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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Health & Human Services Committee Minutes
June 1, 2015**

The Health and Human Services Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on Monday, June 1, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Building's Conference Room East. Chairman Haji-Sheikh called the meeting to order and those Committee Members present were Ms. Askins, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, and Mr. Whelan. Ms. Little was absent. The roll call reflected five members were present and one absent.

Others present were Dianne Leifheit, Deanna Cada, and Amanda Christensen.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Whelan, seconded by Mr. Reid and it was carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the May 4, 2015 meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Mr. Porterfield, seconded by Mr. Whelan and it was carried unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments made.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Chairman Haji-Sheikh shared two articles that were recently published in Northern Illinois University's Northern Now. The first article discussed was Hearts on State: In the Penguin Players, adults with disabilities take the stage under the guiding wings of NIU student mentors. The Committee also commended Ms. Jane Lux, Public Health Administrator for being awarded a 2015 Alumni Award through the Collage of Health and Human Services.

STEPPING UP INITIATIVE – DEANNA CADA

The Committee welcomed Mental Health Board Director Deanna Cada to share more in-depth information regarding a resolution the County Board passed last month from the National Association of Counties, the Council of State Governments Justice Center and the American Psychiatric Foundation.

Ms. Cada shared that she recently observed a webinar that detailed the Stepping Up Initiative. Through the webinar, she shared that each year there are an estimated 2 million people with serious mental illnesses admitted to jails across the nation. Almost three-quarters of these adults also have drug and alcohol use problems. Once incarcerated, individuals with mental illnesses

tend to stay longer in jail and upon release are at a higher risk of returning to incarceration than those without these illnesses.

The human toll of this problem and its cost to taxpayers is staggering. Jails spend two to three times more money on adults with mental illnesses that require intervention than on those without those needs, yet often do not see improvements to public safety or these individuals' health. Although counties have made tremendous efforts to address this problem, they are often thwarted by significant obstacles, including operating with minimal resources and needing better coordination between criminal justice, mental health, substance use treatment, and other agencies. Without change, large numbers of people with mental illnesses will continue to cycle through the criminal justice system, often resulting in tragic outcomes for these individuals and their families, missed opportunities for connections to treatment, inefficient use of funding, and a failure to improve public safety.

The resolution the County Board passed authorized the County Board Chairman to sign on to the Stepping Up program's "Call to Action" to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in our county jail, commit to sharing lessons learned with other counties in Illinois and across the country, to support a national initiative, and encourage all county officials, employees and residents to participate in the Stepping Up program. The Stepping Up program's comprehensive resources consist of:

- Convene or draw on a diverse team of leaders and decision makers from multiple agencies committed to safely reducing the number of people with mental illnesses in jails, through new or existing committees.
- As available, collect and review prevalence numbers and assess individuals' needs to better identify adults entering jails with mental illnesses and their recidivism risk, and use that baseline information to guide decision making at the system, program, and case levels.
- Examine treatment and service capacity to determine which programs and services are available in the county for people with mental illnesses and co-occurring substance use disorders, and identify state and local policy and funding barriers to minimizing contact with the justice system and providing treatment and supports in the community.
- Examine development of a plan with measurable outcomes that draws on the jail assessment and prevalence data and the examination of available treatment and service capacity, while considering identified barriers.
- Explore implementation of research-based approaches that advance the plan.
- Collaborate on creating a process to track progress using data and information systems, and to report on success.

The Committee spent some additional time talking about the communities need for more resources to serve the mentally ill. Ms. Cada shared that the Mental Health Board's plan is to first focus on areas that they can strike quickly. The Committee also talked in length about Crisis Intervention training for law enforcement personnel.

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Chairman Haji-Sheikh and the Committee thanked Ms. Cada for taking the additional time to come and give them further insight on this initiative.

REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION – AMANDA CHRISTENSEN

Chairman Haji-Sheikh introduced to the Committee Regional Superintendent of Schools Amanda Christensen. Ms. Christensen first shared her June 2015 Regional Reporter newsletter. The newsletter outlined the department's end-of-the-year state monitoring and compliance aspects. The Committee continued to review the newsletter and Ms. Christensen noted that she would have her full annual report available by fall.

