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Grant Wood AEA

A Directory of Services and Staff – Grant Wood AEA 2012-2013

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Our mission: to ensure success for all learners.

Grant Wood Area Education Agency

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AREA EDUCATION AGENCY

Grant Wood Area Education Agency extends equal opportunities in its employment practices, educational programs and services, and does not discriminate on the basis of color, gender, race, national origin, religion, creed, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, disability, veteran status or as otherwise prohibited by law. If you believe you or your child has been discriminated against or treated unjustly, please contact the Agency's Equity Coordinator, Maria Cashman, at 319-399-6847 or 800-332-8488, Grant Wood AEA, 4401 Sixth St SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404.

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OUR GOALS

1. Increase the academic performance of all students.
2. Increase the percentage of students who perform at the proficient level.
3. Increase student acquisition and application of 21st century skills and knowledge.

OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

1. Develop and use data systems that will measure the impact of decisions and actions.
2. Utilize resources efficiently and effectively.
3. Advance learning, innovation, and creativity.
4. Develop integrated, customized solutions.
5. Implement effective service delivery.

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Grant Wood Area Education Agency Supporting Education

Grant Wood Area Education Agency (AEA 10) provides support to over 68,000 students and 5,000 teachers in 32 K-12 public school districts, 22 approved, nonpublic K-12 schools, preschools and daycare centers in Benton, Cedar, Iowa, Johnson, Jones, Linn, and Washington counties in east central Iowa.

As educational partners with schools, Grant Wood AEA helps students, school staffs, parents, and communities meet the growing challenges of accountability and student achievement. The agency provides special education support services, media and technology services, a variety of instructional services, professional development, and leadership to promote school improvement.

Unlike local school districts, the AEA system has no taxing authority. It is funded by a per-pupil assessment designated by the legislature, by federal funds from the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), various grants, and from sale of services. Grant Wood AEA receives approximately $35 million from local, state and federal sources to serve children with disabilities. The remainder of the agency's funding provides for media and a variety of educational services to schools and communities.

The following are just a few of the key roles the agency plays in the communities it serves:

- The AEA identifies the needs of children with disabilities and provides for or supplements a wide variety of services to meet those needs.
- The Agency offers professional skill-enhancements to teachers, including credit courses for licensure renewal.
- The AEA supports district personnel in curriculum and assessments.
- The agency provides a staff with specialized skills that many schools could not afford to have on their own.
- School districts benefit from shared resources such as videos and DVDs, educationally designed data bases and search engines for school libraries, and science kits for classroom instruction.
- Economical group purchasing by the AEAs saves local districts money.
- Schools also benefit from the agency's Computer Services and Technology Support areas.

Grant Wood AEA wants to be a partner with you and your school, and to provide you with the best available educational opportunities and resources. We welcome your call.

How to Use This Directory

The Yellow Pages is Grant Wood AEA's directory of services and staff.

Beginning on page six of this directory is an alphabetical listing of agency programs and services followed by a brief description, the name(s) of a contact person and the contact phone number.

To call the Sixth Street or 33rd Avenue facilities, dial 319-399-6700 or use the 800-332-8488 toll-free WATS-line number and an information center receptionist will answer. To call the Coralville Facility, dial 319-351-2510, or use the 800-854-0446 toll-free WATS-line number and a secretary will answer.

How to Call Us

If you know the four-digit extension or voice mail number for a specific staff member and want to leave them a message, locally in the Cedar Rapids area you can dial 319-399-6555, then the four-digit number. Locally in the Iowa City area you can dial 319-358-6200. If you are out of either calling area, use the 800-798-9771 toll-free WATS-line number and then enter the last four digits of the staff member's extension/voice mail number as the directions indicate. This will put you directly into his/her voice mail box, and bypasses the switchboard. Most Grant Wood AEA staff have voice mail access.

The 800-798-9771 number may also be used to leave messages for individual staff members when the agency is closed.

Agency Hours

The Media Center and staff offices are open from 7:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. M-F during the school year and from 7:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. during the summer.

The Conference Center is often open during the evening and on weekends if classes and meetings are scheduled. A Conference Center attendant will be at the information desk.

Staff Information

A directory of Grant Wood AEA staff is available by visiting the "Contact Us" section of the Agency's website at www.aea10.k12.ia.us. Of course, you can also reach most agency staff through e-mail. This directory of services and staff is constantly updated.

We hope you find this directory useful. Be sure to give us your comments or suggestions for the future. If you wish more copies or to comment, call the Grant Wood AEA Communications Office, 319-399-6714.

GWAEA Administration and Organization

Administration

Joe Crozier, Chief Administrator 399-6711
Kim Martin, Board Secretary 399-6710
Maria Cashman, Associate Administrator 399-6847
Kelley Martin, Executive Assistant 399-6801
Kris Donnelly, Programs/Services Administrator 399-6783
Carla Green, Executive Assistant 399-6804
Lisa Fry, Programs/Services Administrator 399-6732
Nancy Lochner, Executive Assistant 399-6737
George Held, Communications Supervisor 399-6714
Val Taylor Hill, Public Information Specialist 399-6824

Board of Directors

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The Grant Wood AEA board usually meets the third Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the Grant Wood Room at the Sixth Street facility located at 4401 Sixth Street S.W., in Cedar Rapids. Agendas and support materials are available the Friday before each board meeting.

Kim Martin, Board Secretary 399-6710

Business Services Office

The Business Services Office collaborates with the Human Resources Office to support employees and others with business and HR services. Business Services staff perform many financial services, including payroll, insurance administration, and processing of accounts payable, accounts receivable and cash receipts. Online services allow employees to enter reimbursement claims or purchase requests, as well as access financial information for budget monitoring and reporting purposes.

Amy Cameron, Accounts Payable Technician 399-6707

Barb Harms, Business Manager 399-6704

Rita Merta, Financial Accounting Assistant 399-6708

Cathy Kearns, Payroll/Benefits Specialist 399-6706

Denise Scott, Accounts Receivable Specialist 399-6705

Communications Office

The Communications Office provides internal and external communication planning for the agency, engages in community and board relations, edits publications, plans special events, handles news media relations and assesses the effectiveness of communication between the agency and its various audiences. Consultation is also provided for local schools.

George Held, Supervisor 399-6714

Valerie Taylor Hill, Public Information Specialist 399-6824

Cathy Nelson, Receptionist 399-6544

Conference Center

Fully equipped meeting rooms are available throughout the workday, evenings and weekends. Priority use is for educators. Advance scheduling is required.

Connie Dvorak, Technology Center Technician 399-6720

Grant Wood AEA Website

Visit the Grant Wood AEA website at www.aea10.k12.ia.us.

Valerie Taylor Hill, Public Information Specialist 399-6824

Human Resources Office

The Human Resources Office collaborates with the Business Services Office to support employees and others with business and HR services. HR staff assist employees with employment information (policies, procedures, forms, etc.), license renewals, job/assignment openings, and application procedures. Online services are also provided, which offer employees the ability to view their individual leave balances, job history and license information, as well as update address and emergency contact information.

Jackie Schreder, Human Resources Coordinator 399-6731

Kim Lytle, Administrative Specialist 399-6703

Kathy Resewehr, Secretary 399-6748

Job-Line

Job Vacancies ..... 399-6555, vm 6312
Assignment Vacancies ..... 399-6555, vm 6302

The Linker

The Linker is an agency newsletter, published quarterly and distributed to 8,500 educators throughout the area. Included are the schedules of Professional Development courses and workshops. The agency welcomes submissions of articles and paid advertising, based on editorial and advertising guidelines.

Valerie Taylor Hill, Editor 399-6824

Regional Teams and Administrators

Each school district and accredited nonpublic school within Area 10 has an assigned Regional Administrator who coordinates and manages the staff and services for that district. See page 4 for an explanation, the list of Regional Administrators and a map of their assigned districts.

GWAEA Regional Administrators and Teams

Each school district and accredited private school within the seven-county service area has a Grant Wood AEA Regional Team and Regional Administrator.

