Expanded Learning Spotlight, CACFP Corner, and More!
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**Spotlight**

Joseph Fantigrossi, Pre K-12 Intervention Coordinator for the Lyons Central School District

Joseph Fantigrossi began working in the education field 22 years ago, but became involved in afterschool, summer, and expanded learning approximately 5 years ago.

Joseph told us, "For as long as I can remember, I have been passionate about teaching and learning. I was fortunate to have excellent role models as a student and decided as a freshman in college that I would pursue a career in education." Joseph added that he could not imagine doing anything else.

Currently, Joseph is the Pre K-12 Intervention Coordinator for the Lyons Central School District, predominantly supporting grant initiatives in the district. One of those grants is the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Initiative, which supports both afterschool and summer programming in their region. Joseph states, "Because we often work as a consortium of districts in our county, I have been blessed to work with teachers and students in more than 30 districts."

Joseph spoke to us more about the programming within the Lyons Central School District. Joseph stated, "One [program] I would highlight is our use of the New York State Mentoring Program. We have worked in conjunction with Melinda Sanderson, the Regional Director of the Program, to implement both peer mentoring (high school students mentoring elementary students) and adult mentoring (staff members mentoring elementary students). We have seen an increase in attendance rates and a decrease in disciplinary referrals for those students associated with the program."
When asked about the importance of afterschool, Joseph responded, “Our afterschool program is a critical part of our educational programming for our students. It is a key cog in our multi-tiered systems of support and assists us in meeting our ultimate goal of helping all young people find success in the areas of attachment, self-regulation, and competency.” (ARC framework- Blaustein and Kinniburgh, *Treating Traumatic Stress in Children and Adolescents*)

“I don't view this as a job, but as a calling,” says Joseph. “I find great satisfaction in providing opportunities for our young people to grow and learn, while simultaneously eliminating the obstacles that stand in their way. I also greatly appreciate learning with my colleagues and our students every day.”

**CACFP Corner**

The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) ensures each child obtains needed nutrition by requiring a meal pattern. The meal pattern requirement has five meal components. The five meal components are whole grains, fruits, vegetables, lean meat/meat alternate, and dairy. Teach your students the importance of each meal component by using these activities. To learn more about enrolling in CACFP to claim reimbursement for serving healthy snacks and/or meals, visit AfterschoolMealsNY.org.
Pearson Dyslexia Toolkit
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Up to 1-in-5 people exhibit symptoms of dyslexia, a very common language-based reading disorder. Although developing and implementing an evidence-based assessment and intervention plan is crucial, very often the most important factor is early identification.

Pearson’s dyslexia toolkit includes clinical and classroom resources for screening, diagnostic evaluations, intervention, and progress monitoring. Included are tools that can be used across a wide range of professional groups and user qualification levels.

Take a look at the toolkit now by visiting our website here under the literature tab.

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Upcoming Events
6/6: Foundational Series for Line Staff: Conflict Resolution, New York, NY
This workshop will cover the basics of conflict resolution and effective communication. By exploring the roots of conflict, participants will gain new strategies not only for dealing positively with conflict, but also for helping children and youth manage conflicts. Participants will have the opportunity to
practice conflict mediation skills through role-plays and active listening. This session will emphasize the challenges and opportunities that exist in the summer setting. Click here to register.

6/9: STEM Teacher Expo, Teachers College, New York, NY
STEMteachersNYC's Annual STEM Teacher Expo, a teacher-led forum exploring the future of STEM Education in NYC and beyond. Drawing from their member network, the event will include live demos and displays, an interactive unconference, and presentations from teachers and practitioners working in the field today. Click here to register.

6/12 & 6/19: Building Your Bounce Professional Development Learning Series
This two part train-the-trainer webinar experience provides participants with a copy of the Building Your Bounce Professional Development Learning Series, a three-part digital training tool that includes recorded videos that cover topics including, "Examining Our Own Risk and Protective Factors," "What Resilience Means to Me," and "Introduction to the Devereux Adult Resilience Survey - 23 Questions That Can Change the Way You Look at Life." Trainers and coaches will learn to use this innovative, digital tool to promote adult wellness in a variety of settings, including staff meetings, in-service trainings and parent workshops. Join Nefertiti and learn how you can create an overall culture of resilience. Register here. (Registration closes June 5).

