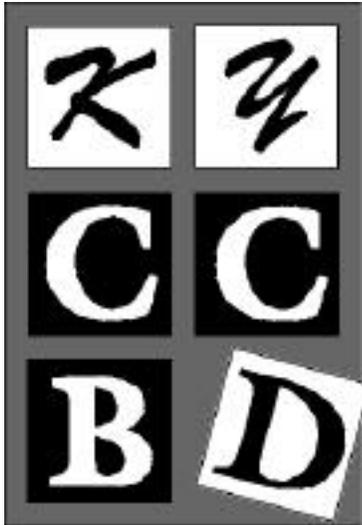


The Newsletter of the *Kentucky Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders*



President's Message

Tena Robbins

Greetings!
I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and that your school year is off to a great start. As I pondered what to convey in this message, a

single word invaded my thoughts: UNITY. As I write this message, we have just passed the anniversary of the terrorist attacks on our nation. Because of this horrific experience, many individuals believe we have become stronger and more unified as a nation. I began to think about this in the context of our work with children and youth with emotional and behavioral challenges. Whatever our position -- whether educator, therapist, parent, or policymaker -- we strive each day to provide our children and youth with the promise of an opportunity to meet with success. But we can't do this alone . . . we must reach out to others to help us achieve this goal. I am reminded of the lesson from the Aesop fable titled a "Bundle of Sticks" -- "In union there is strength".

Over the past couple of years, I have experienced a greater sense of strength through my involvement with KyCCBD. I hope that each of you will consider becoming involved in the activities of KyCCBD. This year promises to be a great one! In addition to planning for the 10th Annual Behavior Institute, we will be concentrating on gaining and retaining members to help us better achieve our mission and vision. One of the ways you can become more involved is by joining us at the regional Behavior Institute Planning Retreats. We had great success last year and hope to have even

more members join us at this year's planning retreats. Information on retreat dates will be posted on the KyCCBD listserv. We would also love to have you join us at the KyCCBD General Membership Meeting during the Exceptional Children's November Conference in Louisville.

Involvement with KyCCBD allows us to unite as colleagues and strengthen our efforts for the children and youth we serve. Together we can develop and implement more effective practices and programs; impact policies that will improve the system in which we work; and ultimately, make a difference in the life of a child and family. If you are interested in becoming more involved, please contact any of the KyCCBD board members or your regional representative. We want your input and need your help!!

Peace to each of you . . .
Tena Robbins

KyCCBD President

KYCCBD Teacher of the Year

Gale Hardy, an Elementary EBD teacher from Rineyville, Kentucky in Hardin County, was selected as the KYCCBD teacher of the year. The teacher of the year is selected from colleagues nominated by KYCCBD members, and the award presented at the summer Behavior Institute.

Gale teaches students with emotional and behavioral disabilities at Rineyville Elementary School. Gale was selected because of her approach in providing high quality, rigorous academic instruction to her students. Her classroom would serve as a model lab for incoming special education teachers from all disability areas.

Gale's heartfelt and humble speech in acceptance of her award made everyone in the

audience proud to be in some way associated with "One of the Best". Congratulations Gale, you challenge all of us to reach new heights with our students.

Advocacy in Action: Proactive Advocacy of Our Kids and Their Families

Mike Waford

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act will likely be reauthorized within the next year. Already a multitude of bills have been filed, many of which are calling for full funding of the 40% excess costs required to educate children with disabilities. This was promised by congress in the 1970's in the initial legislation but the funds were not appropriated. It appears there is a great deal of support for the full funding initiative.

It is important to note that some in Washington are not asking that funds generated by the identification of children with disabilities be earmarked for use for children with disabilities. This means the funds may be used at the discretion of the local school district. That is the current status and as a result, increases in funding do not guarantee increases in expenditures for the children we serve.

While decisions are being made in DC, plans can be made locally to lay the ground work for the use of any additional funds that may be forthcoming. For example, many of your districts may utilize specialists, coordinators, resource teachers, etc., who have a specific focus to provide consultation, support, and technical assistance to classroom teachers and schools. These individuals cover areas such as writing, reading, science and math. Few of the districts in the Commonwealth employ behavior consultants or specialists. It would be prudent to begin to discuss how new funding opportunities may now allow this need to be addressed.

The areas such individuals could impact is broad. IDEA strongly encourages positive behavior supports, strategies and interventions to be developed for students who are not achieving success due to an issue with behavior. There is increasing interest in school-wide discipline programs, functional assessment and behavior intervention plans. All of these supports provide

much needed help for the student, but put greater demands on the school staff. A consultant or specialist in behavior is a tremendous resource helping schools develop such programs and interventions.

What can you do? Talk with colleagues. Is this a need in your district? Talk with your central office staff. Lay the ground work for the development of this position in future budget planning. Be proactive!! Behavior has been, currently is, and will always be an area of concern for educators. Let's provide the support to the teacher in the classroom, whether general education or special education, so that all students have the opportunity to their highest level.