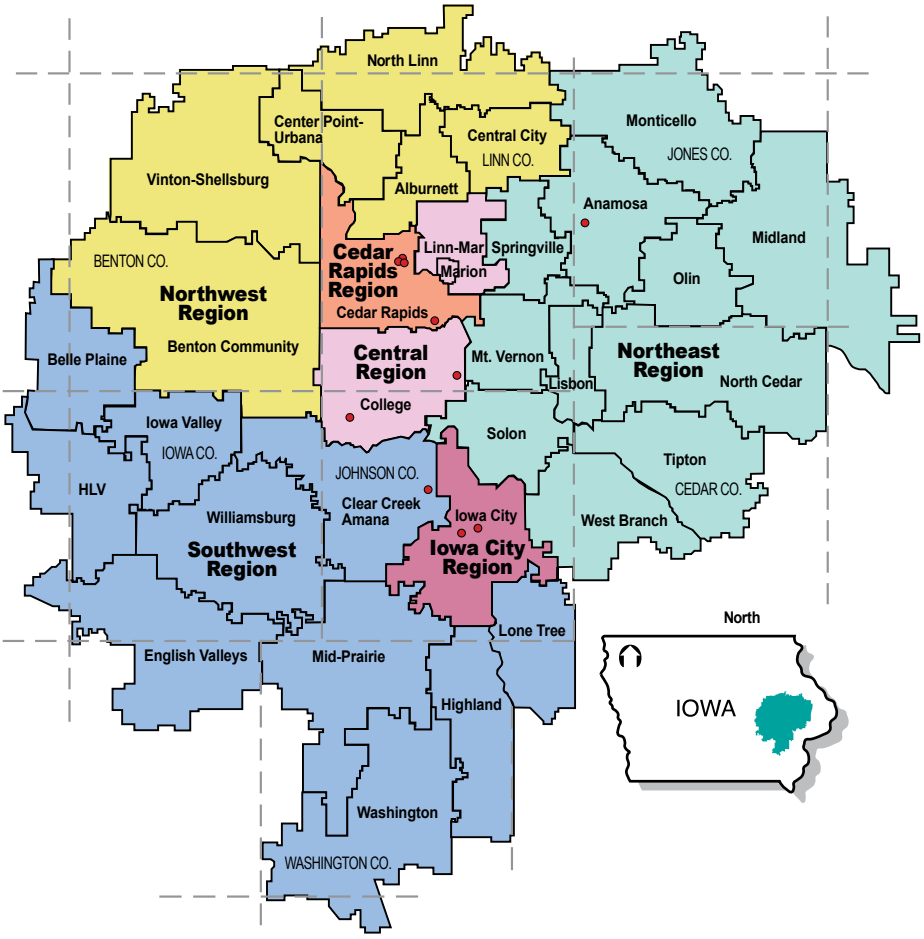
The Regional Administrator is available to the administrative team of the school district to provide a ready link to all AEA services, to help organize the delivery of those services to schools, and to locate other resources that might be useful. They will collaborate with district personnel in the development of district-AEA service plans.

Regional Administrators are also knowledgeable about special education and school law, or know how to access the information quickly.
At the agency, Regional Administrators meet frequently and have quick access to agency administration. They are advocates for their districts and can be instrumental in the development of new or customized services or procedures.

Meeting often with the administrative teams of their assigned districts and schools, they are familiar with the direction, goals and needs of the district, especially the components of the School Improvement Plan. Then they are able to suggest what AEA services might fit the district's goals and what ways could strengthen the school-AEA partnership.

The districts, Regional Administrators and Associate Regional Administrators are shown below.

2012-2013 School Districts and Counties served by Grant Wood Area Education Agency



Regional and Associate Regional Administrators

Cedar Rapids Region

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Rob Cassidy (Springville only)
Josh Lyons (Mt. Vernon, Solon)

Northwest Region

Janel Lesan 399-6810
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Southwest Region

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Off-Site Programs

Jill Weigel 399-6464
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Mentoring, Induction, and Retention (RHMIR)

Kim Owen 399-6803
kowen@gwaea.org

Recruitment and Hiring

Tina Hoffman 358-6254
thoffman@gwaea.org

Off-Site Programs

Grant Wood AEA provides instructional programs for adolescents living in juvenile homes, shelters, or special behavioral centers throughout Area 10. Teachers employed by the agency assess these students' needs, provide instruction at these facilities, and make recommendations for continuing education and independent living.

Jill Weigel, Regional Administrator 399-6464

Deb Meyer, Secretary 399-6849

Anamosa State Penitentiary

406 N. High St. - PO Box 10, Anamosa 52205
..... 462-3504, Ext. 2283

A.W.A.R.E. (Adolescents With Autism Regional Education)

4050 River Ridge Dr. N.E., Cedar Rapids 52402 368-5553
Fax 368-5813

Behavior Learning Center

1030 William St., Iowa City 52240 887-0975

Foundation II Shelter

3015 12th Ave. S.W., Cedar Rapids 52404 366-8797

Iowa Medical And Classification Center

Hwy 218 - Box A, Oakdale 52319 626-2391

Life Skills Program

4050 River Ridge Dr. N.E., Cedar Rapids 52402 368-5853

Linn County Detention Center

800 Walford Rd. S.W., Cedar Rapids 52404 892-5735

S.E.A.D. (Social-Emotional and Autism Disorders)

4050 River Ridge Dr. N.E., Cedar Rapids 52402 368-5642

VITAL

Kirkwood Community College
Linn Hall Rm 143
6301 Kirkwood Blvd. S.W., Cedar Rapids 52404 398-5448

Youth Emergency Shelter (YES)

1916 Waterfront Dr., Iowa City 52240 337-5080

Grant Wood AEA Programs and Services

The legislature has identified the following nine categories as the critical areas of services Iowa's AEAs should provide to local schools.

Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

Offering support and expertise on best practices in both content and skill areas for children birth to age 5 and K-12 students.

Diverse Learning

Providing specialized services for children and students birth to age 21 with diverse learning needs, including students with disabilities.

Instructional Media

Providing instructional materials to support K-12 classroom instruction and support for School Improvement, Printing, Graphics and Teacher Work Center services.

Multicultural, Gender-Fair

Providing services that assist schools and school districts to ensure supportive learning environments for all students.

Professional Development

Assisting districts in implementing the Iowa Professional Development Model; coordinating workshops, license renewal courses, graduate programs, and ongoing consultation for area educators and support staff.

School-Community Planning

Providing support for School Improvement processes and communication with families and communities.

School Leadership

Providing leadership services that assist with the recruitment, induction, retention, and professional development of educational leaders.

School Management

Providing support and interim management of school administrative functions.

School Technology

Providing assistance with technology planning and integration, training, cooperative purchasing, networking, duplication, and distance learning.

Alternate Assessment

The Individuals with Disabilities ACT (IDEA) and the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) requires that all students with disabilities, even those with severe disabilities, participate in state and district assessment programs. In Iowa, the majority of students with disabilities participate in district-wide assessments by taking ITBS/ITED or other district-wide assessments, with or without accommodations. For those students who are unable to participate in these assessments due to the severity of their disability, an alternate assessment process is in place. Agency staff is available to answer questions regarding Alternate Assessment.

Paul Kiburz, Regional Administrator 358-2100

Carla Green, Executive Assistant.....399-6804

Assessment of Needs

Agency staff will assist with a variety of methods for determining the learning needs of students and staff, including organization and facilitation of community forums, strategic planning or small group problem-solving sessions; development of print or phone surveys, organization and facilitation of focus groups; and samples of needs assessment strategies used by other districts.

Contact your Grant Wood AEA Regional Administrator
- See page 4

Assistive Technology

Assistance with augmentative communication and adapted computer access and adaptive software is provided to students with physical and communication needs to support learning.

Stacy Behmer, Coord. of Digital Learning Technology.....399-6866

Julie Freed, Speech-Language Pathologist.....399-6546

Autism Resource Team

A resource team of educators and AEA support staff provides consultation, information and coordination of plans for persons with autism and related disorders and for their families.

Janel Lesan, Regional Administrator 399-6810

Before-After School, Latchkey Programs

Agency staff will answer questions concerning the development of before- and after-school programs.

Mary Airy, Curriculum Consultant 399-6725

Bond Issue and PPL Campaigns

Agency staff will assist with promotional campaigns and production of information pieces for passing referendums.

George Held, Communications Supervisor 399-6714

Books

- See Professional Collection
- See Rotating Reads
- See Student Books (includes Boxed Books, Multiples and Leveled sets)

Brain Injury Resource Team

A multi-disciplinary team will provide consultation and information to other AEA staff and local school teams who are working with students with traumatic brain injuries (head injuries).

Kelley Martin, Executive Assistant.....399-6801

Budget Preparation and School Finance

The AEA Business Office provides assistance with the Certified Annual Report and with preparation of school budgets.

Barb Harms, Business Manager 399-6704

Bullying, Harassment & Sexual Harassment Prevention and Intervention

- See Learning Supports

Bus Driver Certification and Chassis Inspection Forms

School districts may contact the Grant Wood AEA Business Office to receive Bus Driver Certification and Bus Chassis Inspection forms.

Denise Scott, Accounts Receivable Specialist 399-6705

Career Connections

Career Connections provides students with disabilities the extra training and support needed to become independent and successful in community jobs. The program is a collaboration between local school districts, and U.S. Department of Education-funded transition program operated by Grant Wood AEA, in collaboration with and community-based employment agencies (Advancement Services of Jones County; Goodwill of the Heartland; Optimae Lifeservices in Washington; Rural Employment Alternatives in Conroy; and the University of Iowa's Center for Disabilities and Development).

Lauri Jennisch, Career Connections 358-6263

Career and Technical Education

Agency staff will offer inservice, ongoing consultation and materials to assist schools with career and technical education. This includes assistance with Carl Perkins funding, standards and benchmarks for Career and Technical Education, development of performance indicators, and preparation for school accreditation site visits.

Brad Colton, School Improvement Consultant 399-6778

Childcare Alliance Response Team (C.A.R.T.)

