

# Educational Highlights for Leaders

**State Support  
Team**



*Serving Erie, Huron, and Lorain Counties*

## The STARS are out in Region 2!

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Special Points of  
Interest:

SAVE THE DATE

SST Quarterly  
Regional Meeting

Featuring speaker,  
Dr. Lisa Dieker

Monday & Tuesday,  
December 15th &  
16th, 2014

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Several school-district Early Childhood programs in our State Support Team region have been hard at work applying for and receiving Step Up To Quality ratings! These programs were selected by ODE to apply for a rating and completed a rigorous application and verification process. To date 117 ODE-licensed programs have been rated statewide.

The following programs have been Step Up To Quality rated in our region:

- Bellevue Elementary – Bellevue City Schools – 5 Stars
- Edison Elementary – Edison Local Schools – 5 Stars
- Elyria Early Childhood Center – Elyria City Schools – 5 Stars
- Hancock Elementary – Sandusky City Schools – 5 Stars
- Lorain County Early Learning Center – ESC of Lorain County – 4 Stars
- Maplehurst Elementary – Norwalk City Schools – 5 Stars
- Monroeville Elementary – Monroeville Local Schools – 5 Stars
- New London Elementary – New London Local Schools – 5 Stars
- Shawnee Elementary – Huron City Schools – 4 Stars
- South Central Elementary – South Central Local Schools – 5 Stars
- Western Reserve Elementary – Western Reserve Local Schools – 5 Stars

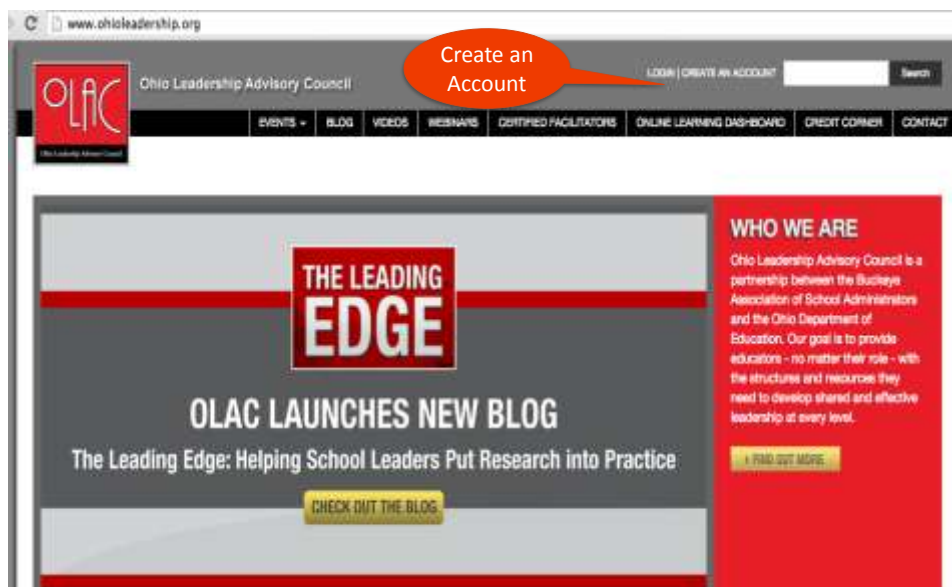


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## The Ohio Improvement Process (OIP) – Using Supporting Resources

Ohio Leadership Advisory Council (OLAC) is a resource that can be used by all districts. In order to access information on OIP you need to sign up for a completely FREE account. The OLAC website is located at <http://ohioleadership.org/>. Once you have created an account, click on the On-Line Learning Dashboard at the top of the page. Scroll down to the lower left hand tab and click on OIP. In this section you will find modules that contain useful videos, handouts and other resource that connect to school improvement. The OLAC site is filled with useful information around each stage of school improvement and can be used by teachers, administrators and central office personnel. Don't miss out on the wonderful OLAC on-line trainings and webinars. Visit <http://ohioleadership.org> and sign up for your free account today.

