

Switzerland of Ohio H.E.L.P. *Higher Education & Learning Partnership*

H.E.L.P. is a regional non-profit helping to identify transition points in education where students may experience difficulty or need additional support. The partnership's primary goal is to significantly increase the advancement of education or training rates beyond high school and with adults through college enrollment and vocational, skills or military training opportunities.



PROGRESS REPORT— April 2011

July 30, 2009 – Initial P-16 Meeting

- Partnered with OACHE (Ohio Appalachian Center for Higher Education)
- Partnered with Ohio University Voinovich School

- Developed Local Education “Pipeline” Document
- Developed Local Education Activity Spreadsheet

- Benchmarked Ohio P-16 Councils:
 - Stark County, Ohio
 - Highland County, Ohio

- December 2009 - Renamed group: H.E.L.P. - Higher Education & Learning Partnership
- Developed “Top Three” Goals for Initial Focus

2010 & 2011

- Reviewed Ohio University OU Appalachian Access study and Monroe County statistics/data
- Reviewed data on Ohio’s high school and college graduation rates (by county) as well as commuting (in/out of county) patterns
- Planned Feb. 28, 2010 “College Access” Event with promise of participation from seven colleges!
- Hosted the Nov. 4, 2010 College & Career Expo Event (*in partnership with Woodsfield Kiwanis Club*)
- Scheduled Presentations on the following Topics:
 - Switzerland of Ohio Local School Building Project (related to technology) & EMIS
 - Ohio Preschool Trends
 - Stackable Credits
 - OACHE College Access (Seeds4Success) and Educ. Opportunity Center programs
 - GMN Project Partnership Program
 - Kuder Career Navigator
 - Review of Seeds for Success Survey Results

Grants

- Received a 2010 - \$5,000 grant from OACHE (*Supported P-16 formal development; 2010 College & Career Expo*)
- Received a 2011 - \$5,000 grant from OACHE (*will be used for College & Career Expo; Engaging Businesses in P-16 process and Supporting Kuder Career Software*)
- Supported writing a Seeds4Success \$10,000 grant for the School system
Program included: OACHE college access coordinator – 20 hours per week and \$10,000 for college access activities during 2009-2010 school year
- Submitted Grant to Ohio Attorney General’s Office for Nov. College & Career Expo

Engaged the following Partners to date:

Education

Dr. Brenda Haas, OACHE

Curt Plummer, OACHE Monroe College Access Coordinator

Rhett Wharton, OACHE College Access Coordinator

Polly Evans, St. Paul's Preschool

Dan Mumma, Ohio Valley Educational Service Center

Misty Atkinson and Rachel Henthorn, (GMN LIFE program)

Charney Fritz and BilliAnne Walters (ABLE program)

Switzerland of Ohio Local School District (SOLSD)

Larry Elliott – Supt.

George Richardson – Asst. Supt.

Tess Hill – Technology

Stephanie Rouse – EMIS Coord.

Norma Rucker (Title I Coord.)

High School & Swiss Hills Guidance Counselors

Monroe Business Community

Tru Jorris – Safe Auto

Ruth Workman, Monroe County Chamber of Commerce

Janet Henthorn, Small business owner

Monroe Government & Residents

Mike Lloyd (resident/Noble County OSU)

Bruce Zimmer, OSU Extension, Monroe

Tammy Jones, Monroe Soil & Water

Gwynn Stewart, Buckeye Hills-HVRDD

Susan Pollock, Team Monroe

Carl Davis, Tim Price & John Pyles, Monroe County Commissioners

Jason Huffman, Parent

Lida Conn, Mayor of Clarington

Higher Education

Gary Williams, Washington State Community College

Sherri Becker, Washington Career Center [Business & Industry Training manager]

Belmont Technical College

Joy Blair (Communications)

Holly Bennett, Ph.D. (Dean of Workforce & Economic Development)

Janelle Comstock

Dirk DeCoy (Dir. Of Industrial Trades & Contract Training)

Tim Houston (Dean of Off-Campus Operations)

Rebecca Kurtz, Ph.D. (VP of Learning & Student Success)

Bobbi McMillen, M.Ed. (Dir. Of Child Care Services)

Michael Sterling, Admissions

Eastern Ohio Valley Ohio College Tech Prep

Annemarie O'Grady & Christina Wanat, M. Ed. (College Tech Prep)

Ohio University Eastern

Dr. Rich Greenlee

Mike McTeague

Marsha Lewis & Judy Coil - Voinovich School of Leadership (Athens)

Media

Monroe County Beacon: **Martha Ackerman & Taylor Abbott**

AVC Radio (WBVN), **Perry Baranich**

Southeast Ohio magazine – article on Team Monroe & Higher Education