The Childcare Alliance Response Team (CART) provides intensive behavioral support for children ages 0-5, who are not identified as having special education needs. Children may be referred by childcare providers or parents for extremely challenging behaviors in their childcare setting. This program can be a support to parents who may be in danger of losing their employment if their child is unable to remain in their childcare setting. Because CART is a Linn, Johnson, and Washington County Community Empowerment Grant funded program, referrals to this program are limited to early care and education providers in Linn, Johnson, and Washington counties only.

Jeanie Wade-Nagle, Early Education Supervisor..... 399-6574

Classroom Collection

The Classroom Collection includes curriculum materials to support learning activities. Items in this collection include activity manuals, kits, exemplary programs, and books-on cassette.

Melva Starr, Media Specialist 399-6454

College for Kids

College for Kids offers programming for high-ability middle school students in the areas of academic enrichment and fine art.

Susie Green, Student Programs Specialist 399-6775

Color Copies

The GWAEA Print Shop can produce full color copies from originals up to 11"x17". The color copier can reduce 50%, enlarge 400%*, add spot color to black and white originals and make color transparencies from color paper originals, as a few of its many features. (*Some enlargements may be output on multiple 11"x17" sheets.)

Tara Johannsen, Supervisor, Graphics/Printing.....399-6740

Communication Audits

A Communication Audit is a study of the effectiveness of communication within a school district or externally among schools, families and the community. As an assessment tool for School Improvement, the communication audit may involve research on perceptions and attitudes; an analysis of publications and archival data, communication policies and procedures; and/or a study of school culture and environment. As an early step in assessing needs, the Grant Wood AEA Communications Office staff will conduct internal and/or external communication audits with a district or building and its community. The audits provide insights into the effectiveness of communication and recommendations for improvement.

George Held, Communications Supervisor 399-6714

Community Empowerment

In 1998, the Iowa Legislature established a Community Empowerment process, pooling and allocating funds to partnerships within geographical areas, which focused on the well-being of families with young children and the removal of barriers to receiving education, health and human services. School board members, administrators, teachers and families are invited to be part of the process. Grant Wood AEA staff have been an integral part of Community Empowerment efforts in each county, can explain the legislation and its impact on schools, and can assist in getting involved with local efforts.

Jeanie Wade-Nagle, Early Education Supervisor.....399-6574

Comprehensive School Improvement Plans

Chapter 12, IAC, requires school districts and accredited nonpublic schools to develop Comprehensive School Improvement Plans and to report both to the Dept. of Education and to the community the progress being made toward student achievement goals. Agency staff can provide support for the development of these plans and reports.

Contact your Grant Wood AEA Regional Administrator
- See page 4

Computer Services

- See PowerSchool Student System
- See Internet Hosting and Network Consulting Services
- See Payroll and Finance
For general questions, call:

Dave Brousard, Director of Information Technology.....399-6795

Consultant Services

Consultants with expertise in writing and implementing IEPs, modeling classroom strategies, teaching life skills and academic content for diverse learners and students with special needs, developing accommodations, adapted physical education, transition planning, managing student behaviors, facilitating planning, and knowing special education law are members of the regional teams.

Janel Lesan, Regional Administrator 399-6810

Cooperative Purchasing

The Iowa Educators Consortium, IEC, is an initiative of the Iowa AEAs that provides a cooperative purchasing program for all Iowa K-12 schools. Discounts are available in the following areas: arts & crafts, athletics & PE, AV & computer, building & grounds, food, furniture, health & first aid, janitorial, media & technology, office products, paper & copiers and school administration. For additional information, visit www.iec-ia.org.

Jerry Cochrane, Iowa Educators Consortium 399-6741

Copyright Information

Information on general copyright questions.

Melva Starr, Media Specialist 399-6454

Crisis Communication

Throughout the school year, many crises and emergencies can occur. As a result, it's crucial to have a written emergency plan, outlining communication procedures, and strategies for informing parents and news media. Agency staff can provide samples of district plans and suggestions for an effective emergency plan.

George Held, Communications Supervisor 399-6714

Crisis Prevention Intervention (CPI) Training

CPI is a respectful, noninvasive method to use in defusing escalating behavior and safely managing physically aggressive behavior. Participants learn proven strategies for preventing and resolving situations when confronted by anxious, hostile, or violent behavior. Training and registration for initial, advanced and recertification sessions are scheduled through the Grant Wood AEA Professional Development Program. Available sessions are listed in *The Linker* and on the Grant Wood AEA website at www.aea10.k12.ia.us.

Jill Weigel, Regional Administrator.....399-6464

Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM)

Teams are available to provide immediate assistance to local schools in times of crisis or traumatic events, and to help schools plan for such events. For additional information or to contact a CISM Team, call:

Katy Lee, Team Coordinator.....399-6588

Tracy Liebermann, Regional Administrator 358-6207

Data Collection and Analysis

Districts are using the Grant Wood AEA On-line Assessment System, an Internet system, for collecting, recording and analyzing district-wide assessment data.

Michelle Tressel, Instructional Data Facilitator 399-6868

Delivery Media Center/VAST Center

- See Van Delivery

Detention and Youth Shelter Programs

AEA staff provides instruction for students who are detained in a detention center or youth shelter program. These are sometimes referred to as Off-Site Programs.

Jill Weigel, Regional Administrator.....399-6464

Developmentally Appropriate Education PK-3

Agency staff will assist preschools and K-3 primary programs with planning, best practices and assessment of developmentally appropriate education.

Mary Airy, Curriculum Consultant.....399-6725

Jeanie Wade-Nagle, Early Education Supervisor.....399-6574

Distance Learning

Grant Wood AEA schedules and organizes distance learning programs using local, state and national resources, and assists districts with the installation of and training in the use of distance learning classrooms.

For information about scheduling for professional development, contact:

Tammy Carolan, Registrar/Secretary 399-6771

DVD and Video

- See Motion Media

Early ACCESS

Early ACCESS is the system implemented by the state of Iowa to serve children from birth to age three, who have either a developmental delay, or have a condition that has a high probability of later delays if early intervention services are not provided. Eligible children and their families receive service coordination to assist them in accessing the services and supports they need.

Jeanie Wade-Nagle, Early Education Supervisor.....399-6574

Early Childhood Assessment and Strategies Toolbox

The Early Childhood Assessment and Strategies Toolbox is a section of the Grant Wood AEA website (www.aea10.k12.ia.us), which provides access to behavior strategies, classroom management and skill development resources for children ages 3-5 years.

Jeanie Wade-Nagle, Early Education Supervisor.....399-6574

Early Childhood Special Education

ECSE services are available for preschool children ages 3-5. Includes evaluation and intervention services, which are family centered and community based.

Jeanie Wade-Nagle, Early Education Supervisor.....399-6574

Educator Licensing Information

All educator licenses must be registered with the Iowa Department of Education. The GWAEA Professional Development Program can provide information about licensing procedures and courses to meet license and renewal requirements.

Connie Russell, Secretary/Registrar 399-6757

Sherry Sines, Professional Development Coordinator.....399-6517

Electronic Publishing

GWAEA Graphics/Printing can accept your word processing files electronically through e-mail and use them to design your material for print. They also have the ability to e-mail PDF files for proofing. If your materials are ready for print, you can submit them electronically as a postscript or PDF file attached to an e-mail or you can submit them directly to the printer over the Web through an IP address, which is available upon request.

Tara Johannsen, Supervisor, Graphics/Printing.....399-6740

Electronic Surveys

The agency helps schools develop and execute electronic, Web-based surveys using software developed by Zoomerang. School districts have used these surveys in a variety of ways - from student or teacher self-assessments to staff or parent opinion polls to feedback from recent graduates. The survey instrument offers many different types of questions - open ended, fill-in questions; true/false; multiple choice; rating scales; etc. All surveys offered through Zoomerang provide complete confidentiality for survey participants.

George Held, Communications Supervisor 399-6714

ELL (English Language Learners) Resource Team

The ELL Resource Team answers questions related to learning English as a second language. On-site observations and consultation, staff development or referrals to other resources will be provided when appropriate.

Julie Grotewold, Regional Administrator 399-6876

Lynn Tiemann, Speech-Language Pathologist 399-6811

Equity Issues

The Grant Wood Area Education Agency Equity Advisory Committee provides bi-annual review of the Agency's Equal Opportunity Employment (EOE)/Affirmative Action (AA) policy and makes suggestions for updates and enhancements.

Kim Owen, Chair, Equity Committee 399-6803

Maria Cashman, Associate Administrator/Equity Coordinator.. 399-6847

E-Rate/Universal Service Fund

Eligible public and nonpublic schools and libraries are able to purchase certain approved telecommunications services, Internet access and internal connections at discounted rates through an annual E-Rate application process.

Lisa Fry, Programs/Services Admin.....399-6732

(November 1 through February 29 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM each school day for all E-Rate questions and help with applications, filing forms on-line, and other E-Rate issues.)

Evaluations and Stakeholder (Customer) Satisfaction

Agency staff can assist schools with developing evaluation strategies, with collecting and tabulating data, and with interpretation and analysis for determining if results meet the expectations of decision makers and taxpayers.

Contact your Grant Wood AEA Regional Administrator
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Evaluator Approval Training

Iowa Teacher Quality legislation required that the state of Iowa develop new training for educators who evaluate staff members. This training called Evaluator Approval Training and the Iowa Evaluator Approval Renewal Training Level II are offered throughout the state of Iowa in various locations. The training involves six days of classroom instruction, various independent projects and a performance review.