6/24: Strengthening Organizations Through Corporate Engagement, New York, NY
Participants will explore what a corporation values in nonprofit partnerships and identify the varied ways to connect with corporate partners in substantive ways. In this workshop, participants will learn how to establish meaningful and impactful ongoing partners in the private sector and learn how to develop an effective and sustainable structure for continued partnership. Registration begins 6/3/19. Click here to register.

7/1-8/9: STEM Summer Institute 2019, Teachers College, New York, NY
The STEMteachersNYC STEM Institute brings together educators from around the country for innovative, hands-on, and teacher-led professional development in STEM. Choose from over a dozen workshops in biology, physics, chemistry, computer science, elementary STEM, and more. Work side by side with active classroom teachers and revolutionize the way you teach science using a student-centered active learning approach, shown to increase classroom engagement and understanding of key science concepts. Click here to register and learn more.

7/17: 2019 Site Leader Institute, Troy, NY
Site directors in afterschool programs often have skills at working with children and youth but little to no training in program operation and management. In order to build the best foundation for programs, the Network for Youth Success will deliver training and support to site directors and leaders. The goal of this training is to expose new directors to the knowledge base and skill set of effective afterschool supervision and management. The training will focus on positive youth development approaches and the supervision of those approaches. The training will also review practices on resource management, family and community partnerships, project management, and coaching techniques for supervisors. For more information and how to register, click here.

7/20: Monroe County Girls Sports Festival, Rochester, NY
The Monroe County Girls Sports Festival is a great opportunity for young women, ages 6-12, to showcase their athletic ability, be active, learn about leadership and teamwork, and take on new challenges. The festival supports young women from throughout Monroe County in their pursuit of
new experiences and new opportunities. Festival participants will be able to choose four different sports to explore. Local teams and organizations will manage each of the sports and participants are welcome to select any four available sports, but are also encouraged to try a sport they have never experienced before. Registration is free! Additional information can be found at www.monroecounty.gov/GirlsSportsFestival

7/30: School-Age Care Credential Informational Meeting, Poughkeepsie, NY
The New York State School-Age Care Credential has been developed to promote quality services to children and families by providing specific standards, training, and evaluation of school-age staff members and providers based on their ability to meet the unique needs of this age group. It is an opportunity for adults working with school-age children to gain professional recognition for demonstrating competence in their on-the-job skills. Come to an informational meeting on Tuesday, July 30 from 5:00 - 6:00 pm to learn about the credential and the credential process as well as meet the instructor/advisor, Arlene Rider. For more information or to enroll contact Darla Fulmer at (845) 473-4141 ext. 216 or dfulmer@childcaredutchess.org.

8/4-8/10: Mindfulness Training for Educators, Lake Placid, NY
This weeklong program set in the idyllic environment of a lakeside retreat in the Adirondacks explores teaching for the 21st century. Participants will learn mindfulness practices, meditation, the neuroscience of learning, the nature of mind, and how to cultivate their inner resources. Each day will include experiential learning, as well as a cognitive element – and afternoons will be free to enjoy the many outdoor activities available to us, or to simply relax and read a book. Learn how mindfulness might benefit you in your role as an educator, and re-connect with the ideals that brought you into this field from the start! Click here for more information and how to register.

10/5: North Country Training Institute, Plattsburgh, NY
Join Erin Broderick and Timothy Fowler for a day of school-age training! The North Country Training Institute will cover topics relevant to school-age providers in afterschool, summer, and expanded learning programs. This day-long event features four 90-minute sessions (a total of 6 hours of training): guiding positive behaviors, managing transitions, engineering design, and bookmaking. For more information and how to register, click here.

11/8: Regional Network Symposium, Rochester, NY
SAVE THE DATE! Our Regional Network Symposium will be November 8 at the Holiday Inn in downtown Rochester! Look out for more information here and on our website.

11/9: Rochester Training Institute, Rochester, NY
SAVE THE DATE! Our Training Institute will be November 9 at the Holiday Inn in downtown Rochester! Look out for more information here and on our website.

Our 2020 Annual Conference will be in Troy for 2020! Save the date now! Look for more information here and on our website as we get closer to the date!

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