



Colusa County Office of Education

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Amber McKinney, Jessica Calderone, Gina Porter, Ryan Copeland, & David Wright were recognized at the November Board Meeting as employees who gave outstanding performances during a school safety incident.

Important Dates

Click underlined dates for more information

December 1, 8, 15, 22:
"And Literacy For All" Story Time, 6pm

December 6 & 16:
Paraeducator Assessments

December 14: Early Literacy Certification Graduation

All CCOE Offices will be closed December 20-31

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Paraeducator Career Fair & Community Resource Fair Big Success

Communications

The Special Education & Human Resources Departments held a "Paraeducator Career Fair" on October 26 at the Education Village in Williams with great success. Through their on-the-spot hiring process, seven attendees were able to complete an application, participate in an interview, and received job offers all within an hour's time of arrival. There are still paraeducator positions open at CCOE, and if you are interested in one of these positions, visit www.edjoin.org/ccoe to view the job description and requirements. For additional information or questions, contact CCOE's Human Resources Department at (530) 458-0350.

Prevention Services & Innovative Approaches to Literacy also implemented a fair that was geared towards community resources. The November 6 first-annual event had a moderate attendance despite storm-like conditions outdoors and competing weekend events. Participating vendors included departments within CCOE, in addition to Williams Fire Protection Authority, the Williams Police Department, Colusa County Free Library, and Arbuckle Parks & Recreation Department of the 27 total agencies that attended. Along with Prevention Services' annual Migrant Resource Fair that's held in the spring, the Community Resource Fair will be the department's annual fall counterpart and is sure to become a fast family favorite.



Colusa County CAPC's Annual Angel Tree Project

Administrative Services



Colusa County CAPC is the designated Child Abuse Prevention Council for Colusa County that provides resources for families by collaborating with others. Each year, this local organization invites community members to sponsor a Colusa County child currently in Foster Care through its Angel Tree Project. Participating children complete a Holiday Wish List that is then passed on to those wishing to donate items intended to spread an extra ounce of holiday cheer. The Colusa County Office of Education participates in this program each year, with this year's gift donation cut off date of December 1. For more information about this project, contact the Colusa County CAPC office at (530) 458-7678.

Prevention Services Team Featured at Georgia Event

Prevention Services

The Colusa County Office of Education's Prevention Services team, in partnership with Williams Unified School District, was invited to present at the 2021 National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth (NAEHCY) National Conference November 13-16 in Atlanta, Georgia. The NAEHCY is a national association dedicated to ensuring educational equity and excellence for children and youth experiencing homelessness. At the conference, Prevention Services teammates Estefania Guillen Aceves and Claudia Deniz spoke about their efforts supporting the migrant population within

Colusa County through projects such as the Migrant Resource Fair, Healing California, and partnerships with county districts. "Our migrant camp families are considered McKinney Vento, or homeless, because of their high mobility and that they live in transitional housing," Guillen Aceves said. As a result, she continued, "they are one of the populations we work with most to ensure equitable services are provided." To learn more about services offered by Prevention Services, call (530) 473-1350.



ESL & Citizenship Classes Now Enrolling

Educational Services



English as a Second Language (ESL) classes are designed for students whose native language is not English, and the Colusa County Adult School offers ESL classes from beginning to advanced levels. Here, students are assisted in developing reading, writing, listening, speaking, grammar, and punctuation skills to succeed in a global society. Also interested in obtaining U.S. Citizenship? Colusa County Adult School offers a citizenship prep course to help you prepare for your USCIS Citizenship Interview. Receive assistance with: reviewing 100 immigration questions, practicing reading and writing sample sentences, and learning about the American system of government, its history, and its culture. To register for either of these courses, visit www.colusacountyadultschool.org, stop by the Educational Services Office at 499 Margurite Street in Williams, or call (530) 473-1350 ext. 10304.

PROGRAM UPDATES

Early Literacy Certification Graduation

Innovative Approaches to Literacy

For over a year, the "And Literacy For All" department has spearheaded an Early Literacy Certification (ELC) Program with local childcare providers. This six month program works with providers on exploring the six components of early literacy and how best to support children in developing their literacy skills. Under the tutelage of Dr. Danielle Thomas, Ed.D, since August 2020, Cohort 1 has had the opportunity to learn through implementation and practice. Projected to graduate from the program in February 2021 due to COVID-19's numerous delays, the group will receive their certifications on December 14. Cohort 1's graduates include: Kim Owens & Betty Huson (First 5 Colusa), Angelica Velazquez (Colusa County Health Department), Gaby Silva (Colusa County Free Library), Maria Rivas (Arbuckle eCenter), and Melissa Santillan (Private Daycare Provider). Cohort 2 will begin December 11; for more information about the ELC Program, contact Stefani Santana at (530) 473-1350.