Sherry Sines, Professional Development Coordinator.....399-6517

Extended School Year Program Description

In meeting their obligation to offer each child with a disability a free, appropriate public education (FAPE), local school districts must make available programs and services that meet a child's individual needs. Some children may require the provision of services beyond the traditional school year. Such services are components known as extended school year (ESY) services. Federal and state law and regulations do not require that every student with a disability receive extended school year services. These decisions are made annually by each student's IEP team.

Contact your Grant Wood AEA Regional Administrator
- See page 4

Facilitation

Nearly all agency-certificated staff has been trained in the Four Hats Strategies, in the McNellis Planning Process, or in Total Quality tools for teaming and problem solving. Staff is available to facilitate groups in local communities or schools or to train others in using the skills.

Contact your Grant Wood AEA Regional Administrator
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Gifted Education

Consultants provide support and links for gifted education in area schools.

Heather Feuerhelm, Curriculum Consultant.....399-6447

Goldfinch Book Award

- See IASL Book Awards

Graduate Degrees and Endorsements

Grant Wood AEA, in collaboration with approved universities and colleges, offers on-site programs leading to educator endorsements and graduate degrees. Drake University offers a principal's endorsement with a Master's Degree in Education Leadership reading endorsement, a gifted and talented endorsement, a work experience coordinator endorsement, and a middle school endorsement program. Graceland University offers a Master of Education in Collaborative Teaching and Learning. Instructional Strategist I and Instructional Strategist II special education endorsements and a Master's Degree may be obtained through Morningside College. Most courses are offered in evening, weekend and summer formats.

Sherry Sines, Professional Development Coordinator.....399-6517

Grant Wood AEA Forms Flow Chart

This simple table outlines the forms that are both required and recommended for most special education activities.

Melissa Tandy, Interim Facilitator 399-6806

Graphics

Grant Wood AEA graphic designers can provide artistic design and technical assistance in planning and producing a wide range of print and non-print materials. Services include layout and design of brochures, handbooks, logos, letterheads, forms, PowerPoint presentations, posters, displays, transparencies, etc. Word processing files can be accepted from a variety of Macintosh and Windows-based formats using a disk or e-mail.

Tara Johannsen, Supervisor, Graphics/Printing.....399-6740

Guidance

A consultant provides support and links for guidance programs and counselors in local schools.

Brad Colton, School Improvement Consultant 399-6778

GWAEA Online Catalog

http://medianet.aea10.k12.ia.us

Hearing Services

Identification through testing, medical referrals and educational planning for students who are deaf or have hearing impairments. Services, recommendations and materials are provided by trained audiometrists, audiologists and itinerant hearing teachers.

Deb Meyer, Secretary.....399-6849

Rob Cassidy, Regional Administrator.....399-6550

High School Book Award

- See IASL Book Awards

Home School (Competent Private Instruction)

The agency has a legal responsibility to certify that children being taught in private settings, such as home schools, are receiving competent instruction. Standardized tests for the children are administered annually at the agency.

Brad Colton.....399-6778

Homebound-Hospital Instruction

Grant Wood AEA is no longer responsible for providing homebound instruction service. Responsibility has shifted to our school districts. If assistance is needed in this area, please contact your school district.

Human Relations

One of the teacher license requirements in Iowa is a course in human relations. Grant Wood AEA is an approved provider for this course.

Sherry Sines, Professional Development Coordinator.....399-6517

Internet Hosting and Network Consulting Services

Grant Wood AEA offers many Internet hosting and network consulting services. These include website hosting, staff e-mail accounts, DNS management and content filtering services. Schools and districts can get Internet service from Grant Wood AEA using a variety of connection methods including ICN Ethernet, point-to-point telecommunications and LAN-to-LAN VPN tunnels.

Michael Hauer, Administrative Computer/ Processing Facilitator 399-6788

Iowa Collaborative Assessment Modules

The Iowa Collaborative Assessment Modules are standards-referenced assessment modules for reading and mathematics. Districts can choose assessment modules to meet state requirements for "multiple measures" and to round out their comprehensive assessment system.

Contact your Grant Wood AEA Regional Administrator

- See page 4

Iowa Core

Grant Wood AEA staff is eager to provide support for buildings/ districts as they proceed to Implement the Action Plan for the Iowa Core.

Myra Hall, Iowa Core Facilitator.....399-6820

Keith Stamp, Regional Administrator.....399-6850

Iowa AEA Online

Grant Wood AEA collaborates with all Iowa AEAs to provide Iowa AEA Online (www.iowaaeaonline.org), a resource providing 13 online resources. The resources include AEA Digital Library, AP Images, Atomic Learning, Bookflix, Britannica Online, CultureGrams, GALE, iCLIPART For Schools, LEARN360, SIRS Issues Researcher, soundzabound, Teen Health & wellness, and TrueFlix. Students and staff have access at school and at home (Internet access required), 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Jerry Cochrane, Iowa Educators Consortium.....399-6741

Kathleen Goslinga, Media Assistant.....399-6582

- See Online Resources, pg. 12

IASL Book Awards

The Media Center provides sets of books for each of the awards sponsored by the Iowa Association of School Libraries. Sets may be ordered online at http://medianet.aea10.k12.ia.us or by calling 399-6754 or 1-800-642-4107.

Iowa Children's Choice Book Award

- See IASL Book Awards

Iowa Educators Consortium (IEC)

The Iowa Educators Consortium (IEC) is an initiative of Iowa's Area Education Agencies. The IEC provides a voluntary purchasing program allowing schools to take advantage of aggressive pricing based on the purchasing volume of many Iowa schools. Visit www.iec-ia.org.

Jerry Cochrane, IEC Coordinator.....399-6741

Iowa Assessments (Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS) and Iowa Tests of Educational Development (ITED))

Reports on scores in reading and mathematics from these standardized tests are required annually for 4th, 8th, and 11th grade students in Iowa. Agency staff will assist in interpreting test results.

Contact your GWAEA Regional Administrator

Iowa's Quality Preschool Program Standards

Agency staff is available to answer questions concerning the use of Iowa's Quality Preschool Program Standards.

Mary Airy, Curriculum Consultant.....399-6725

Jeanie Wade-Nagle, Early Education Supervisor.....399-6574

Kids on the Block

The "Kids" are a group of near-life-sized puppets that perform for third-graders in Area 10. The puppets help students with and without disabilities understand and appreciate each other. Scheduling of school performances is done at the beginning of each school year.

Cathy Nelson, Receptionist/Conference Center.....399-6700

Learning Supports

Learning Supports include a wide range of strategies, programs, services, and practices that are implemented to create conditions and environments that promote pre-kindergarten to 12th grade student learning. Learning supports promote healthy development for all students and address barriers to learning that students may encounter.

Jill Weigel, Regional Administrator.....399-6464

License Renewal Courses

More than 300 courses are offered year-round for college credit, teacher/administrator license renewal, paraeducator certification and renewal, substitute authorization and renewal, or for degrees and endorsements through the agency's Professional Development Program. On-site district/building courses and study groups can be approved for credit. The program assists in the coordination of the master's degrees and endorsements granted by Graceland University, Drake University and Morningside College.

A course catalog and participant registration information is available under Professional Development on the Grant Wood AEA website at www.aea10.k12.ia.us.

Tammy Carolan, Secretary/Registrar 399-6771

Connie Russell, Secretary/Registrar 399-6767

Sherry Sines, Professional Development Coordinator.....399-6517

Literacy

- See Reading/Language Arts Professional Development, pg. 14
- See Reading Recovery, pg. 14
- See Reading Seminars, pg. 14

Mandated Training

The GWAEA Professional Development Program offers and coordinates mandatory training for educational staff. This includes training for mandatory reporters of suspected child and dependent adult abuse, Level I investigators and alternates, medication administration, right to know/hazardous chemicals, asbestos awareness, bloodborne pathogens, and lockout/tagout.

Sherry Sines, Professional Development Coordinator.....399-6517

Tammy Carolan, Secretary/Registrar 399-6771

Mathematics Education

Consultants provide assistance in designing curriculum, modeling instruction, and using technology for math instruction. Problem solving and manipulatives are emphasized.

Chuck Gustafson, Curriculum Consultant.....399-6764

Amy Keller, Curriculum Consultant.....399-6529

Jeremiah McGraw, Curriculum Consultant 399-6578

Susan Parker, Curriculum Consultant.....399-6507

Keith Stamp, Regional Administrator.....399-6850

Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Testing

Grant Wood AEA provides consultant support for districts in the Eastern Iowa MAP Consortium.

Keith Stamp, Regional Administrator.....399-6850

Media Center Collection Assistance

Assistance with materials in the Media Center.

Melva Starr, Media Specialist 399-6454

Media Center Scheduling and Customer Assistance

Questions and answers on scheduling or assistance with Media Center questions.