### Using Supporting Resources



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@Director\_SST2  
@OIP\_SST2



## SAVE THE DATE

State Support Team Region 2 will be hosting the 2015 regional Assistive Technology Vendor Fair. The popularity of this event continues to gain momentum across the state. This event, which originated in northwest Ohio, is being replicated throughout the rest of the state. Nearly every State Support Team is involved in planning an event, along with OCALI (Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence), CISAM (Center for Instructional Supports and Accessible Materials) and AT Ohio. It's clear that Assistive Technology supports and strategies are becoming even more important for all students as academic demands and expectations increase and districts are being held accountable to demonstrate student growth. Assistive Technology can enable students to independently demonstrate their knowledge and achievement.

The 2015 AT Vendor Fair being held in our quadrant of the state will take place on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at Sawmill Creek Resort in Huron, OH. State Support Team Regions 1, 2, 6, and 7 collaborate to bring this event to you. Please mark your calendars. Registration will occur through STARS beginning in January 2015. Your registration will provide you with an opportunity to visit with AT vendors, attend vendor break-out sessions to learn more about their products, as well as a chance to win fabulous door prizes. Lunch will also be included. We expect a large turn-out as this is a multi-regional event. Since this event rotates among the 4 regions, it will most likely not take place again in our region until the 2019-20 school year.

See Dates and Locations on Page 4

## 2014-2015

### Alternate Assessment Updates

The 2014-15 school year marks the third administration of the Alternate Assessment for Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities (AASCD). The spring 2015 AASCD will be administered Feb. 23-April 17. There are only a few minor updates to the AASCD this year. The Offices of Curriculum and Assessment and Exceptional Children have determined that only those who will be administering the alternate assessment for the first time will be required to attend training this year. This mandatory training includes those who will be given the role of Teacher, Test Administrator, or Second Rater. Those who have previously been trained and administered the AASCD are no longer required to attend any AASCD training. However, to ensure that the test administrators are familiar with all current administration procedures, previously trained Teachers, Test Administrators and Second Raters are encouraged to attend a refresher session delivered either by a State Support Team or through a district-provided opportunity. SSTs will offer short sessions for staff who wish to be retrained or revisit key administration policies and procedures (e.g., determining a student's starting and concluding tasks, preparing and adapting test materials, etc.). Districts assume all responsibility for any nonstandard test administration or testing irregularity resulting in a test invalidation due to administration error (e.g. failure to correctly scaffold and score student responses.). As with all statewide testing, districts are required to provide annual training on test security and standards for the ethical use of tests to all employees who have access to state tests and students who are administered the state tests.

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# 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)

OICALI  
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, OICALI, CISAM, and AT Ohio



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### What is Step Up To Quality?

Step Up To Quality is a quality rating and improvement system for early learning and development programs.

Programs can earn a 1-, 2-, 3-, 4- or 5-Star Rating by meeting Ohio's quality program standards.

Step Up To Quality Means:

- Highly trained teachers
- Development of school readiness skills
- Commitment to continuous improvement
- Focus on family engagement

A general brochure detailing the requirements at each Step Up To Quality star level can be found at <http://jfs.ohio.gov/cdc/docs/SUTQMainBrochure.stm>.

For more information on the Step Up To Quality system visit [www.earlychildhoodohio.com](http://www.earlychildhoodohio.com) or contact Jackie Plantner, Coordinator of Early Learning and School Readiness for State Support Team 2 at [plantner@sstr2.org](mailto:plantner@sstr2.org).

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In addition, there have been some changes to the content areas that are required to be administered. Social Studies has been added for students in 4th and 6th grades. Please consult the table below for the complete list of content areas that need to be administered to each student per grade level.

Grade	Content Areas to be Administered to Each Student
3	English language arts and Mathematics
4	English language arts, Mathematics, and Social Studies
5	English language arts, Mathematics, and Science
6	English language arts, Mathematics, and Social Studies
7	English language arts and Mathematics
8	English language arts, Mathematics, and Science
OGT	English language arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies

Should you have any questions regarding the 2014-15 administration of the AASCD, please do not hesitate to contact Jennifer Heim at [heim@sstr2.org](mailto:heim@sstr2.org) or Darren Conley at [conley@sstr2.org](mailto:conley@sstr2.org) at State Support Team Region 2.

