

## Aligning Education to Careers Team Notes – September 16, 2010



**Team Goal: In Carroll County, all children are ready for Kindergarten and achieve at or above grade level success by the end of third grade.**

Attendance: Leo Sullivan, Bill Arnold, Carl Olson, Cimbria Badenhausen, and Cyndi Paulin (Communicated absence: David Rudewick, Jen Collard)

### **School survey**

The team reviewed the school survey one more time and is ready for team members to reach out to the schools they volunteered to communicate with. Questions 2-5 will be deleted for the middle school survey since they would not apply. Question 8 & 10 about community participation and tools that schools are using to help students set goals were added to the K-3 survey so that both teams aren't asking for information from the same schools.

### **Business survey**

The team reviewed and finished the business survey questions. Leo Sullivan reported that the MWV Economic Council's education committee is interested in working with Team 2 to get this survey completed. They have offered to communicate directly with businesses to get their input. The MWVEC suggested that questions are added from the other teams as well before it is finalized and distributed. The team agreed this makes a great deal of sense and is excited about the MWVEC's interest. Cyndi will reach out to the other 4 teams to get their input on additional questions.

### **Participate in conference call with Team 1**

- Team 1 will hold a conference call with two other counties on October 13 at 5:00 pm to learn more about their education efforts, especially around increasing children's success in the early grades by addressing school readiness and other education issues using a coordinated, community-based regional approach. Team 2 members are encouraged to participate in the call since the work of Team 1 and Team 2 is linked together.
- The call will include Irma Brooks from Decatur/Macoun County, IL and Lydi Davidson from Shelby County, IN answering questions about their efforts and lessons learned. The team's goal is to include as many team members in the call as possible at a central location so we can follow up the call with a team discussion. Members who can't physically get to the meeting but have time to join us by phone will be welcome to do so.

### **Other:**

- **Meeting time** – One team member noted that he preferred an earlier meeting time. We will keep an eye on the meeting time and change it if it works best for the group.
- Team 1 member Carol DeLaurier shared that NHPR's Laura Knoy recently did a piece on The Exchange, "Are Our High Schools Preparing Students for College?" Here is the link to listen or print the transcript <http://nhpr.org/are-our-high-schools-preparing-students-college#>.

**Next Meetings:** October 14 and November 18, 5:-6:30 pm at Tri-County CAP Resource Center