Customer Assistance ..... 399-6754 or 800-642-4107

Mentoring and Induction Program

The Grant Wood AEA Mentoring and Induction Program is designed to provide professional development and support to district mentors and administrators assisting beginning teachers during their first two years in the profession. The program consists of several modules that provide the mentor with the knowledge and skills to help accelerate the learning of new teachers. Focused on the Iowa Teaching Standards and utilizing evidence and research based professional development, the sessions are highly interactive with opportunities for learning and practice.

Emily Thomson, Lead 399-6567

Kim Owen, Regional Administrator 399-6803

Motion Media

Various types of multimedia including DVD, video and streaming video are available.

For professional assistance or to recommend titles:
Charlotte Haddy, Media Supervisor.....399-6750

New Teacher Tours and Orientation

Tours include services of the Media Center and opportunities for new staff to get entered into the Media Center data base and check out materials.

Charlotte Haddy, Media Supervisor 399-6750

News Media Relations

The GWAEA Communications Office offers support for the development of news releases, public service announcements, and other news media relations activities.

George Held, Communications Supervisor 399-6714

Occupational Therapy

Occupational therapy (OT) services are provided for individuals if the Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) or Individual Education Program (IEP) team determines that these services are needed for the child or student to meet educational or functional goals. The focus of OT services includes self-care skills, fine and visual motor skills, behavior, accessibility, positioning, play and leisure skills, work and vocational skills, and social skills. OTs may also work with teachers and other members of the educational team to develop strategies, accommodations, and modifications for students receiving general education and special education services.

Josh Lyons, Regional Administrator.....399-6535

On-line Assessment System

The GWAEA On-line Assessment System is an Internet tool, which facilitates the district's collection, analysis, interpretation and reporting of student assessment data. The assessment system may be used to generate a number of reports, including some required in the Annual Progress Report (APR).

Michelle Tressel, Instructional Data Facilitator 399-6868

Online Resources

The following resources are provided through Iowa AEA Online: AP Images; Atomic Learning; BookFlix; Britannica Digital Learning; CultureGrams; Gale-Cengage Learning; iCLIPART for Schools; Learn360; SIRS Issues Researcher; soundzabound; TrueFlix; and Teen Health & Wellness.

Grant Wood AEA provides the following resources beyond Iowa AEA Online: EBSCOhost; FollettShelf; and netTrekker.

These resources support the content standards for school curriculum and student learning. Visit the Online Resources link from the Grant Wood AEA homepage at www.gwaea.org

Curriculum Integration
Kathleen Goslinga 399-6582

Online Resources – General Assistance

Product troubleshooting, help with password and general assistance. .....399-6754 or 800-642-4107

Online Resources – Integration and Demonstration

Professional assistance with integrating the online resources into classroom activities and the curriculum

Kathleen Goslinga, Media Assistant.....399-6582

Open Minds, Open Doors

Open Minds, Open Doors is a half-day conference intended to encourage middle school girls (6th-8th grades) to pursue career fields with foundations in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Girls attend hands-on workshops, voluntarily conducted by professional working women introducing them to a variety of careers in the Cedar Rapids-Iowa City corridor. Open Minds, Open Doors is a partnership between Grant Wood AEA, the American Association of University Women (AAUW), and Coe College.

Susie Green, Student Programs Specialist.....399-6775

Organizational Development

Services such as strategic planning, shared decision making, school improvement planning, learning organizations, systems thinking, total quality management, problem solving and leadership development are available upon request. Agency staff will coordinate and facilitate community forums, planning sessions and information campaigns.

Contact your Grant Wood AEA Regional Administrator
- See page 4

Paraeducators

Grant Wood AEA offers a variety of professional development opportunities for paraeducators, including the Paraeducator Certification Program and Paraeducator Certification Renewal.

Connie Russell, Secretary/Registrar 399-6767

Sherry Sines, Professional Development Coordinator 399-6517

Parent Education Consortium

The Parent Education Consortium (PEC) is an organization committed to increasing the capacity of the community to provide ongoing parenting education, professional development, and access to resources in order to facilitate the development of caring, competent, healthy children. Through the use of Linn County Community Empowerment funds, the PEC provides parenting classes, parenting resource materials, group presentations, and professional development inservices. For more information, visit www.aea10.org/pec.

Kathy Wimer, Director 399-6809

Parent-Educator Partnership

The Grant Wood AEA Parent-Educator Partnership (PEP) links families and educators for better understanding and communication. As part of a statewide Parent-Educator network, the program provides a lending library of printed information, books, DVDs and videos; a newsletter; workshops and consultation on communication and family issues; a speakers' bureau; and ongoing networking with support groups and parent-teacher organizations.

Jeanie Wade-Nagle, Early Education Supervisor.....399-6574

Sara Kane, PEP Parent Partner.....399-6702

Payroll and Finance

The Payroll and Financial Accounting systems are comprehensive, user-friendly, flexible and specifically designed for the K-12 school districts in Iowa. The Payroll system includes a Payroll and Leave module. The Financial Accounting system includes General Ledger, Purchase Order, Accounts Payable, Account Receivable, Check Reconciliation, Budgeting, and Fixed Asset modules.

Jerry Stevens, Computer Consultant 399-6756

Physical Therapy

Physical therapy services are provided for students with physical disabilities to facilitate optimal functioning and maximize accessibility in the educational environment. Positioning and mobility specifically are addressed and modifications/adaptations are made as needed. As members of educational teams, school physical therapists evaluate and treat functional needs of students as they affect daily programming, instruct staff in appropriate goals and care, and coordinate with members of respective medical teams as necessary for continuity of care.

Lisa Haverkamp, Regional Administrator 358-2109

Positive Behavioral Intervention Supports Training

Agency staff can provide training in the use of positive behavioral supports for students with behavior problems.

Jill Weigel, Regional Administrator.....399-6464

PowerSchool Student System

Schools may purchase Pearson PowerSchool Student System at a discount while receiving training and support from Grant Wood AEA staff. PowerSchool provides districts with a comprehensive K-12 web-based study system designed to not only meet district reporting needs, but increase communication between school and home.

Bob Neilly, Computer Consultant.....399-6749

Printing

The GWAEA Print Shop offers a variety of digital duplication/printing capabilities from economical high-speed printing to quality multi-color offset printing. A color copier is also featured for cost-saving, short-run, full-color work and for full-color proofs from the graphic designers. Recently, a large format full-color printer was added to produce high-quality posters and banners. Printing capabilities include, but are not limited to, carbonless forms, brochures, business cards, letterheads, envelopes, handbooks, transparencies, calendars, posters, manuals, etc.

Tara Johannsen, Supervisor, Graphics/Printing.....399-6740

Professional Collection

An integrated collection of print and nonprint materials, this collection contains the latest materials on topics pertinent to the educational professional.
For professional assistance or to recommend titles:

Melva Starr, Media Specialist 399-6454

Professional Development Program

The GWAEA Professional Development Program provides assistance to districts in implementing the Iowa Professional Development Model as well as coordinating workshops, license renewal courses, graduate programs, and ongoing consultation for area educators and support staff. Courses for license renewal and graduate credit are available for administrators, teachers and paraeducators. A statewide approved course for those seeking substitute authorization is also offered. A complete schedule is available on the Grant Wood AEA website under Professional Development at www.aea10.k12.ia.us.

Sherry Sines, Professional Development Coordinator.....399-6517

Tammy Carolan, Secretary/Registrar 399-6771

Professional Library

Professional books and non-print materials are available to support current educational trends, theories, curriculum development issues, administrative techniques, instructional strategies and to support school improvement at the district building and classroom level.

Melva Starr, Media Specialist 399-6454

To order materials:.....399-6754 or 800-642-4107

Profile of Services

The *Profile of Services* are printed reports combined with onsite presentations to local school boards reporting how Grant Wood AEA has served the district during the previous school year. Eleven school districts each year receive on-site *Profile of Services* presentations at their board meetings.

George Held, Communications Supervisor.....399-6714

Program Evaluation

Agency staf will assist educators in studying the effect or outcomes of various programs within their school.

Contact your Grant Wood AEA Regional Administrator

Psychological Services

School psychologists provide consultation and assessment for students who have school-related learning, emotional, social, and behavioral problems. The emphasis is on intervention and remediation through the team approach.

Julie Grotewold, Regional Administrator 399-6876

Publications and Reports

The GWAEA Communications Office and Graphics/Printing Departments provide training and consultation for school personnel in producing newsletters, annual reports, brochures, videos and handbooks. Examples from other districts are available. The staff in those departments will also assist with hands-on writing, editing, photography, designing, printing and production of those pieces, but there will be a fee for staff time and production costs.

George Held, Communications Supervisor 399-6714

Tara Johannsen, Supervisor, Graphics/Printing.....399-6740

Quality Data Tools

Quality Data Tools for educators are available as part of the Grant Wood AEA website at www.aea10.k12.ia.us. The tools, which include progress monitoring and classroom data tools, can be opened with any computer featuring Microsoft Excel.

www.gwaea.org/curr/assessments.html

Reading/Language Arts Professional Development

Consultants provide building-wide professional development, assistance with curriculum development, support for selecting materials, models of instructional approaches and ongoing consultation in reading, writing, speaking, and listening for K-12 students. These efforts are designed to build a school-wide learning community engaged in studying and promoting growth in literacy while focusing on improving student achievement in literacy. Schools participating in these activities will use a continuous data-based decision model as they study internal student performance and implementation data as well as study the external knowledge base.

