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Correctional Education Association - Wisconsin

RCI and RYOCF

Complete Bridges to Practice Training

The excitement continued on November 16 and 17 at RCI and December 8 and 9 at RYOCF for the final training of Bridges to Practice. Fifteen participants from RCI and ten from RYOCF have completed the training. However, this is not the end, but rather a beginning for all participants.

This time the training focused on the learning and teaching process. Learning strategies were applied to various situations. Actual case studies were discussed. An awareness of the challenges experienced by the LD student was created through various activities. Possible strategies were discussed along with instructional materials and adaptations that could be used.

Some fabulous prizes included yo-yos, dinosaur grabbers and candy that were earned by the members of the training. Adaptations were also awarded through the sessions. These can be utilized in the classroom setting to enhance various teaching strategies. We shared ideas of other learning methods that have been successful in our teaching experiences. Both facilities got together to discuss and develop site specific goals and improvements to better meet the needs of LD students.

Positive comments from the participants were:

"This created an awareness for me", "This is applicable to regular students", "I have a better understanding now".

It is our hope that follow-up discussions and planning will lead to improvements in the educational programs of both facilities.

By: *Mary Bartels, RYOCF*
Judy Smith, RYOCF
Judy Walborn, RCI



During March, the Correctional Education Association-Wisconsin will be conducting its annual election for Executive Board Members.

Nominations are being accepted for the following offices:

- ✓ **Minimum Security**
- ✓ **Juvenile Facilities**
- ✓ **Local Education Agency**
- ✓ **Community Corrections**
- ✓ **Member-At-Large**

Any CEAW member is eligible to run for office. All offices and board members serve two-year terms. Nominations are to be sent to:

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Nominations must be received by March 1, 2005. Newly elected members will assume their offices at the April 2005 Executive Board Meeting.



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Partnership Provides Education in Marathon County Jail



Educational programming began at the Marathon County Jail in Wausau in the fall of 1989. In 1988 the Greater Wausau Christian Services contacted Northcentral Technical College to have literacy volunteers at the jail. The college felt that a basic education program with instructors would be a better fit than having volunteers, so a grant for basic education and career classes was written and obtained. Programming began with one basic education instructor serving all the populations, a counselor providing a careers class, and an instructor facilitating an anger management/self-esteem class, with NTC providing computers in each classroom. The Marathon County Jail programming has continued to grow since then. In 1998, the instructor started doing audio tapes with the inmates. We continue to do this today. Any inmate who is allowed contact with his/her child can read a book on tape and have it sent to the child. The goal is to promote family literacy, and the materials needed for the program are provided through the Marathon County Literacy Council. In 1999, a second classroom was added when the jail expanded. The original classroom holds adult basic education classes for the maximum/medium security inmates, and the second classroom has classes for the minimum security inmates, females, and Huber populations. In 2000, we obtained an Office of Justice grant to expand our offerings. We were able to add more class times for employability skills and careers. A recruiter position was added to meet with students to discuss their educational needs and the programs offered. Class hours were expanded in both classrooms and an ESL component was added. This fall we have added the Money Smart Financial Literacy Program, which is a national program written and sponsored by the FDIC. It consists of ten modules dealing with financial issues and is taught in a classroom setting.

Since its inception, the programming has served over 3,000 inmates. At the present we have two basic education instructors, two career and employability instructors, one career decisions counselor, and an instructional assistant. We provide the whole gamut of basic education classes, careers classes, employability skills classes, and the Money Smart classes for all the jail populations. Marathon County has a partnership committee which includes people from all the programming areas and representatives from NTC, the jail administration, the district attorney's office, the public defender's office, and a judge who participate in joint meetings. We have wonderful support from the jail administration and corrections staff and Northcentral Technical College, without which we wouldn't be able to provide the community effort that we do for the inmates/students.

