

September 8, 2017

CASE held its Welcome Back celebration on August 31<sup>st</sup> at the Bloomingdale Golf Club. The turnout was high and the event seemed to be well-received. Dr. Bill Shields and Dr. David Larson spoke to the group on behalf of the Board. The theme of my message to staff was the need to participate in available learning opportunities. A survey was sent out on Tuesday to the entire CASE staff to solicit some feedback on the event and this input will help guide us in making plans for next year.

### August Highlights

Christina Mora and Lisa Polinski (Vision itinerants) attended a Braille Note Touch workshop in St. Charles. The workshop reviewed hardware, apps, help structure, methods of navigation, file management, creating documents, and accessing braille books.



Sarah Lager presented at the Illinois ASBO NextGen Summit in Palatine, IL on Special Education Funding & Reporting. The presentation offered an understanding of the sources of special education funding along with timelines and the process for reimbursement.

Mindy Long, Kathy Sledz and Terra Knowles attended a workshop on Visual Impairment eligibility. Teri Engler reviewed a variety of regulations and court cases around eligibility criteria and allowed time for questions and discussion. This workshop was put together in response to an OSEP memo released on May 22, 2017 that directly addressed eligibility issues. The workshop was sponsored by multiple cooperatives (including CASE).

Every Child Ready to Grow – this first annual early childhood forum that was held by the Glen Ellyn Library. The event was geared toward providers and parents and featured a panel of service providers that were there to answer questions, share resources and exchange information. Among others, the panel included representatives from the Glen Ellyn Police department, the Glen Ellyn library, District 41, the Glen Ellyn Park District, Dupage Medical Group, Northwestern Medicine and CASE Occupational therapist, Beth Obremski. The event was free and open to the community.



Mindy Long, Cindy D'Ambrosio and Mary Furbush welcomed CASE new staff in mid-August. A two-day new staff workshop was planned for them. All new staff members were trained in CPI, reviewed the mentoring program, met and got to spend some time in buildings with their mentor, reviewed the staff evaluation requirements and participated in activities geared toward welcoming them to our CASE family.

Mary Furbush, Cindy D'Ambrosio, Sarah Lager, Jerry Brendel and Mindy Long attended the Engler, Callaway, Baasten and Sraga School Law Update Seminar on August 30<sup>th</sup>. The workshop was broken into sections including the Legislative update, Freedom of Information Update, Human Resource Issues and Special Education. We are working on preparing a bulleted summary for the Directors and Board.

#### Upcoming Events

Directors Meeting – September 8

Business Managers Meeting – September 7

CEA meeting – September 26