Lisa Haverkamp, Regional Administrator 358-2105

Reading Recovery

Reading Recovery is a short-term, one-to-one early intervention program for first-grade students who are potentially at-risk in reading. Teacher training is provided through Grant Wood AEA, the Iowa City School District and The University of Iowa. School districts pay a fee to participate in the training.

Carla Coleman, Reading Recovery Teacher Leader.....688-1000

Reading Seminars

Reading Team members provide agency-wide seminars for K-12 school teams composed of administrators, teachers and AEA staff. The purpose of these seminars is to continue the inquiry into the areas of research-based reading instruction, professional development and data-based continuous improvement. Teams are encouraged to collect and analyze data plus study research to determine collective actions to raise student achievement. Technical assistance includes additional information in using data, planning professional development and monitoring for implementation.

Lisa Haverkamp, Regional Administrator 358-2109

Records

Records for students receiving Early ACCESS and special education services are kept in the agency's Central File.

Melissa Tandy, Interim Facilitator 399-6859

Reorganization Studies

By law, area education agency boards develop detailed studies and surveys of the school districts within the area education agency and all adjacent territory for the purpose of providing for reorganization of school districts. The Grant Wood AEA Reor-

ganization Plan is revised periodically to reflect reorganizations, which may have taken place in the area education agency and adjacent territory.

Kim Martin, Board Secretary 399-6710

Resiliency Survey

Eighteen Area 10 school districts are using the Resiliency Survey, which examines the strengths of students and the climate and culture of their schools. Technical assistance and materials are provided.

Contact your Grant Wood AEA Regional Administrator
- See page 4

Resolution Facilitators

Resolution Facilitators are neutral persons who guide participants through a process of resolving conflicts. Services are provided to schools and families at no cost by more than 30 trained resolution facilitators.

Paul Kiburz, Regional Administrator 358-2100

Rotating Reads

A program that supports reading and supplements library resources by providing sets of books for the classroom.

Hope Runge, Media Center Team Leader.....399-6435

Safe and Drug Free Schools

A consultant provides support and links to state and federal requirements for funds.

Christine Allen, School Social Worker.....399-6402

School-Community Relations

The GWAEA Communications Office provides training and ongoing consultation for the development of communication plans and strategies for interpersonal and mass communication, including ways to involve all persons in the school, family and community.

George Held, Communications Supervisor 399-6714

School Improvement Processes

Grant Wood AEA is supporting local district choices for School Improvement processes. Training, materials, networking with other districts, and ongoing staff assistance will be provided to the extent possible. Most SI models incorporate a process of building awareness, assessing needs through public involvement, setting goals, developing and implementing plans, and evaluating results. The Grant Wood AEA Professional Library provides information for examination and comparison of these models.

Bart Mason, Regional Administrator 399-6793

School Social Work

School social workers provide evaluation, counseling and consultation to students, parents and families to help solve social, emotional and behavioral problems that interfere with a student's education and development.

Tracy Liebermann, Regional Administrator 358-6207

Schools In Need of Assistance

The Grant Wood AEA SINA Team has developed a framework that uses essential components of existing programs and services to assist schools designated as in need of assistance.

Keith Stamp, Regional Administrator.....399-6850

Science Education

Consultants provide assistance in designing curriculum, modeling instruction and using technology for science instruction, including environmental education. The Van Allen Science Teaching Center section of the Grant Wood AEA website at www.aea10.k12.ia.us offers additional support and resources.

Bart Mason, Regional Administrator 399-6793

SEMS

- See Substitute Employee Management System, pg. 16

Service-Learning & Civic Engagement

Service-Learning is a method of teaching and learning, which engages students in solving problems and addressing issues in their school or greater community as part of the academic curriculum (Iowa Department of Education). The integration of civic outcomes into service-learning activities is advantageous for students, districts and the state of Iowa. A consultant provides support and links for service-learning and civic engagement in area schools.

Susie Green, Student Programs Specialist.....399-6775

Social Studies

A consultant provides support and links for social studies education in the area.

Brad Colton, School Improvement Consultant 399-6778

Software/Online Resources-State Pricing

- See Cooperative Purchasing

Speech Services

Screening, evaluation, consultation, and therapy for educationally significant problems that children have with language, voice, articulation, and stuttering.

Terri McGraw, Regional Administrator 399-6722

Strategic and School-Community Planning

Certified planners will assist districts with organizing and facilitating a strategic plan within their communities.

Contact your Grant Wood AEA Regional Administrator
- See page 4

Strategic Planning

Agency staff certified through the American Association of School Administrators can facilitate or train others in planning strategically for the future. The process is based on analyzing strengths and barriers; establishing a vision, a mission and core beliefs, and developing Action Plans all through a community involvement process.

Contact your Grant Wood AEA Regional Administrator
- See page 4

Student Book Collection

Books to support curriculums in math, science, social studies, reading and language arts. This collection includes individual titles, Boxed Books, Multiple and Leveled sets. Materials may be ordered online at http://medianet.aea10.k12.ia.us or by calling 399-6754 or 1-800-642-4107.

To recommend titles:

Melva Starr, Media Specialist 399-6454

Student Video and DVD Collection

- See Motion Media, pg. 12

Study Groups for Credit

The study group concept presents a way for educators to work in cooperative groups to identify issues and goals, research professional literature, share experiences and problem solve real situations related to building/district goals of student achievement. Study groups serve as a useful strategy for creating a network of information, communication and commitment to support school improvement. Educator license renewal credit can be granted for approved topics of study. Information is available on the Grant Wood AEA website under Professional Development at www.aea10.k12.ia.us.

Connie Russell, Secretary/Registrar 399-6767

Sherry Sines, Professional Development Coordinator.....399-6517

Substitute Authorization

A statewide shortage of substitute teachers has led the Iowa Board of Educational Examiners to approve a Substitute Authorization Program. Anyone who meets specific criteria is eligible to participate in the program. The Substitute Authorization will allow an individual to substitute in a middle school, junior high, or high school for up to five consecutive days in one job assignment. A paraeducator assigned to a special education classroom who holds a Paraeducator Certificate AND completes this course will be authorized to substitute in the special education classroom to which the individual is assigned. This classroom may be at the elementary, middle school, junior high or high school level.

Connie Russell, Secretary/Registrar 399-6767

Sherry Sines, Professional Development Coordinator.....399-6517

Substitute Employee Management System (SEMS)

Grant Wood AEA houses the computer system that arranges substitutes for teachers. The Substitute Employee Management System (SEMS) is used by the Anamosa, Cedar Rapids, College Community, Metro Catholic, Linn-Mar, Marion, Mount Vernon, and Springville school districts, Summit Schools and EduCare. The SEMS Help Desk is staffed between 7-11 a.m. on school days. SEMS is available by telephone at (319) 366-0039 and via the Internet at https://sems.gwaea.org.

Additional information regarding SEMS, including meeting registration for new substitute teachers, is available at http://www.gwaea.org/sems.

Sandy Edwards, SEMS Coordinator 399-6761

Annette Renaud, SEMS Technician 399-6817

System Design

- See Midwest Center for Innovation and System Design, pg. 12

Teacher Work Center

The GWAEA Media/Technology Center has included a variety of equipment for teachers to design their own instructional and promotional materials, including laminators, die-cuts, button-makers, a poster printer, T-shirt press, spiral binders, etc. Persons coming to the center should call to schedule an appointment.

Jayne Kamberling, Media/Tech. Technician.....399-6717

Teaching for Mathematics Understanding

Teaching for Mathematics Understanding provides schools with the opportunity to build a professional learning community with an emphasis on understanding the rationale for changes in mathematics. Participating schools will develop a K-5 Lead Learning Math Team that will engage in sessions throughout the school year. The content will include assessment, problem solving, computation strategies, basic facts, number sense, multiple representations, manipulative materials, use of calculators, and communication.

Keith Stamp, Regional Administrator 399-6850

Teaching for Mathematics Understanding - SECONDARY

Teaching for Mathematics Understanding-SECONDARY is a three-year opportunity (beginning fall 2007) to take what is known from research and put it into practice to improve 6-12 student achievement. Schools who participate will follow the Iowa "Every Student Counts" project four fundamental research-based components: Teaching for Understanding, Problem-Based Instructional Tasks, Meaningful Distributed Practice, and Assessment for Learning. Participating districts will also build learning communities that are engaged in the study of mathematics, mathematics instruction, and student achievement in mathematics through effective implementation of Iowa's Professional Development Model.

Keith Stamp, Regional Administrator 399-6850

Chuck Gustafson, Curriculum Consultant Math.....399-6764

Technology–21st Century Learning Institute

The 21st Century Learning Institute (formerly Technology Integration Mentorship Program – TIMP) provides participants with new technology integration applications and mentoring skills to apply in the curriculum and with colleagues. Individuals are selected through an application process and return to their buildings as technology mentors, working with building peers to create engaging curriculum activities and projects.

