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Exceptional Programs for Exceptional Learners Monthly Newsletter

Parsons, Neodesha, Fredonia, Cherryvale, Thayer, Independence, Coffeyville, Caney

TACT Team—New Location & Staff

Goals for teachers:

- Be experts in your field
- Search for best practice in your field
- Utilize best practice
- Change what is not working
- Diagnose needs with appropriate tools
- Progress Monitor student needs at least weekly
- Be excited about your growth and your students' growth
- Care about all children, even the tough ones

Best Practice

This year we will continue using this section for best practice being utilized within our Tri-County district.

Let me know if you see a best practice being used or share one that you are using.

Elementary teachers lay the foundation for the learning of their students. Some students have very intensive needs. If you have a challenging student and need some help, contact the TACT team. Team members are ready to help. New personnel are joining standing TACT members Teresa McVey and Megan Robins. New personnel to the TACT team for the 2009-2010 school are Tonya Ellis, Mary Gilpin and Bill Perry. Tonya runs the TACT office and the TACT lending library. Mary has extensive experience working with students under the spectrum and those having challenging behavior. Bill is coordinator of elementary level services for north districts

of Interlocal 607.

This year the TACT office and the lending library are located at the McKinley building in Cherryvale. The phone lines for the TACT office have not been installed yet. However, you can contact Tonya at the TACT cell 620 332-4164. It will be mid September before materials and work boxes are ready for check out. However, the items housed in the lending library may be viewed on the TriCounty website under Staff Resources. Team members are reviewing the current status of students seen by TACT last school year to determine the need for service changes or continuation of TACT involve-

ment. If you have a student referral, please contact one of the TACT members for a referral form and to provide initial information. The referral form may be faxed to the TriCounty office Attn: Bill Perry until the fax line is installed at the TACT office. TACT will do its best to assist you with your challenging students.

Contact information:

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Mary:
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Welcome New Staff to the Tri-County Team

Every year Tri-County welcomes new staff on board. This year is no different—we have 12 new certified staff that are joining our team. Please welcome the following:

Randi Bernhart
Lisa Cummings
Mary Deckard
Kristi Denny
Susan Judd
Key Melander
Doug Nading
Jennifer Potts
Heather Sharbutt
Megan Thill
Kayla Wilson
Matt Ysusi

Remember what it was like to be a new staff member and help support them in building procedures, Tri-County paperwork, names of other providers working with them, etc. But most of all, lend a listening ear and an understanding heart.

