

Educational Highlights for Leaders

**State Support
Team**



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Special Points of
Interest:

**Registration is still
Open!**

SST Quarterly
Regional Meeting

Featuring speaker,
Dr. Maria Sargent

Meeting the Needs of
Struggling Writers

February 20th

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Serving Erie, Huron, and Lorain Counties

Did you know there are many new
Early Childhood Professional Development Opportunities
being offered at SST2 this Spring?

State Support Team 2 Early Childhood Education staff will be presenting many new PD opportunities beginning in March 2015. These sessions are designed to support a program's ability to meet and understand topics related to the Step Up To Quality Program Standards as well as other Early Childhood topics.

New PD Sessions will be offered in:

Measures of Quality Series:

- Program Improvement in Measures of Quality (pre-requisite)
- Selecting and Conducting Program Assessment as Measures of Quality
- Using Measure of Quality to Inform Practice
- Planning and Implementation Using Measures of Quality

Screening and Assessment Series:

- Overview of Early Childhood Assessment Practices
- Developmental and Behavioral Screening Practices
- Planning and Revising Learning Opportunities

Technology in the Classroom Series:

- Using Technology in the Early Childhood Classroom
- Incorporating Technology in Everyday Activities (2 Sessions)

Ohio's Early Learning and Development Standards:

- Ohio's Early Learning and Development Standards Level 1 3-Hour Overview (replacing the previous 6-hour overview requirement)

Details on when these sessions will be offered can be found on the SST PD Calendar at

<http://www.sstr2.org/protected/MasterCalendar.aspx?dasi=&e=&g=&vs=13&d=&>

For more information on these PD sessions contact Jackie Plantner at plantner@sstr2.org or Nancy Osko at osko@sstr2.org.

STARS Registration and Updated Information is Important!

With the coming of the snow and cold that add to the beauty of Ohio's winters comes the almost certainty of snow and cold days in Ohio's schools. As a State Support Team that provides professional development across many districts and LEAs, our main method of communication with districts and LEAs is via the STARS portal.

On occasion, it becomes necessary to cancel a professional development opportunity due to severe wintry conditions and our most efficient way of contacting registered participants is through the STARS system. Relying on this system is contingent on two variables. First, participants must register for the professional development through STARS. If participants plan to simply attend the training without registering, we have no means of knowing that and no method of contacting them if the training is cancelled. Second, participants must keep their email addresses and other contact information up-to-date so that, when we email participants, they receive it at their current email address.

Registering for a SAFE account for STARS is a relatively painless process:

1. Go to <http://webapp2.ode.state.oh.us/portal/>
2. Select the "SAFE Sign Up" button at the left of the page
3. Read the agreement and click on "I Agree" at the bottom
4. Continue to follow the prompts on the screen

Be sure to write down your login information for future use. Finally, make sure to access this account and keep information up-to-date as you change phone numbers and emails addresses.

Don't Forget to Check Out Our State Support Team 2 Facebook Page and Twitter Feeds!



@PreK_SST2
@PBIS_SST2
@TTW_SST2
@Director_SST2
@OIP_SST2

**Do you serve students with
significant cognitive disabilities/low incidence disabilities (SCD/LI)?**

If so, join the Low Incidence Network. In conjunction with State Support Team Region 3, this network meets quarterly to collaborate regarding best practices for the instruction of students with SCD/LI and supports for teachers and administrators. Each meeting will address a specific topic that is timely and relevant to the group. We will collaborate on ideas and supports and often create and review documents and provide feedback throughout the process.

The topics for the remaining events for 2014-15 are:

March 19, 2015: Curriculum and instruction using Learning Progressions and Ohio's New Learning Standards-Extended

Location:

SST 3
6393 Oak Tree Blvd.
Independence, OH 44131

May 19, 2015: Panel discussions around collaboration and best practice

Location:

SST 2
1885 Lake Avenue
Elyria, OH 44035

Please register through STARS.

Did you know?

Did you know there are **Alternate Assessment for Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities Resources** posted?

Previously trained Test Administrators and Second Raters have several resources available as you prepare to administer the 2015 Alternate Assessment for Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities (AASCD).

Many resources have been posted to the State Support Team Region 2 website to assist you in getting ready to administer the assessment. Resources such as direct links to the AASCD Portal, the Directions for Administration Manual, as well as a series of short training videos recorded by State Support Team Region 2 consultants Jennifer Heim and Darren Conley. All of these resources among many others can be found at <http://www.sstr2.org/Assessment.aspx>.

Should you have further questions about this year's administration of the AASCD, please feel free to contact Jennifer at heim@sstr2.org or Darren at conley@sstr2.org.

Deadline Extended!

State Support Team 2 will be accepting applications for both the R. A. Horn Student Award and the Franklin B. Walter Educator Award until **February 10th**!

Initial application forms can be found beginning on page 5. Full application packets can be found at

<http://www.sstr2.org/Downloads/RAHornStudentNominatorPacket20153parts.pdf> and

<http://www.sstr2.org/Downloads/FranklinBWalterTeamNominationForm20153parts.pdf>



The 2015 AT Vendor Fair is coming to a region near you!



Save the Date!