Ms. Christensen also reviewed the trend data of homeless students served by DeKalb County's Regional Office of Education and the funding they receive in trying to assist with these students. Ms. Christensen also discussed her department's role in assisting students at Hiawatha School that were affected by the April 9th tornado.

Truancy referral data was also reviewed as well as grant funding that is awarded to truancy alternative educations programs. After discussion and running the numbers, Chairman Haji-Sheikh noted that is more money awarded to potential dropout students than there is to homeless students.

Ms. Christensen also shared with the Committee other duties her offices is assigned to such as building and occupancy permits for schools and detachment annexation petitions. Educator Licensure numbers for FY 2015 were reviewed as well as testing data that is administered through the ROE at the County's Community Outreach Building computer lab.

Mr. Reid engaged Ms. Christensen and the Committee to discuss adding civics training in schools. He noted that he feels it is very important for students to engage in civics training to become good citizens. Ms. Christensen shared that the Illinois Senate has approved legislation requiring that students take a civics course to graduate from high school. The bill, HB 4025, now goes to the governor for a signature. If signed by the governor, the legislation would take effect for the 2016-17 school year.

The Committee thanked Ms. Christensen for joining them and sharing her information and the duties of the DeKalb County Regional Office of Education.

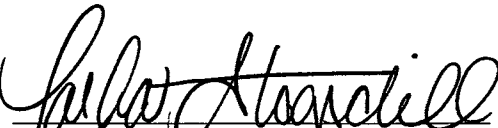
ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Whelan, seconded by Mr. Porterfield, and it was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Misty Haji-Sheikh, Chairman



Tasha Stogsdill, Recording Secretary

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June 2015

**The Newsletter of the DeKalb County
Regional Office of Education**

***Amanda Christensen,
Regional Superintendent***



Letter from the Regional Superintendent

Now is the time to wrap up the school year. As school districts are busy with prom and graduation ceremonies, and final exams, the ROE is busy finishing state monitoring reports. This year in DeKalb County, forty-three public school buildings and one private school building were inspected for Health and Life Safety violations. Now is the time that we are collecting responses and remedies from districts prior to the June 30 deadline.



School districts are also on a 3-year rotation for full compliance audits. Three school districts (Genoa-Kingston, Indian Creek, and Somonauk) were visited this year by a team from the ROE made up of Jeff Smith, Barb Clark, and me. Compliance items range from mandated trainings to use of Title I funds to facilities operations to board member trainings. The area of technical assistance that takes the most significant amount of time to review is the personnel file and educator licensure requirements. All data collected are in the process of being compiled into the report to the Illinois State Board of Education.

Now is also the time for final public school calendars and General State Aid claims to be submitted for approval as well as school safety protocol annual reviews. As school construction projects start, the ROE also issues the necessary building permits and then, ultimately, the occupancy permit after work is completed before school starts.

Lastly, June is a very busy month for technical assistance to educators who need to renew and register their licenses. Any educator whose license is expiring June 30, 2015, must renew and register in order to be eligible to work! Any educators with questions should contact us as soon as possible and not put it off until June 29!

Amanda Christensen

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

Now is the time to contact the DeKalb ROE at 815-217-0460 in order to update your information, have your file and credentials checked, and be enrolled to substitute teach for the upcoming school year. The initial list will go out to districts on July 31. Contact us by July 20 to be on the initial list.

Bus Driver Safety



Initial Class Schedule

All Initial classes are held from 8:00 am—4:30 pm at the Regional Office of Education, 2500 N. Anne Glidden Road in DeKalb in the Five Seasons Room.
Next Initial Classes: July 18, 2015 and September 26, 2015

Refresher Class Schedule

Refresher Classes are held at various locations across DeKalb County.
Next Refresher Classes: July 16 and August 11, 2015

TRUANCY/OUTREACH

Truancy Workers for DeKalb County

Christine Underwood	cunderwood@kidsroe.org
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Denise Curran	dcurran@kidsroe.org
815-217-0471	
Mary Curran	mcurran@kidsroe.org
815-217-0472	

Denise Curran—Credit Recovery & Homeless Coordinator for
DeKalb County

Cathey Stoddard-DeKalb County Truancy Interventionist
815-217-0466 cstoddar@kidsroe.org

Testing Center Info

The ROE testing center is open on Tuesdays from 9am to 4pm, but Constitution Tests must begin no later than 2 pm. There is no fee for the Constitution Test. Please have valid photo ID available, confirm identification in main office, then proceed to check-in office and finally be escorted to the lab for testing.