Send a post card to your congressional representatives and tell them it is time special education received what was promised over 25 years ago. For less than a quarter, your opinion will count! Tell them whatever you want, but tell them!! (Don't send a letter as it will be delayed due to the Anthrax precautions.) You can also go to CEC's website for advocacy and send an email...it takes just 5 minutes!

As Dr. Richard Ramsey admonished us at a past Behavior Institute "If we always do what we always did, then we'll always get what we always got!"

Let's do something different and see what happens!

Behavior Institute 2002: An Overwhelming Success

Alan Siegel

Once again, the Kentucky Behavior Institute hit the mark!! The 2002 Behavior Institute was an unqualified success with over 1200 participants and a terrific line-up of presenters.

Dr. Cecil Mercer offered us a great insight into the need to reach a balance as we care for ourselves as we teach our students.

Dr. Marlene Wong provided us with another look at how to make our school safe and secure for teachers and students and how to recognize the signs of emerging problems.

Dr. Kristine Melloy introduced the service learning concept to many participants and we hope that teachers will begin to incorporate this into their curriculum

Dr. Paul Zionts, our current National CCBD President, led spirited discussions on Rational Emotive Behavioral Therapy to several packed rooms.

Ms. Freta Parks brought us a great follow-up to Ruby Payne's keynote address last year.

Dr. Sylvia Rockwell offered insight into how to reach out and teach the most difficult students in our schools and classes.

Dr. Jim Kauffman stretched everyone by providing insight into the struggles the academic world faces in determining the best course for education and treatment of students with EBD.

This year we tried a new idea, **The Practitioners Paradise**. This was a way to get more folks involved from around the state in showing the great things that are happening on behalf of students with behavior disorders. Over the course of three hours, over fifteen different groups presented their "Best Practices" in a poster session format. It was, judging by your comments, a HUGE SUCCESS. Thanks for your feedback on this new format!

Every year of the Institute has been an effort to improve upon the previous year. The way we accomplish this is through your comments and feedback. Once again, many of you took the time to give us meaningful suggestions and comments that will go into the planning of next years institute. The planning process has already started, and the institute committee will regard your comments as they begin to put logistics in place.

If you are interested in becoming more involved in the Institute and the Planning Committee, please contact Alan Siegel at ajsiegel@kedc.coop.k12.ky.us to volunteer. It is never too late to join us in making the Institute a bigger success.

Calling all "SCRAPBOOKERS!!"

The Behavior Institute 2003 will be our tenth anniversary!

In preparation for a presentation illustrating the evolution of the Behavior Institute, we are asking for anyone with pictures (no matter how silly), video clips, anecdotes, or a thought from previous BI's to share. So dig around in those file drawers and closets to see what memorabilia you can find.

Please send artifacts to Susan Isaacs 801 Old Dobbin Road, Lexington, Kentucky 40502. Please mark the back of photos with your name and address so they may be returned to you.

KYCCBD WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS!!

Several new members joined the ranks of KYCCBD during the Behavior Institute. We welcome their commitment to children with Emotional and Behavioral Disorders.

New Members from across the state are:

Carolyn Burgin,-East Burnstadt
Mary C. Carrico- Independence
Gwendolyn D. Goffner- Louisville
Charles Hayes-London
Melanie Henderson- Lewisburg
Regina Hirn-Crestwood
Sherri Humble-Worthington
Vicki A. Pitcher-Rineyville
Jo B. Robertson- Almo
Verna E. Sharp- Flatwoods
Traci Y. Sharp-Columbia
Traci A. Steele- Waco
Loretta B. Steele- Lexington

Sharon D. Minton- Louisville
Dero D. Downing- Bowling Green
Sonya E. Anglin- Mt. Vernon
Bev. K. Blankenbaker-Floyd Knobs, IN
Sallie J. Pierce- Somerset
Nicollette. L. Robison-Louisville
Randy L. Rowland- Carrolton

Joan Karen Scalos- Campbellsville
Clay M. Smalley-BowlingGreen

Tammy A. Wagner- Louisville
Violet Jones-Capps- Louisville
Guy W. Crocetti-Taylor Mill
Melissa Abernathy-Louisville
Kelly S. Davis-Bowling Green
Kelly P. Egan- Louisville
Gale M. Hardy-Upton
Keith Lakes- Annville
Whitney Marshhall-La Grange
David F. Pepper- Carrolton
New Members Cont.

