

Southern Rhode Island Collaborative

SORICO

SORICO'S MISSION

- SORICO, in partnership with its member districts, provides leadership to ensure strong student achievement through the development and delivery of high quality programs and services using cost effective, collaborative and entrepreneurial strategies.

THEORY OF ACTION

- "If" "Then" statements identifying my plan for achieving the mission of the organization.
- Published to staff and to the Collaborative Council August 2009

First Year Objectives

- First Semester:
 - Improve existing programs and services
 - Assess district needs
 - Develop new programs and services for 2nd semester roll out
- Second Semester:
 - Roll out new programs and services

FIRST SEMESTER'S WORK

IMPROVE CHILD OUTREACH PROGRAM

Hired experienced person to oversee program

Purchased new equipment

Increased screened students by 10% (so far)

Increased # of preschools for screening by 12 (so far)

Wrote new policies and procedures for program

Increased customization of the program

REINVENT ALTERNATIVE LEARNING PROGRAM

- Reposition staff to support unsuccessful students **in-district**
- Negotiate moving ALP to a district with only part-time SORICO site experiences
- Use staff and vans to supervise and transport students for community experiences
- Staff support students with Proficiency Based Graduation Requirements
- Reduce hours of SORICO teachers

NEW PROGRAM CONCENTRATIONS

- IN-DISTRICT SUPPORT

TECHNOLOGY

MATH/SCIENCE

21ST CENTURY LEARNING

NEW PROGRAMS ROLLING OUT

- Implementing after school, parent funded program for students needing assistance to meet PBGRs
- Providing cost efficient, customized, in-district career exploration and work experience using SORICO job coaches and vans
- Partnering with a district to maintain ALP for entire region
- Providing intensive PD on co-teaching and discreet math for teams of regular and special educators
- Offering customized district technology audits

NEW PROGRAMS (cont'd.)

- Facilitating customized district technology plans
- Sponsoring technology conference
- Training for use of interactive white boards
- Offering pre-employment TA course
- Training for prospective job coaches
- Opening of (mobile) Confucius Classroom
- After-school world language classes
- Lecture series on Chinese culture for adults

NEW PROGRAMS (cont'd.)

- Offering credited Chinese culture and language course for high schooler's (including trip to China)
- Providing leadership PD for central office personnel aligned with superintendents' leadership PD
- Participating in reverse auction (with LEARN)
- Offering discount benefits for employees in organization and in districts
- Customizing Child Outreach services and Kindergarten Readiness Screening for districts

SORICO Programs used by SK

- 2008-2009
 - Five students in ForwardVIEW ALP
 - Two students in Extended School-Year program
 - Child Outreach & Kindergarten Screening
 - Summer Wk Experience & Exposure program
 - Vocational assessments for 7 students to determine ORS eligibility
 - Training & on-site technical support for IEP required transition services

- 2008-2009 (cont'd.)

- Wilson Reading System Training

- Jan. '08: 15/30 participants from SK

- May '08: 13/30 participants from SK

- Apr. '09: 18/30 participants from SK

Year-long Level 1 Wilson Training: 12/25 from SK

Availability of the following:

- Transition Support Services

- Transition Advisory Council

- Career Discovery Program

- 2009-2010

- 1 student at ForwardVIEW on long-term basis

- 2 students on short term basis at ForwardVIEW

- Child Outreach Screening

- Customized Kindergarten Readiness Screening

- On-site PD for elem/middle/high TAs: Strategies for Inclusion

- Wilson Reading Training: 6/22 from SK

- Year Long, Level 1 Wilson Training planned for Sept 2010

- 2009-2010 (cont'd.)
 - Job coach training: 6 participants from SK
 - Training & on-site technical support for transition services
 - On-going use of Transition Services

Why a Collaborative?

- Provide more services and programs that would be more expensive to provide separately by member districts
- Serve as clearing house for regional educational needs
- Increase capacity of member districts to better serve their students and constituencies

Examples of SAVINGS to SK
(above \$7,400 membership fee)

- Child Outreach/Kindergarten Screening
- Wilson Training
- Services for students with special needs

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS