behavior Supports, Crisis Prevention Intervention, and safety plan revisions among others. Contact the SWREC for assistance.



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News from our Business Office



“Summer is gone, fall is near, and school has started”

days of every month.

Budget Reports/Check registers: mailed to each school district at the end of each month.

Purchase orders: are done weekly, pink copies are mailed back to the district to check in the order then return to me for verification the orders have been received.

Reminder: there may be a time I am at a district and/or training that the dates mentioned might not take place. I plan to keep as close to the schedule as possible. There will not be a check run the last week of any month. Due to this new reimbursement system and multiple funds I need time to complete forms and other duties. Check out our web site and resource library: <http://swrecnm.org>

tions.

(505) 894-7589 ext. 21

Remember!

December 8, 9, 10, 2005

National ACTE in Kansas City, Missouri. Thank you all, have a great and safe School Year.

Geri Bennett



**To: Business Managers,
Secretaries, Program Directors**

**From : Geri Bennett,
Business Manager**

The new fiscal year is on its way. Funding is all here so lets get the requisitions in. Remember 50% by December 2005. It makes the Public Education Department happy. Happy people make happy places. Yes it is important that we get our supplies and materials orders in and on their way. The Public Education Department is looking very closely to the amount spent each quarter. This is expenditure not encumbrances, so we need to get the orders in to get them spent. I know you can do it, you did **great** last year.

Accounts payable: 1st Three Wednes-

Call me at any time if you have any ques-

Medicaid Update Medicaid Update

This past quarter we, again, submitted Administrative Time Studies to Medicaid and look forward to seeing what our reimbursement will be for these participants. Thank you to all who were sent red envelopes (Random Moment Sample Questionnaires) and asked to participate.

As there are always new people on board, just a few reminders to help my job to be easier and our reimbursement from Medicaid be greater:

- Service logs are due from ancillary providers by the 10th of every month
- Service logs should be completely filled out including the diagnosis code and how many students are involved in group sessions. Please list number of minutes each student is seen
- IEP Medicaid Consent Forms should include the

student's social security number and Dr or clinic the student has been associated with

- Along with the consent form please send the following pages from the IEP: cover page, related services page and signature page.

Thank you for being a part of our students' growth and well being.

Casey Andrews-Hedge, Medicaid Data Clerk

3-Tier Licensure

3-Tiered Licensure Training

Again this year, the SWREC has received a grant from the PED to conduct training on New Mexico's Three-tiered Teacher Licensure Evaluation System. Although the grant is smaller than last year's grant, the funding will provide localized training. This year's grant includes district's that are not members of the SWREC.

The focus of this year's training will be on administrators. New training modules on developing Professional Development Plans and evaluating teachers at the different levels in licensure are available. Of course, training is also available for teachers on the 3TL system and for teachers that are considering submitting a dossier this year.

For further information on the trainings available and to schedule training, please contact Dr. Bruce Hegwer at 505-740-0020, or call the SWREC office at 894-7589.

SWREC, Your "One-Stop Shop" for Services

The SWREC is your "One-Stop Shop" for a variety of other services. The SWREC can now offer each district a variety of other planning and professional development opportunities. The new offerings include:

- Strategic Planning for School Boards and/or administrators
- 7 Habits of Highly Effective People
- 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens
- Keys to Successful Bond and Mill Levy Elections

Got a need and don't know where to go? The SWREC may be able to provide other services depending upon your district's needs. For further information on how the SWREC can help meet your needs, please call Cathe North at 505-894-7589. Additional fees will apply for these offerings.

WIA Update



Youth One-Stop Shop

Services Provided and Requirements

The Youth One-Stop Shop helps eligible youth in Sierra County prepare for and find employment. Funds for this program are provided by the Workforce Investment Act and flow through the Southwest Area Workforce Development Board and are administered by the Workforce. The Southwest Regional Education Center applies for these funds on an annual basis.

