

# Clare-Gladwin RESD

## Special Education Matters

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### Trauma Informed and Sensitive Schools



On August 24, Dr. James Henry from Western Michigan University delivered a presentation at Gladwin High School to an audience of 375 Clare and Gladwin County educators. The audience included: para-educators, teachers and administrators from Gladwin, Beaverton, Harrison as well as Mid-Michigan Community Action Agency preschools. Representatives from the Gladwin County Probate Court and Community Mental Health attended as well. Dr. Henry's message clearly pointed

out the science behind the adverse impact of childhood trauma, how it effectson our students and why educators need to respond. He also touched on secondary trauma and how that can adversely affect the educators working with these students. Feedback from the event was very positive in terms of the quality of the presentation and what participants will do as a result of what they learned. A few survey comments include:



***"I will look at a child's behavior with a different perspective."***

***"I will understand and better support children with trauma stress and their need for regulation."***

***"I will communicate with students and parents much differently."***

***"Dr. Henry was a great presenter who brought real life experience and great knowledge to us. Great Training!"***

## Transition Matters

It was a busy summer for Transition. In partnership with Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS) and Wilson State Park in Harrison, we were able to offer on-the-job training (OTJ). One student from Gladwin completed the program and has been offered employment for next summer. If you were around the park this summer you may have noticed new picnic tables, cleared brush and updates to the bathhouses. Our students assisted with these projects.

This summer we continued our work with the Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP). This is a project supported by the Michigan Development Disability Council (DDC). The project follows a total of six students between CGRESD and COORISD to analyze and update our current procedures for transitioning our most significantly impaired populations out of the school and into the community setting.

I'm looking forward to another great year!

Katie Knapp-Wyman

## Quotes that Matter

The most important trip you may take in life is meeting people halfway.

Henry Boye

## Medicaid Tip

Personal care service must be medically necessary. Which means the service **addresses a medical or mental disability** or it is needed to attain or retain the capability of normal activity, independence or self care. The service must be written into the IEP. You are writing in the service not the person who is providing the service.

## New Staff at the Area School

The Area School has recently hired two new teachers. Mallari Fachting has taken the place of Cathryn Graveline in the Severely Cognitively Impaired classroom. Cathryn retired after 13 years of working at the Area School. She and her husband have moved to the Ann Arbor area to be closer to family. Mallari worked with us over the summer and has proven to be a wonderful fit for students and staff. In late July Tom O'Brien resigned to move closer to his girlfriend in the Muskegon area. Colleen Crites was hired two weeks before the start of school and has been running ever since. She has had major changes in her life which include this teaching position, moving from the Benton Harbor area, buying a new house, and getting married. She has handled everything with ease. We are very fortunate to have hired both Mallari and Colleen for the Area School and look forward to working with them for many years to come.

Mike Simon



**Two Day Training**

**Dates and Times:**

October 14 & 21, 2016  
8:30 a.m. Registration 9  
a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Location:**

Mid Michigan Community College  
Harrison Campus - Ester C Room  
(formerly Michigan Room)

**To Register:**

Contact Roxie Greenman at  
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**Cost:**

FREE to Clare/Gladwin GSRP and  
Head Start partners.  
All others \$10. per day: covers cost  
of lunches and materials.  
SCECH's available-pending approval.

# Conscious Discipline Training

*By: Kendra Curtiss-Tomaski*

**Conscious Discipline®  
is a research-based  
program proven to:**

- Increase academic achievement
- Decrease problem behaviors in children of all ages
- Improve quality relationships, including student to student, teacher to student, parent to child, teacher to parent, and coworker to coworker.



## Backpack Project



Several CGRESD staff assigned to the Farwell school district graciously contributed money to purchase 23 backpacks. Of the 23 backpacks, 4 were donated to the Area school and 19 were donated to Farwell High School. These backpacks are available for students in need.

## Notes from the Monitor

### IEP Updates

1. Finalize your IEPs within 7 days of the IEP meeting. If it is past 7 days EdPlan will not allow you to finalize the document.
2. The two revoking special education services documents (consent and notice) are now in the document's section in EdPlan. We are asking that you now access these documents on EdPlan and not on the special education webpage. Here is what it will look like in EdPlan:

### Documents

Documents:

Special Education

Early On

Medicaid

IEP At-A-Glance

New IEP at a Glance (for use with new IEP)

Manifestation Determination Review

Acknowledgement of Revocation of Parent Consent

Interim Alternative Educational Setting

Revocation of Parental Consent for Special Education