Collaborative for Educational Services

SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

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The Collaborative for Educational Services has been providing leadership in Special Education since 1974, designing student programs and supports for learners with diverse and highly individualized needs. In partnership with schools and districts, we share expertise, best practices, and current research to support and guide educators toward the goal of helping students from ages 5-21 with disabilities to reach their full potential.

HEC ACADEMY, NORTHAMPTON, MA:
Some students may need an alternative setting to be successful, either on a limited transitional or longer term basis. HEC Academy offers a small-school learning environment with specific remediation and technology to address learning disabilities, and a structured, consistent, emotionally supportive environment based on positive reinforcement. Students work on academics, social skills, recreation and community service, and earn credits towards high school graduation from their sending schools.

NORTH BERKSHIRE ACADEMY, NORTH ADAMS, MA:
North Berkshire Academy is a public day special education program that offers a small-school learning environment for high school students, accepting students in grades 7-10 with learning disabilities and/or social, emotional, or behavioral disorders. We offer a structured, consistent, emotionally supportive community, based on positive reinforcement.

Student Services
CES offers direct, cost-effective quality services and programs for vulnerable children, youth and families. We invite discussions and partnerships with schools and districts to explore new and different student programs and services that address needs for which a current program may not exist.

SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

“...The redesign and implementation of the therapeutic program in the school has had a profoundly positive impact. I honestly feel that HEC Academy has become one of the strongest programs in the Pioneer Valley for students with an emotional disability.”

—Northampton Public Schools
CES provides one-time or continuing clinical services and evaluation to students, children and youth.

**CENTER FOR ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY AND TRAINING (CCATT):**
Nationally known as a leader in the field of assistive technology and alternative and augmentative communication since 1995, the CCATT center assists individuals, families, and professionals in the selection, acquisition, and use of assistive technology.

**OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY CENTER (OTC):**
The OTC has provided services to the Pioneer Valley community since 2000. The center offers a full range of occupational therapy services for young children and youth in a comfortable, welcoming setting. Occupational Therapy Center staff are all SIPT certified and have extensive experience providing evaluations and therapy related to Sensory Processing Disorders.

Contact us to learn about these clinical services, available to area schools and organizations:
- Vision/Orientation and mobility
- Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation

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CES Schools and services prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, gender identity, religion, national origin, or sexual orientation and ensures that all students have equal rights of access and equal enjoyment of the opportunities, advantages, privileges, and courses of study.

“From the very initial referral...the Academy staff was child centered, patient, and professional in every sense of the word. Even the most difficult meetings regarding this student ended on a positive note.”
—Pioneer Valley Regional School District
Professional Development and Technical Assistance Services

With extensive knowledge of best practices and current research, our staff of experienced, highly qualified professionals serve as a valuable resource for schools and educators. Through customized consultation services, we assist districts with professional development, best practices, coaching and technical assistance for developing solutions to effectively implement and sustain programs that comply with regulations and meet diverse learning needs.

WE PROVIDE TRAINING, COACHING, AND ASSISTANCE ON:

- Education and IEP team leadership
- Program cultivation
- Transition assessment and planning
- Paraprofessional Certification Training
- Behavioral management approaches
- Inclusive classrooms
- Co-teaching
- Clinical services: training and coaching in-district therapy and teaching staff

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS AVAILABLE FROM CES:

- Special Education Team Leader Institute
- Ambassadors for Equitable and Inclusive Practice
- Impact of Poverty (LEAP)
- Working with Struggling Learners
- Social-Emotional Learning PreK-12
- English Language Learners: curriculum and pedagogy

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“The instructor was able to find out what we needed, what we already knew, and then designed a way for us to meet our needs. She also facilitated interactive work to assist us in identifying our district’s most pressing needs/goals.”