Kim Taylor-Quincy
Debbie L. Wooten- Louisville
Marcia K. Sharp- Campbellsville
Julie J. Morgan-Louisville
Stella L. Beck- Louisville
Stephanie Allen- Louisville
Robin Alley- Louisville
Cassandra Chatmon- Owensboro
Dr. Karen Frohoff-Lexington
Kathy Isenhour-Lexington
Deborah K. Roberts-Milton
Connie M. Voges-Louisville

Jane H. Warren-Louisville
Shelon M. Gist- Louisville
Beverly H. Hinkle- Paris
Joyce A Gellhaus- Hodgenville
Mary Dawson-Shoulders-Louisville
Delores O. Tipton-Cadiz
Roxanne Yeoman- Louisville
Julia E. Lawrence- Fisherville
Crystal A. Canty- Bedford
Kimberly L. Knox- Prospect
Ann Miller- Lexington
Susan L. Charron-Georgetown
Jackie M. Harley-Hodgenville
Brent Napier- Krypton
Janice F. Ray- Sonora
Michael B. Sharp-Louisville
Jodee L. Slone- Shelbyville

Our Sincere thanks to our Membership
Committee who work diligently in the

recruitment and retention of new members.
Thanks Marcia and Wanda!!

Check out the CCBD Website

If you haven't visited the CCBD website lately ,
you should take a minute to browse. Most issues
of Beyond Behavior, selected articles from
Behavioral Disorders, position papers and
advocacy fact sheets are available for
download. For members only, there is an active
discussion forum. Web address is
<http://www.ccbd.net/> .

Behavior Institute Planning

The planning is already underway for the 10th
annual Behavior Institute.

We have already secured a fantastic line-up of
out of state speakers including: Ed Kameenui,
Anita Archer, Randy Sprick, Marilyn Friend, Kris
Mohandi and Malcolm Smith.

Mark your calendars for June 23-25 and plan to
join us in Louisville at the Convention Center for
the best ever, Behavior Institute.

Watch subsequent newsletters and the website
for additional information concerning nightly
social activities for you and your family during
the institute.

**WHERE AEE THE LOST****200?**

According to our records, 200 KYCCBD members are not signed in on our membership e-group. In order to get "Up to the Minute" information and breaking KYCCBD news, please join us on-line. If you not connected and wish to be, please contact Donna Meers, our Web Manager, to be placed on the e-group.

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Meet your new KYCCBD Executive Board Members

Laura Straughn- Vice President

Ever wonder who's writing all those checks that make endeavors such as the KYCCBD Summer Institute happen? That would be Laura and her partner in crime, the honorable Tom Denton.

Laura Straughn has been a consistently active member of KYCCBD for 12 years, having previously served in the offices Vice President, and President.

Laura brings to the position of Vice President years of experience in teaching students with Emotional and Behavioral Disorders within both public school and mental health facility settings, and is currently in her sixth year as a Safe Schools Consultant with the Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative (OVEC), consulting with 12 school districts. Laura has been highly regarded as a skilled Behavior Consultant for many years, providing direct services to school districts in the capacities of teacher consultation and school-wide/district-wide professional development, not only within OVEC's twelve school districts, but across Kentucky and other states as well.

Having served as a Consultant with the Kentucky Department of Education's Behavior Consultant Network, and as a consultant for the KDE/Center for School Safety's Model Schools three year project, Laura is currently one of 10 trainers in the Kentucky Instructional Discipline Supports Project (KIDS), providing training to 13 schools in Regions three and four.

Laura's true passion is for helping struggling teachers learn and use the strategies that enable students with intensive needs to achieve success at the highest level possible. We look forward the heart, wisdom and leadership she brings to each and every endeavor she undertakes.

John Roberts- Secretary

The newest face on the KYCCBD Executive Board is John Roberts from Louisville. John is the Director of Special Education in Hardin County.

While John is a Kentucky native, he spent several years in Houston, Texas as a School Psychologist before heading home to his "true roots".

While working in Houston, John was influential in changing the structure of the provision of services to youngsters with Emotional and Behavioral Disabilities.

As a strange coincidence, John actually stumbled upon the Behavior Homepage. <http://www.state.ky.us/agencies/behave/homepage.html> (The Behavior Homepage is a collaborative effort between the Kentucky Department of Education and the University of Kentucky) In his effort to improve services for students with EBD, John downloaded material

from the homepage as a tool to assist in programming changes. A chance encounter with the Web Manager brought John into the folds of Kentucky CCBBD and affirmed that Kentucky is a frontrunner in planning and advocacy for students with EBD.

John's interest in best practices for students with EBD followed him to Kentucky. John has implemented innovative ideas in the recruitment and retention of highly skilled teachers in the field of EBD. John was one of the first directors to offer additional stipend and training to teachers working in EBD.

John's vision for KYCCBD is simple:" Build Local Capacity". Through his work with KYCCBD, John hopes to make" best practices" information accessible and within the reach of every EBD teacher in the State.

Mark Your Calendar Now!!



10TH ANNUAL BEHAVIOR INSTITUTE

June 23,24,25

Louisville, Kentucky

Louisville Convention Center

**“Overriding classroom size, rules, all those structural things, the
human element of the
TEACHER**

Making a human connection with kids is the bottom line”

Robert Blum, 2002

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