Early Literacy Certification recipient Betty Huson working with a student.

DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT: BUSINESS SERVICES



L to R: Angelina Guizar, Lisa Knight, Christine Robinson, Merry Seaver, Elizabeth Segura, Karen Moriconi, & Crystal Frazier

Learn more about the Business Services Team on the next page!

CCOE is hiring! Full-Time, Part-Time & Substitute Employment Opportunities.
Contact Human Resources at (530) 458-0350
or scan the QR code to see current job openings!



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DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT: BUSINESS SERVICES



Karen



Elizabeth



Crystal



Angelina



Lisa



Merry



Christine

Angelina Guizar

Coordinator of Business Services

Coordinator of Business Services Angelina Guizar has worked for CCOE since April 2017. She has a background in property management where she worked as an Assistant Manager/Bookkeeper, and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting. What Angelina likes most about her career is the people she works with and "our common goal of education for kids in this county," she stated. Outside of work, Angelina enjoys spending time with her husband of eight years (Jose), and their two sons (Kain aged four years & Kalum aged 8 months). The family also cares for two German Shepherds (Loba, Koko), two black cats (Binx, Cat Linda), and a handful of roosters and hens. Angelina also enjoys hobbies of cooking for family parties, reading, and shopping for Disney memorabilia.

Elizabeth Segura

Accounting Specialist II

Elizabeth Segura has worked at CCOE for a little over six years, and loves the field because it's challenging, rewarding, and expands her knowledge base. "It makes the job fun!" Elizabeth said. Prior to working in accounting, she was a Medical Assistant for four years with a degree from Cambridge Junior College. After working in offices in both Colusa and Yuba City, Elizabeth decided to make a career change and began at CCOE in a receptionist role. She then made the transition into CCOE's Human Resources Department before landing her current position. When not at work, Elizabeth spends time with her three-year-old Husky dog (Stella), visits with family and friends, likes to travel, take road trips, hike, shop, and exercise.

Christine Robinson

Accounting Specialist II

Christine Robinson has worked at CCOE as an Accounting Specialist for just over a year. Before coming to CCOE, she worked in banking, accounting, bookkeeping, human resources, and payroll for 13 years; 10 of those in a management role. Christine enjoys working with her colleagues who she also considers friends. She also likes learning new things, and in accounting "there is always something more to learn," she said. When not at the office, Christine enjoys spending time with her husband of 26 years (Darren). The pair have two sons (Joshua aged 31, & Justin who passed away earlier this year at age 32), and two grandchildren (Landon aged 11 & Zoey aged 5). Christine's favorite pastime is visiting with her son, grandchildren, and family. "Family time is precious time; you never know when one will take their last breath."

Karen Moriconi

Accounting Specialist II

Accounting Specialist Karen Moriconi has worked at CCOE for over 20 years. Prior to working at CCOE, she gained experience at Grand Island Elementary as the site Secretary, and the Pierce Joint Unified School District Office in Human Resources and Public Relations. Accounting, auditing, balancing, and communicating with coworkers and vendors are some favorite aspects of Karen's job. When not working, she loves spending time with her five grandchildren and rescue dog Max (a Beagle). Karen also enjoys gardening and shopping.

Crystal Frazier

Payroll Accounting Specialist II

Crystal Frazier has worked in payroll and accounting for over 20 years. What she most likes about her job is "the challenge and the chance to continue learning." Married for 23 years to her high school sweetheart Chris, the couple have four children (Taylor, Caitlin, Landen, Addison), two Pomeranians (Zoey, Bella), and two cats (Milo, Mila). When not working, Crystal enjoys spending time with her family and dabbling in photography.

Lisa Knight

Lead Payroll Accounting Specialist II

Business Services' Lisa Knight has worked in the field of payroll for over 20 years, 16 of them with CCOE. She loves her job because it is never a dull moment and she loves helping people. Lisa and the payroll team also enjoy helping CCOE employees with any questions they may have. "We are here for them and will be happy to help them," she stated. When not working, Lisa spends time with her husband of 34 years Rob, two grown children (Katie & Dakota), and five pets: two dogs (Colt, Dixie) and three cats (Smokey, Bandit, Bear). Lisa also enjoys reading, gardening, and anything water-related.

Merry Seaver

Accounting/HR Specialist I

Merry Seaver is a new hire at CCOE, and currently shares her time in both the Human Resources and Business Services Departments. With a background of 40 years in the medical field, she is well-versed in billing, office management, and coding. What Merry likes most about her current position is that each day presents a chance to learn something new. Married for 40 years, she and her husband have two sons (Colt & Paul), and five grandchildren. When not at the office, Merry enjoys creating paper crafts from handmade cards, scrapbooking, and making junk journals. She feels "blessed to be a part of this amazing team" and is so happy to be working at CCOE.