

**February 3, 2023**

## Assistive Technology



On December 8, 2022, **Sherry Maupin** (CASE Occupational Therapist and Assistive Technology Consultant), **Kim Kearney** (CASE IST Coach, Assistive Technology Coordinator, and SLP), and **Nikki Norman** (CASE SLP and Assistive Technology Coordinator) held the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Maker's Day event. Attendees learned how to turn ordinary toys into adapted toys controlled by a switch or an iPad. Toys and engaging learning tools can be accessible to students with disabilities!

## Glenbard Parents as Teachers

Glenbard ECC is bursting with excitement at the hiring for two brand new positions within CASE and our early childhood collaboration. These positions grew directly out of identified needs throughout our community, and we are proud to have received funding to support these new initiatives.

We have hired two part-time Home Visitors through a Bloomingdale Township Mental Health Board Grant, as well as district support. Providing home visiting supports to families with kids over three has been long requested from our parents and our schools. We are ecstatic to pilot this extended model in our community and are looking for opportunities to extend it to more Glenbard area families.

We also welcomed an additional Family Outreach Advocate, funded through a 3-year grant with Birth to 5 Illinois. These advocates will participate in a family outreach worker cohort sponsored by DuPage Foundation's Bright and Early Initiative that provides dedicated training and supports to enhance their outreach efforts.



L to R: **Myrrha Kinkie**, **Paola DeAngelo**, and **Araceli Chavez**. Not pictured: Elizabeth O'Donnell.

**Home Visitors**, Paola and Elizabeth, will serve D15 and D16 families with 3–5-year-olds, using the PAT Model and Curriculum.

**Family Outreach Advocates**, Myrrha and Araceli, will provide direct outreach and foster greater connections with families within our community.



## Community Trips



Students from CASE teacher, **Kiley Greco's**, classroom (**D89**) participated in their December community trip to the Dollar Store to purchase gifts for family. Students have been studying coin identification and how to use their assistive technology devices in authentic settings. The students enjoyed the experience and independence! In January, the students went to McDonald's and practiced ordering food. The February trip involves creating cards for Valentine's Day and taking them to the post office.

## Professional Committees



**Dr. Mathew Epperley**, CASE Administrator for Social and Emotional Wellness, serves as Membership Committee Chair for the DuPage Region of the Illinois Principal's Association. He had the honor of presenting the Principal of the Year award to **Steven Dively**, Principal of Hadley Middle School (**D41.**) Also presenting the award is Ms. Gerrie Aulisa, Diversity and Equity Chair for DuPage Region IPA.