Stacy Behmer, Coordinator of Digital Learning Technology 399-6423

Technology Integration

Staff skilled in both content areas and the use of technology will provide inservice and ongoing consultation in integrating technology with curricular areas.

Stacy Behmer, Coord. of Digital Learning Technology.....399-6423

Tony Amsler, Technology Consultant..... 399-6493

Michelle Cowell, Technology Consultant.....399-6592

Matt Doane, Technology Consultant.....399-6883

Technology Planning

Grant Wood AEA Media/Technology Center staff provide inservice and assistance with developing local district technology plans, guidance in the selection of hardware and software, consultation on networking within and between buildings, and assistance with seeking funding and grants. The agency has organized local school partnerships to write grants for technological support and for USF funding. All local school technology plans are to be filed with the AEA for review.

Stacy Behmer, Coord. of Digital Learning Technology.....399-6423

Tony Amsler, Technology Consultant..... 399-6493

Michelle Cowell, Technology Consultant.....399-6592

Matt Doane, Technology Consultant.....399-6883

Transition Support Services

The Transition Support Services are for students, parents, teachers and school districts as they plan for students' transitions for living, learning, and working. Planning will include movement from home to school, school to school, and to their post-school employment, education and living settings.

Paul Kiburz, Regional Administrator 358-2100

Melissa Tandy, Special Education Consultant.....399-6859

Traveling Production Lab

The Traveling Production Lab includes a complete set of die-cut equipment. A laminator is also available. The lab is scheduled a year in advance. If you are interested in having the lab visit your district, call for availability for the current year or to get on the schedule for the following year.

Jayne Kamberling, Media/Tech. Technician..... 399-6717

Universal Design

Universal Design looks at the goals of any lesson to provide all students with tools, techniques and the means to achieve these goals.

Julie Freed, Speech-Language Pathologist 399-6546

Universal Service Fund

- See E-Rate/Universal Service Fund, pg. 9

U.S. Senate Youth Exam

Each fall, the Senate Youth Exam tests high school students on their knowledge of the United States Government. The exam is given at Grant Wood AEA. Winners are named at the state level and earn a trip to Washington, D.C.

Susie Green, Student Programs Specialist.....399-6775

Van Allen Science Teaching Center (VAST)

The Van Allen Science Teaching Center provides leadership and support for exemplary science learning environments in K-12 classrooms.

Bart Mason, Regional Administrator 399-6793

Van Delivery

Van delivery is provided to schools in the Grant Wood AEA service area twice a week during the school year. Once a week delivery during the summer is made to one building in each district. Cedar Rapids schools receive daily delivery.

Charlotte Haddy, Media Supervisor.....399-6750

Video Production Support

Assistance is available with video multimedia productions and emerging technologies.

Technology Support Center 399-6738

VITAL

Held at Kirkwood Community College, VITAL provides extended vocational training for students who require additional support beyond their high school program in order to meet the transition goals of their IEP. Support may include personal tutoring and counseling, test reading, tape-recorded textbooks, notetakers and job placement services.

Deb Meyer, Secretary 399-6849

Jill Weigel, Regional Administrator.....399-6464

Web IEP/IMS

Grant Wood AEA is supporting use of the statewide web-based IEP in its second full year. This tool allows users to complete the IEP form with populated fields and to use an efficient performance monitoring tool.

Melissa Tandy, Interim Facilitator 399-6859

Workplace Learning Connection

The Workplace Learning Connection partners with businesses and schools to introduce kindergarten through 12th grade students to potential careers through exploration activities such as career speakers, worksite tours, career fairs, job shadows and internships. Also, the Teacher@Work professional development summer program is offered in conjunction with Grant Wood AEA. The Workplace Learning Connection is a 501c3 in partnership with Grant Wood AEA and Kirkwood Community College. For more information, visit www.workplace-learning.org.

Mary Lou Erlacher, Director.....398-1040

Cedar Rapids office.....398-1040

Iowa City office ..... 887-3647 or 887-3648

Directory of Staff

Visit the "STAFF DIRECTORY" section of the Grant Wood AEA website for an updated directory of staff:

www.gwaea.org

Sixth Street Facility Grant Wood AEA - 4401 Sixth St. SW, Cedar Rapids

From Downtown Cedar Rapids –
Take First Avenue (Highway 151) to I-380 South. Follow I-380 South to the 33rd Avenue exit. Turn right at 33rd Avenue SW. At intersection of 33rd Avenue SW and Sixth Street SW, turn left onto Sixth Street SW. Pass over viaduct. Grant Wood AEA is on the left side of Sixth Street SW, across from Hawkeye Downs.

From Downtown Iowa City —
Take I-80 West to I-380 North. Take 33rd Avenue SW exit at south edge of Cedar Rapids. Turn left at 33rd Avenue SW. At intersection of 33rd Avenue SW and Sixth Street SW (second traffic light) turn left onto Sixth Street SW. Pass over viaduct. Grant Wood AEA is on the left side of Sixth Street, across from Hawkeye Downs.

Via Highway 151 —
Take Highway 151 to Wright Bros. Blvd. and turn east on Wright Bros. Blvd. past the Eastern Iowa Airport to Highway 965. Turn north on Highway 965 and continue past the Highway 30 interchange. Grant Wood AEA is on the right side of Highway 965, across from Hawkeye Downs.

Via Highway 13 —
Take Highway 13 to Highway 30 West. Turn off at Sixth Street SW exit (Highway 965 North). Turn left at Sixth Street SW. Grant Wood AEA is on the right side of Sixth Street SW, across from Hawkeye Downs.

Via Highway 30 West —
Turn off at Sixth Street SW exit (Highway 965 North). Turn left on Sixth Street SW. Grant Wood AEA is on the right side of Sixth Street SW, across from Hawkeye Downs.

Via Highway 30 East (Highway 965 North) **—**
Take Highway 30 to the Sixth Street SW exit. Turn left onto Sixth Street SW. Grant Wood AEA is on the right side of Sixth Street SW, across from Hawkeye Downs.

Via Highway 94 —
Take Highway 94 to I-380 South. Follow I-380 South to 33rd Avenue exit. Turn right at 33rd Avenue SW. At intersection of 33rd Avenue and Sixth Street SW, turn left onto Sixth Street SW. Pass over viaduct. Grant Wood AEA is on the left side of Sixth Street SW, across from Hawkeye Downs.

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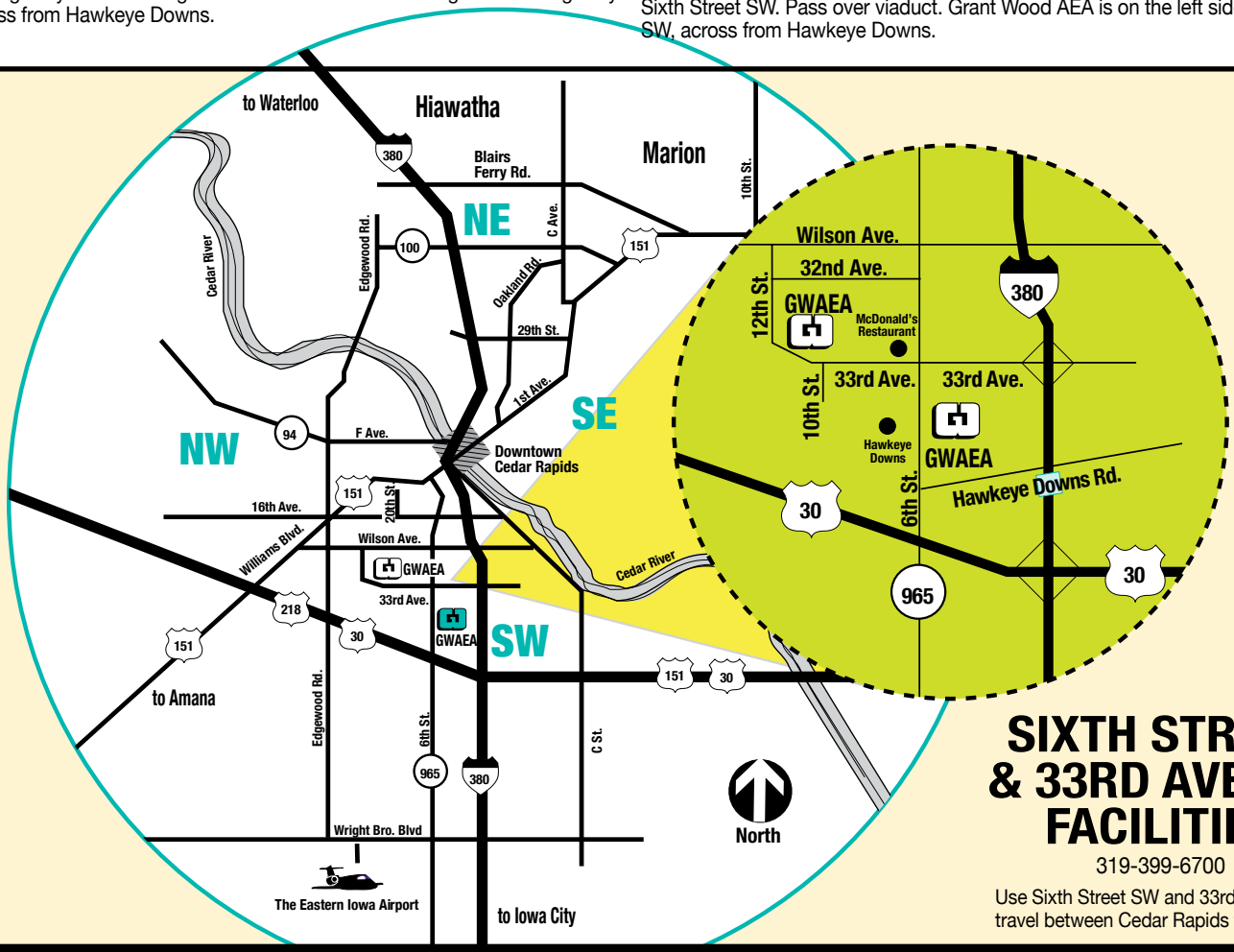


SIXTH STREET & 33RD AVENUE FACILITIES

319-399-6700

Use Sixth Street SW and 33rd Avenue SW to travel between Cedar Rapids facilities.