*By Sharon Nesemann
ABE Instructor
Northcentral Technical College/Marathon County Jail*

Brueggemann Resigns from CEAW Board

After over 12 years of service, John Brueggemann announced that he is resigning from the CEAW Executive Board. John has served as the Wisconsin Chapter President, President-Elect, State Agency Representative, and Member-At-Large. In addition, John represented Wisconsin at several CEA Leadership Forums and other national meetings and conferences.

The CEAW Executive Board thanks John for all of his creative ideas and energy that he contributed to the CEAW initiatives that have benefited Wisconsin correctional educators.

Thank you, John, and good luck in your future endeavors.

Thank you!

Toward a Collaborative and Global Community

The 39th Annual UW-Oshkosh Special Education Conference: Highly Successful Special Education Teams Working Towards a Collaborative and Global Community will be held at the Park Plaza Hotel and Convention Center in Oshkosh on February 17-18, 2005

This year's program will focus on the enhancement and success of special educators, general educators, parents, paraprofessionals, related services personnel and community agencies that work with students with disabilities in a diverse world.

In response to PI34, the conference will offer sessions structured around the following learning tracks: Emotional/Behavioral Disabilities, Instructional Strategies, Autism Spectrum, Transition/Adulthood, Collaboration/Inclusion, Policy Issues in Special Education, International/Multicultural Issues, Assistive Technology and Recreation and Relationships

The conference also will feature a job fair, poster sessions and many exhibits of publications, equipment and services. Naomi Zigmond, of the University of Pittsburgh, will be the featured speaker.

Conference Schedule

Thursday, February 17

4:30 – 5:45 p.m.	Registration/Reception
4:30 – 5:45 p.m.	Director's Meeting
5:45 – 6:00 p.m.	Conference Welcome
6 – 7 p.m.	Large Group Workshop
7 – 9 p.m.	Job Fair/Poster Sessions
7 – 8 p.m.	Sectional Presentations
8 – 9 p.m.	Sectional Presentations

Friday, February 18

8 – 8:45 a.m.	Opening
8:45 – 10 a.m.	Keynote
10 – 10:30 a.m.	Break and Exhibits
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.	Sectional Presentations
11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Lunch (on your own)
1 – 2 p.m.	Sectional Presentations
2 – 2:15 p.m.	Break
2:15 – 3:15 p.m.	Sectional Presentations
3:15 – 3:30 p.m.	Break
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	Sectional Presentations
4:30 – 5 p.m.	Interactive Final Session: Round Table Discussions

Registration deadline is February 7, 2005. You may register on-line at www.peopleware.net/222115

Full Conference Registration Fee	\$99.00
Friday ONLY Registration Fee	\$75.00
STUDENT Full Conference Registration Fee	\$40.00
STUDENT Friday ONLY Registration Fee	\$25.00
Cancellation Processing Fee	\$25.00



College, Jail, and the Community: Partnering to Educate the Incarcerated

Local Sheboygan officials, law-enforcement personnel, and county jail inmates are in agreement about the value of the educational programming provided at the Sheboygan County Detention Center (Jail). Here is a sample of their comments:

The Jail Education program is an invaluable civic asset because it assists in facilitating troubled youth and adults to become productive, contributing members of our community.

James Schramm, Mayor, City of Sheboygan

Education plays an important role in breaking the cycle of repeat offenders in our jails and prison system. LTC is truly making a difference.

Michael Helmke, Sheriff, Sheboygan County

LTC's program has enabled many to earn their High School Equivalency Diplomas as well as experience success in something; some for the first time in their lives. Education continues to be one of the most important factors in obtaining employment and living a stable lifestyle.

Kevin Keough, Field Supervisor, Wisconsin Department of Corrections

Without this program I never would have earned my GED.

Former Inmate, Sheboygan County

Earning my HSED with honors has increased my self-confidence.

Another former Inmate, Sheboygan County

I learned valuable information that will assist me upon my release.