# The Ohio TESOL Conference

## November 13-15, 2014

### Registration is Open!

Hilton Downtown Columbus

401 North High Street  
Columbus, Ohio  
USA 43215

visit [www.TESOL.org](http://www.TESOL.org) for registration and hotel pricing

The mission of Ohio TESOL is to develop the professional expertise of its members and others involved in educating those learners for whom English is a non-native language. We strive to continually improve standards of high quality instruction and encourage opportunities for networking, interaction, and leadership. This year's conference does that by providing a variety of presentations, technology and poster sessions, networking opportunities, exhibitor displays, and educational site visits.

There will be over 100 sessions on a wide range of topics including:

- Preparing students for the new PARCC assessments
  - Suggestions for teaching grammar/writing
  - Implementing the Common Core with ELLs
    - Working with low-literacy ELLs
    - Special needs English language learners
- Ways to better integrate technology into classrooms
- Sessions for general education/mainstream teachers
- Cultural information on ethnic groups new to Ohio
  - Basic information for people new to the field

#### **Please Note:**

**Session E-21 New Guidance Documents for ELLs Being Considered for a Disability Presenter(s):  
Connie Reyes-Ray, Hamilton County Educational Service Center, Title III Coordinator, School Psychologist; Diane Bachman Fowler, Columbus City Schools, School Psychologist; Nancy Osko, Early Literacy Consultant, SST Region 2**

This session will update participants on an Ohio Department of Education; Office of Exception Children and LAU center task force initiative to offer guidance to districts who may be considering placement of an ELL in special education. Guiding principles, steps for compliance and a Multi-tiered Systems of Support documents will be shared with the audience.

If your district is enrolling more English Language Learners than ever before please think about attending this informative conference.

## SST 2 Quarterly Regional Meeting – Digging Deeper with Dr. Brian McNulty

Descriptor: Dr. McNulty will be presenting on Teacher Based Teams and Building Leadership Teams and the use of meeting protocols to frame decisions based on student data.

Location: Kalahari Resorts & Convention Center,  
7000 Kalahari Drive, Sandusky, OH 44870

Date: 6/2/15

Time: 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Cost: FREE

Audience: Teachers, Intervention Specialists, Administrators,  
Related Service Personnel



Special Education  
Leadership Conference  
October 14 - 16, 2014

Catalyst for Change

Ohio | Department  
of Education  
Office for Exceptional Children

The Ohio Department of Education's Office for Exceptional Children (ODE/OEC) invites you to participate in Ohio's 2014 Special Education Leadership Conference from noon on Tuesday, October 14, through noon on Thursday, October 16, 2014. The Conference theme is "Catalyst for Change."

Registration is \$100.

### **Where**

Greater Columbus Convention Center  
Columbus, Ohio

### **Fee**

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### **Register By**

Friday, October 3, 2014

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## Upcoming Events!

10/9/14 – Age Appropriate Transition  
Assessments: Where Do I Begin? 9:00 AM-3:00  
PM

10/10/14 – Ohio’s New Rules for Special  
Education: Shifting Focus from Minimum  
Standards to High Performance 9:00 AM-3:30  
PM

10/10/14 – Step Up To Quality Work Session  
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

10/17/14 – Ohio’s Early Learning and  
Development Standards Overview 8:30 AM-  
3:30 PM

10/20/14 – Step Up To Quality Work Session 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

10/21/14 – Tobii Eyemobile Information Session 1:00-4:00 PM

11/4/14 – Ohio Improvement Process Regional Meeting 12:30-3:30 PM

11/4/14 – Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) 2015  
Cohort 2 Day 1 8:30 AM-4:00 PM

11/7/14 – Breakfast with Directors 8:30 AM-10:30 AM

**Check out the Event Calendar on our website @ [www.sstr2.org](http://www.sstr2.org) for  
many more offerings!**

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