33rd Avenue Facility Grant Wood AEA - 1120 33rd Ave. SW, Cedar Rapids

From Downtown Cedar Rapids –
Take First Avenue (Highway 151) to I-380 South. Follow I-380 South to the 33rd Avenue exit, exit 17. Turn right at 33rd Avenue SW. Go west through the intersection of 33rd Avenue SW and Sixth Street SW. Continue west on 33rd Avenue for one half mile. The 33rd Avenue Grant Wood AEA will be on the right at 1120 33rd Avenue, SW.

From Downtown Iowa City —
Take I-80 West to I-380 North. Take 33rd Avenue SW exit, exit 17, at the south edge of Cedar Rapids. Turn left on 33rd Avenue SW. Go west through the intersection of 33rd Avenue SW and Sixth Street SW. Continue west on 33rd Avenue for one half mile. The 33rd Avenue Grant Wood AEA will be on the right at 1120 33rd Avenue, SW.

Via Highway 151 —
Take Highway 151 to Wright Bros. Blvd. and turn east on Wright Bros. Blvd. past the Eastern Iowa Airport to Highway 965. Turn north on Highway 965 and continue past the Highway 30 interchange. Continue north past the Sixth Street Facility and turn left at the 33rd Avenue lights. Go west on 33rd Avenue for one half mile. The 33rd Avenue Grant Wood AEA will be on the right at 1120 33rd Avenue, SW.

Via Highway 13 —
Take Highway 13 to Highway 30 West. Turn off at Sixth Street SW exit (Highway 965 North). Turn left at Sixth Street SW. At the 33rd Avenue lights turn left and go west on 33rd Avenue for one half mile. The 33rd Avenue Grant Wood AEA will be on the right at 1120 33rd Avenue, SW.

Via Highway 30 West or East— Turn off at Sixth Street SW exit (Highway 965 North). Turn left on Sixth Street SW. Go north to the 33rd Avenue lights, turn left and go west on 33rd Avenue for one half mile. The 33rd Avenue Grant Wood AEA will be on the right at 1120 33rd Avenue, SW.

Coralville Facility Grant Wood AEA - 200 Holiday Rd., Coralville

From Cedar Rapids/I-380—
Take I-380 South to the I-80 interchange. Turn off at the I-80 East exit. Follow I-80 East to exit 242. Turn left at exit 242 (First Avenue), by the Hampton Inn. Follow the curve, turning left onto Holiday Road. Grant Wood AEA is on the left side of Holiday Road.

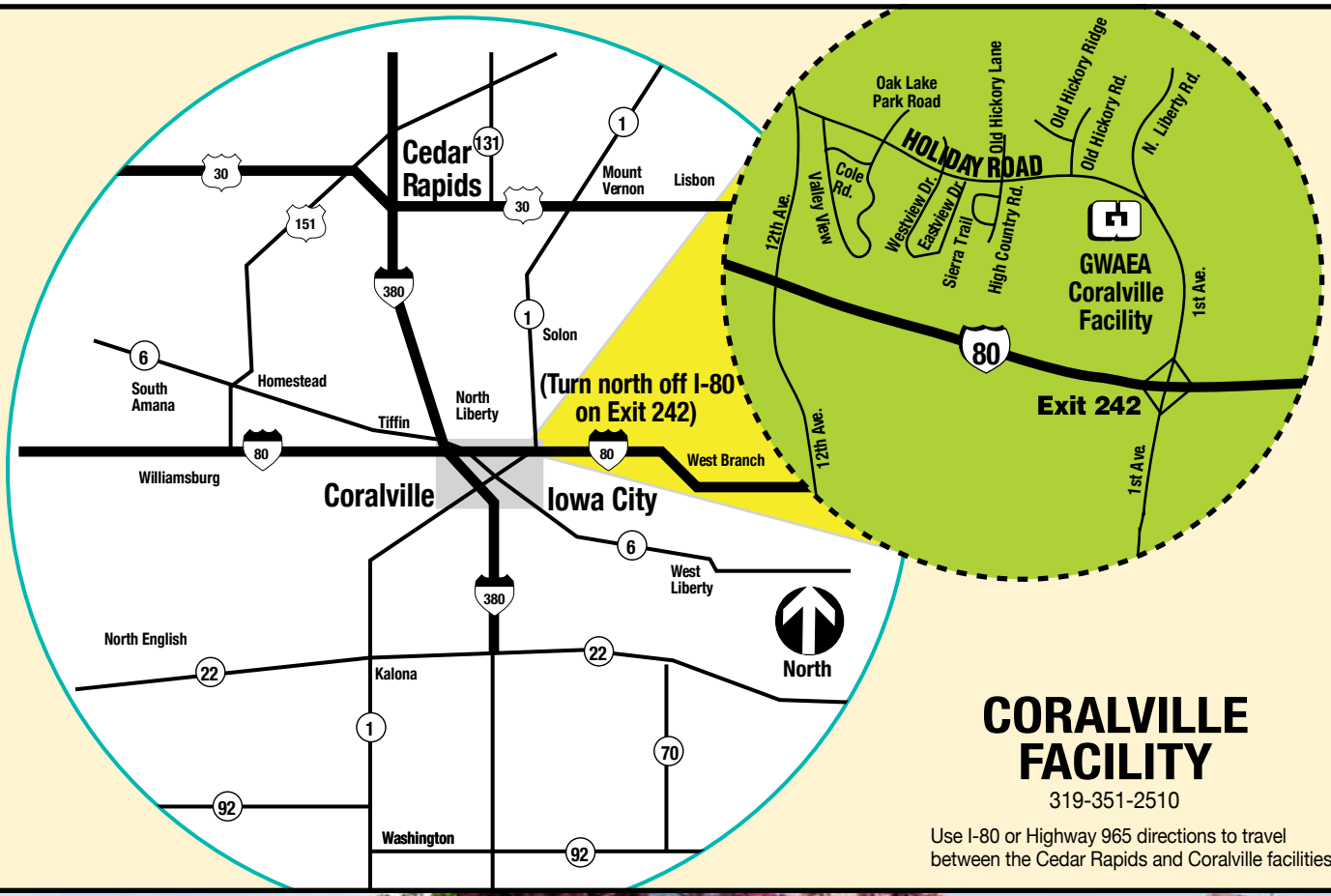
From Downtown Iowa City—
Take Dubuque Street to the I-80 West exit. Follow I-80 West to exit 242. Turn right at exit 242 (First Avenue), by the Hampton Inn. Follow the curve, turning left onto Holiday Road. Grant Wood AEA is on the left side of Holiday Road.

Via I-80—
Follow I-80 to exit 242. Turn north at exit 242 (First Avenue), by the Hampton Inn. Follow the curve, turning left onto Holiday Road. Grant Wood AEA is on the left side of Holiday Road.

Via Highway 1—
Take Highway 1 to Mormon Trek Blvd. Follow Mormon Trek Blvd. to First Avenue. Continue on First Avenue, past I-80 and the Hampton Inn. Follow the curve, turning left onto Holiday Road. Grant Wood AEA is on the left side of Holiday Road.

Via Highway 965 (Sixth Street SW)—
Take Highway 965 to the I-80 interchange. Take I-80 East to exit 242. Turn left at exit 242 (First Avenue), by the Hampton Inn. Follow the curve, turning left onto Holiday Road. Grant Wood AEA is on the left side of Holiday Road.

Via Highway 6—
Take Highway 6 to First Avenue. Continue on First Avenue past I-80 and the Hampton Inn. Follow the curve, turning left onto Holiday Road. Grant Wood AEA is on the left side of Holiday Road.



DIRECTIONS

CORALVILLE FACILITY

319-351-2510

Use I-80 or Highway 965 directions to travel between the Cedar Rapids and Coralville facilities.

SIXTH STREET FACILITY
4401 Sixth Street SW
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
319-399-6700

33RD AVENUE FACILITY
1120 33rd Avenue SW
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
319-399-6700

CORALVILLE FACILITY
200 Holiday Road
Coralville, Iowa
319-351-2510

Important Phone Numbers

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