An Inmate, Sheboygan County

Lakeshore Technical College (LTC) partners with Sheboygan County Detention Center (Jail) and the State of Wisconsin to provide on-site Adult Basic Education (ABE) for the County's Incarcerated population. These services include, but are not limited to, General Education Development Certificate/High School Equivalency Diploma (GED/HSED), basic skills review, and college preparation. LTC provides a full-time instructor, namely Sharon Abel. LTC equips the Detention Center classroom with textbooks, office supplies, and a dozen computers. Approximately two hundred inmates participate in the program each year.

With the on-going support of the General Studies Dean and various other key LTC personnel, Instructor Sharon Abel has initiated and maintained many partnerships instrumental in the survival and growth of the jail education project since her hire in 1991. A complex network of partnerships has been created by working closely with many correctional staff including officers, management, receptionists, and maintenance. One especially notable partnership grew from the day-to-day interactions with Rehabilitation/Huber Law Officer Roy Kluss.

With a shared goal to meet employers' needs by providing a more skilled workforce, Kluss and Abel work cooperatively to facilitate the inmates' education and employment. They meet with business and industry leaders who make a practice of hiring Huber Law/Work Release inmates and former inmates. With a better understanding of employers' specific needs, Abel and Kluss can apply their knowledge when advising or instructing inmates. Kluss' support of correctional education is so strong that in 1997 he applied for and was appointed to a trustee position on the Lakeshore Technical College Board.

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Kluss and Abel are members of the Attic Correctional Services Advisory Committee. Their participation affords them the opportunity to stay in touch with current issues and concerns regarding Temporary Living Placements, Electronic Monitoring, and Probation & Parole. Being aware gives them the opportunity to better prepare inmates for the transition back into society.

The jail education project's success is in part due to working together as a team. To illustrate, in the court system, with a student/inmate's signed release, Abel writes a letter regarding said individual's educational status. Such progress reports are not only appreciated by Probation Agents conducting pre-sentence investigations, but also by Defense Attorneys preparing their presentation. They often vocalize their gratitude for the Instructor's input. Another team effort is LTC's Adult Basic Education for the Incarcerated Project's Advisory Committee consisting of an Assistant District Attorney, a Public Defender Supervisor, a Probation/Parole Supervisor, and a Circuit Court Judge.

An Advisory Committee Member encouraged Sharon Abel to educate the public about the importance of educating the incarcerated. Her presentations began with civic organizations and eventually led to the Mayor's Office and a speaking engagement before the City Council. State Senators and Representatives accepted Abel's invitation to meet at the Sheboygan County Law Enforcement Building to discuss funding alternatives for Incarcerated Adult Education projects, not only in Sheboygan County, but throughout Wisconsin's seventy-two counties. Abel has given presentations on various topics at State-called meetings and conferences. Officer Kluss and Instructor Abel have spoken about the College-Jail-Community partnership at Lakeshore Technical College's All-Staff In-Service, the Wisconsin GED/HSED/Adult Literacy Conference, and the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) National Leadership Congress in New Orleans.

State-wide recognition of the Sheboygan County Detention Center/Jail has resulted from the success of LTC's Adult Basic Education for the Incarcerated Project, along with Instructor Sharon Abel's graduate coursework and her presentations at State-called meetings and conferences. The cooperative effort between Sheboygan County and LTC has gained national recognition thanks to professional journals publishing articles written by Abel. The program has been featured several times by local newspapers.

LTC is a recipient of a very competitive grant, Adult Education and Family Literacy (AEFL), from the State of Wisconsin. AEFL Act dollars are federal funds distributed through State channels. Wisconsin, as well as ten other states, administers these funds through a two-year technical college system. Other states administer through K-12 or workforce development offices. Mary Ann Jackson, Education Director of Adult Basic Education Programs, Wisconsin Technical college System (WTCS) Office, has stated: *Operating through an adult education system provides a great deal of direct support in terms of faculty, transition opportunities, support services, resources, and community visibility. This is the type of support that has helped to make the Adult Basic Education Program overall, and more specifically, our Sheboygan County Jail Program, so successful – a federal, state, and community partnership.*

A maximum of ten percent of the programming funds that come into any state may be spent to support programming for adults in institutionalized settings. The State of Wisconsin focuses these funds on jail programming due to its reported successfulness.

