



FREDERICK COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MARYLAND

What's New in Special Education

The Department of Special Education and Psychological Services is pleased to announce changes in our departmental staffing.

Introduction of Behavioral Interventions and Supports Team

First, we would like to introduce you to the new **Behavioral Interventions and Supports Team** to better serve the students and families of FCPS.

Rachel Eversole has joined FCPS as the **Coordinator of Behavioral Interventions and Supports**. Rachel previously served as a Special Education Teacher for several years and then as a Coordinator of Autism and Behavior Disorders with Berkeley County Schools in West Virginia. She also previously served as a Crisis Intervention Counselor for at risk adolescent males. Ms. Eversole is a Nationally Board Certified Teacher, in the area of Exceptional Needs, and is a Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI) trainer.

Four **Teacher Specialists for Behavioral Interventions and Supports** will also be members of the team.

Karen Williams has been a Teacher Specialist for four years in the Department of Special Education. Previously, she was a therapist in the Pyramid Program at Lewistown Elementary School. Karen also serves FCPS as a CPI trainer.

Kathy Veronie comes to us most recently from Lewistown Elementary School, where she has served as the school support teacher for Pyramid. Prior to teaching at LewES, Kathy was a special education teacher at Brunswick Elementary School.

Heather Profilio is joining the department from Rock Creek School, where she taught for seven years, working with many students who have moderate to profound disabilities as well as significant behavioral needs. Prior to arriving in FCPS, Heather taught in Pennsylvania, working primarily with students with autism.

Amy Power hails from Governor Thomas Johnson Middle School, where she worked as a Challenges teacher. Prior to her experience in FCPS, Amy was a special educator in Montgomery County Public Schools. Amy is currently working toward licensure as a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA).

The team looks forward to partnering with schools to provide professional learning for teachers and staff, as well as to support schools with the needs of challenging student behavior. Look forward to more to come as we continue to develop our vision for the **Behavioral Interventions and Supports Team**.

Instructional Coordinator Changes

Furthermore, changes have occurred with respect to the support of Instructional Coordinators.

At the elementary level, **Emily Quinlan** will serve as the Instructional Coordinator of Elementary Schools. Emily was previously the Instructional Coordinator of Secondary Schools.

In the secondary schools, **Steve Welty** will continue to serve as the Instructional Coordinator of Secondary Schools.

Katie Turner will serve in the role of Coordinator of SUCCESS and charter schools. Most recently, Katie was an Instructional Coordinator of Elementary Schools. She was previously the Coordinator of SUCCESS, as well as an Elementary Teacher Specialist for Special Education.

In the Child Find Office, **Michele Baisey** has joined the team as the Coordinator of Early Childhood and Child Find. Michele will be supporting pre-school and school-aged Child Find, Special Education Pre-K, and collaborating with the Infant and Toddlers Program.

Support Staff Update

In addition to these changes, there are also changes with our support staff within the office.

JoAnn O'Toole will now be serving in the role of the secretary for the Directors, and will answer the main phone number for the Department (X45281).

Marcia Andrews will continue to be the contact for all County IEP meetings, and remains in her role as the front desk/receptionist for the office (X45289).

Carol Mullinix continues to support the special education coordinators and supervisors. She will be your contact for Indicator 11 Compliance data in addition to Extended School Year (ESY) (X 45295).

Cheryl Hubbard is now the central office secretary for Psychological Services (X66882).

Kathy Whitcomb (X66865) serves as the budget coordinator, and oversees money for all grant funding, as well.

Tara Kabrick will continue in her role as the Medical Assistance Specialist (X45302).

Terry McDermid remains in her role as the secretary for Speech/Language and Child Find Services (X45292).

Wes Baugher is our User Support Specialist who monitors and oversees OIEP access, as well as monitors and oversees databases related to special education and 504 (X45294).

The Department of Special Education and Psychological Services looks forward to our continued work collaborating with your school.