April 21 (hosted by SST 2)

Sawmill Creek
400 Sawmill Creek Dr.
Huron, Ohio 44839

April 22 (hosted by SST 8)

NEOMED
4209 State Route 44
Rootstown, Ohio 44272

April 23 (hosted by SST 11)

OCALE
470 Glenmont Ave.
Columbus, Ohio 43214

April 24 (hosted by SST 13)

Princeton Administration Center
3900 Cottingham Drive
Cincinnati, Ohio 45241

All events 9:00am – 3:00pm

Collaborators

SST 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14,
15, 16, OCALE, CISAM, and AT Ohio





Deadline
extended to
February 10th!

Franklin B. Walter Outstanding Educator(s) Award 2015

Purpose:

To honor an educator or team who has made outstanding contributions by improving access to and progress in the general curriculum for children and youth with disabilities.

Guidelines:

1. Each nominee must be currently employed as an educator by a public school district, a chartered nonpublic school, a state operated program, or a county board of DD in Erie, Huron or Lorain counties. Nominees may include certified and non-certified staff members.
2. Nominators must complete the two forms attached and should provide specific information about the educator(s) in a typed description of;
 - A. The impact the nominee(s) have had on the quality of life and learning for children with disabilities.
 - B. How the nominee(s) is/are an exceptional candidate(s) for this award.

Date and time of end of school year building award ceremony _____

Please submit nominations **no later than February 1, 2015** to Tracy Lichtenfels at lichtenfels@sstr2.org or 1885 Lake Avenue, Elyria, OH 44035.

How to Submit a Nomination

In a maximum of two typed pages, please describe the nominee(s) achievement. If submitting for a team PLEASE have EACH nominee complete the release forms.

Use specific examples and be as descriptive as possible to provide a clear picture of the nominee(s) and his/her/their accomplishment.

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R.A. Horn Outstanding Student Achievement Award 2015

Purpose:

The purpose of this award is to acknowledge outstanding achievements of students with disabilities.

Guidelines:

1. Nominees must be of age 3 through 21 and enrolled in a school program in Erie, Huron, or Lorain counties for the 2014-2015 school year.
2. Nominators must complete the two forms attached and should provide specific information about the student in a typed description that includes achievements in the areas of academics, arts, athletics, community service, employment, extracurricular activity, or independent living skills.

How to Submit a Nomination

In a maximum of two typed pages, please describe the nominee's achievement.

Use specific examples and be as descriptive as possible to provide a clear picture of the nominee and his/her accomplishment.

Date and time of end of school year building award ceremony _____

Please submit nominations **no later than February 1, 2015** to Tracy Lichtenfels at lichtenfels@sstr2.org or 1885 Lake Avenue, Elyria, OH 44035.

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Referral and Identification of English Language Learners: A Columbus City Schools' Perspective

Date:
4/10/15
Time:
1PM-3PM

Target Audience:

Building Principals,
Intervention
Specialists, SLPs,
OTs, PTs,
Teachers, Special
Education
Directors and
School
Psychologists

Held at:

ESCLC
1885 Lake Ave.
Elyria, OH 44035

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&
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Center of Lorain
County

State Support
Team



Supporting Erie, Huron,
and Lorain Counties

Presented by:

Diane Fowler, School Psychologist

Ms. Fowler will discuss the role of the school psychologist in the referral process for ELL students who schools may suspect them of having a disability. She will also present the New Guidance Document for the Referral and Identification of English Language Learners with Disabilities as designed by the Ohio Department of Education and an ELL-SWD work group.

A drawing will be held for free books!

"Essential of Cross-Battery Assessment" by Dawn P. Flanagan,
Samuel O. Ortiz, Vincent C. Alfonso

&

"Developing Cross-Cultural Competence: A Guide for Working with
Children and Their Families, Fourth Edition (Developing Cross-
Cultural Competence)" by Eleanor Lynch, Ph. D.

Registration is FREE and REQUIRED;
Register in STARS

<https://safe.ode.state.oh.us/portal> Keyword: Region 2

Sign into your SAFE account - (Establish an account if you do not currently have one,
then select STARS V2.0 and complete your user profile - one time only)

Select: Event Search

Search by: Region 2

Highlight the event and click: Register for Selected Event

Follow the steps until you reach the screen to confirm your registration

Select: Yes

Please be sure that your STARS profile has your current email address, as
additional training information may be shared before the training date.

Contact Vicki Barbaro at 440-324-5777 ext. 1107 or barbaro@sstr2.org if you require
assistance with registering.

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Upcoming Events!

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2/6/2015 - Alternate Assessment FULL Day
Training - **Rescheduled from 2/2/2015!**
9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at **LCCC, Spitzer
Conference Center, Rooms 214-215**

2/10/15 – UDL On-Line Book Study Begins
4:00 PM – 4:30 PM

2/13/15 – Neurological Processing Problems
in the Early Childhood Classroom
9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

2/19/15 – Ohio’s Early Learning and
Development Standards Overview
8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

2/19/15 - The Dog Didn't Eat My Homework:
Understanding Executive Functioning (Held at
the Cuyahoga County ESC)
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

2/20/15 – Meeting the Needs of Struggling Writers with Dr. Maria Sargent (Held at
Kalahari) 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

2/24/15 - HQT for Moderate to Intensive Intervention Specialists - SCIENCE, Day
Three of Three 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

2/25/15 - Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) 2015 Cohort 2, Day
2 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

2/26/15 & 2/27/14 - Instructional Practices Using the Ohio Academic Content
Standards-Extended 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

**Check out the Event Calendar on our website @ www.sstr2.org for
many more offerings!**

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