In Wisconsin, local colleges match their general AEFL programming grants at an average of about sixty percent. Jail projects require twenty-five percent cash match annually. In Sheboygan, the County supplies 100% of the required match. The remaining expenses are covered by another AEFL grant and district funding.

Lakeshore Technical College and the Sheboygan County Detention Center have renewed their relationship with the Literacy Council of Sheboygan County, a non-profit community-based organization. In her first years instructing the incarcerated, Sharon Abel, a former Literacy Council tutor herself, solicited the assistance of other Council tutors in her jail classroom. It provided an inter-generational experience for the inmates. Currently LTC

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is seeking the assistance of the Literacy Council tutors to supplement educational services for the English as a Second Language population in the Detention Center.

Recently, Sheboygan County brought in a chaplaincy program, Good News Jail & Prison Ministry. The Chaplain and Abel quickly realized the advantages of forming an alliance. Their support of each other's causes has already been evident and has resulted in accomplishing more with less.

On behalf of the inmates, Sharon Abel annually writes a grant request to the Sheboygan County Crime Prevention Committee. The awarded funds provide an Inmate Library. This is achieved by Eastern Shores Library System agreeing to serve as a fiscal agent and a Mead Public Library employee volunteering her expertise and time to assist with the purchasing of materials.

The Lakeshore District of the Wisconsin Technical College System serves Manitowoc County, as well as, Sheboygan. LTC's program in the Manitowoc County Jail was patterned after the one in Sheboygan. The two Counties apply jointly for funds from the State and the instructors at each site offer each other support.

Former inmates and Huber Law/Work Release inmates in great percentages participate in the full cap and gown ceremony, right along side other students at the school-wide GED/HSED Graduation ceremony held each June at the main campus in Cleveland, Wisconsin.

For more information contact:

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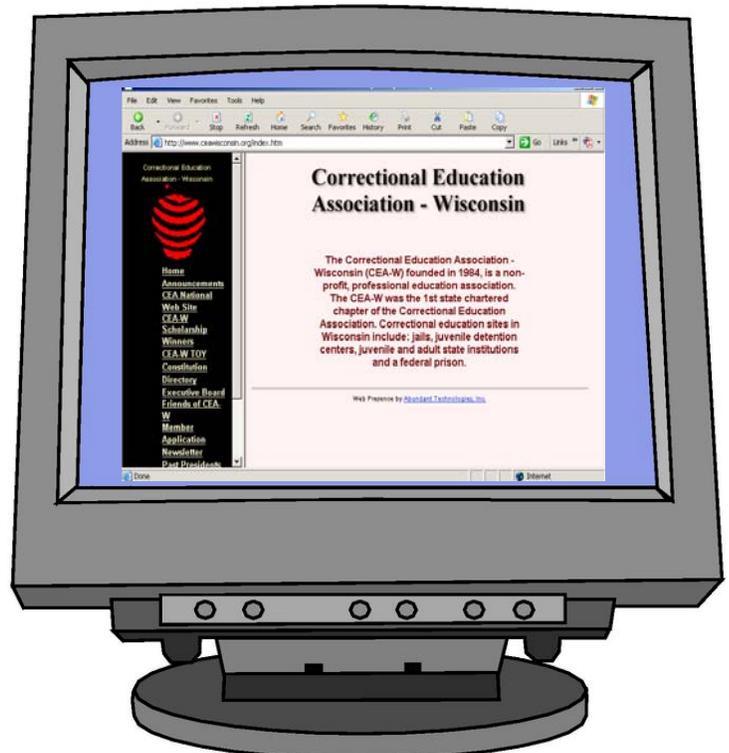
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If you would like to contribute information for the Directory or add other items to our website contact Mike Breszee at his email address:

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CEA Membership Application

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- Student/Volunteer/Retiree \$35 year
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