The Youth One-Stop Shop is not just an employment agency for underprivileged youth. Improving literacy skills, developing employability skills, exploring different careers and educational opportunities, and gaining work experience are all required components of the program. In addition, collaboration between the participants, parents/guardians, employers, and case managers is critical to the success of the program.

To participate in the program an individual must be between the

ages of 14-21, low income and meet at least one of the following barriers to employment:

1. School dropout (individual is no longer attending any school and has not received a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent);
2. Basic skills deficient (individuals that have English, writing or computing skills at or below the 8th grade level on a generally accepted standardized test;
3. Foster child
4. Pregnant or parenting
5. Individuals with disabilities, including learning disabilities
6. Homeless or runaway youth
7. Offenders

SWREC STAFF:

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Bruce Hegwer, WIA Program Manager
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PARTICIPATING / MEMBER DISTRICTS

Animas Public Schools
Deming Public Schools
Hatch Valley Public Schools
Lordsburg Municipal Schools
Reserve Independent Schools
T or C Municipal Schools

IDEA Update

Gifted Education in New Mexico is under the umbrella of Special Education. A gifted child in this state is defined as a school-age person who intellectual ability paired with subject matter aptitude/achievement, creativity/divergent thinking, or problem-solving/critical thinking is so outstanding that a properly constituted Individual Education Plan (IEP) team decides special education services are required to meet the child's educational needs.

Source: Janice Szabos, Challenge Magazine
 Gifted Links:

- <http://technologyspotlight.org/>
- <http://www.ped.state.nm.us/seo/gifted/web.links.for.gifted.org.html>
- <http://www.ped.state.nm.us/seo/gifted/web.links.for.lessons.html>
- <http://www.ped.state.nm.us/seo/gifted/blooms.taxonomy.blocks.pdf>

A Bright Child	A Gifted Learner
Knows the answers	Asks the questions
Is interested	Is highly curious
Is attentive	Is mentally and physically involved
Has good ideas	Has wild, silly ideas
Works hard	Plays around, yet tests well
Answers the questions	Discusses in detail, elaborates
Top group	Beyond the group
Listens with interest	Shows strong feelings and opinions
Learns with ease	Already knows
6-8 repetitions for mastery	1-2 repetitions for mastery
Understands ideas	Constructs abstractions
Enjoys peers	Prefers adults
Grasps the meaning	Draws inferences
Completes assignments	Initiates projects
Is receptive	Is intense
Copies accurately	Creates a new design
Enjoys school	Enjoys learning
Absorbs information	Manipulates information
Technician	Inventor
Good memorizer	Good guesser
Enjoys straight forward, sequential presentation	Thrives on complexity
Is alert	Is keenly observant
Is please with own learning	Is highly self-critical



Tech Prep / Perkins

Carl Perkins & Tech Prep

The Carl Perkins and Tech Prep funding that we, as a consortium, receive from the Public Education Department (PED) is tied to meeting certain state and federal requirements. Programs funded through the basic Carl Perkins must offer a sequence of three classes. Programs funded through the Tech Prep must offer two years of classes at the junior and senior grades that articulate with two years at a college or vocational-technical school and lead to an industry certification. All indications are that with the reauthorization all funded programs will resemble Tech Prep and students will chose Career Pathways within federally recognized Career Clusters.

With strong guidance from PED the focus of this year's funding for districts and consortia is on professional development and the creation of programs of study that reflect the move towards Career Clusters and Pathways. The SWREC funds are supporting district personnel participation in the National ACTE Conference in early December and the National Career Clusters Institute in June as well as a number of local and regional activities. Keep an eye on our website for upcoming information.

Upcoming Events:

October 20-22
 National DCDT Conference in
 Albuquerque, NM

November 8, 9, 2005 -
 SWREC Strategic Advance Board
 & Staff

December 8, 9, 10, 2005 -
National ACTE in Kansas
City, Missouri