We are also still offering all Pearson VUE tests (schedule online with Pearson) and the ETS Paraprofessional Assessment (schedule by calling the ROE) in addition to the new Constitution Test.

UPCOMING ROE EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
6/3-4	DeKalb CUSD 428 CPI Training	8:00 am	Blank Slate
6/4	Youth Service Providers	9:00—11:00 am	Conf Room West
6/4	Substitute Teacher Training Planning Committee	4:00—5:00 pm	Conf Room West
6/8	Institute Planning Committee	1:00 pm	Conf Room West
6/9	KIDS Foundational Services: Close Reading and Text Dependent Questions	8:30—3:30	Five Seasons
6/11	KIDS Foundational Services: Writing Matters	8:30—3:30	Five Seasons
6/16	School Investigation Training	8:30—12:00	Five Seasons
6/16	KIDS Foundational Services: Science Workshop	8:00—4:30	Conf Room West
6/19	KIDS Foundational Services: Family Engagement	8:00—1:00	Five Seasons
7/3	County Offices Closed for Independence Day		



ALF M. DIESZ SCHOLARSHIP

Alyssa Fritz, a senior at Sycamore High School, has been named the 2015 recipient of the Alf M. Deisz Memorial Scholarship Award. Alyssa plans to attend Kishwaukee College in the fall with an emphasis in criminal justice. She was given the award at Honors Night at Sycamore High School by Amanda Christensen, Regional Superintendent, on behalf of the donor Gene Diesz.

Alyssa has already completed the Student Citizen Police Academy at Kishwaukee Education Consortium. Her accomplishments include serving as State Historian for SkillsUSA, the president of SkillsUSA Club at KEC, and as a Hampshire Police Explorer.

Alyssa will receive \$500.00 paid directly to the Kishwaukee College at the rate of \$250.00 per semester. She joins these previous Alf M. Deisz Memorial Scholarship Winners: 1982 – Ron Mosback, DeKalb HS; 1983 – Tom Pritchett, Sycamore HS; 1984 - Ture Nelson III, Sycamore HS; 1985 – Janice Nahrstadt, Genoa-Kingston HS; 1987 – Stacy Russell, Genoa-Kingston HS; 1988 – Jay Francis, Sandwich HS; 1992 – Jason Watson, Genoa-Kingston HS; 1996 – Phil Thompson, Genoa-Kingston HS; 1998 – Caleb Davies, DeKalb HS; 1999 – Benjamin Brotcke, Sycamore HS; 2001 – Patrick White, Sycamore HS; 2002 – Blake Graves, Sycamore HS; 2003 – Brad Caldwell, Genoa-Kingston HS; 2007 – Brent Solar, Sycamore HS; 2009 – Andrew Brown, Genoa-Kingston HS and 2011 – Xin Deng, Sycamore HS; 2014 – Blake Kohout, Genoa-Kingston High School

The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.

—Martin Luther King, Jr.

Student Success Highlights from DeKalb High School

2014 edition of New Pennies magazine was one of only five high school publications in the country to earn the Pacemaker Award! The following students worked on the magazine: Maddie Alger, Abbie Jovanovich, Rachel Kelly, Katie Barton, Kelan Graddy, Grace Flowers, Victoria Monaghan, Teagan Chadra, Katie Hoiness, Guilherme Cardoso, Daniel Oliver, Salina Cruz.

Several DHS students received medals at the National French Contest:

- Sarah Duffin received a Gold Medal and placed 9th in national rank
- Lorena Robles, Stephanie Vazquez and Sariah Rodriguez received Silver Medals
- Rocio Hernandez, Phebe Palmer, Madeline Hoth and Madeline DiNatale received Bronze Medals

Congratulations to Cindy Dugan (school counselor) who won the Wirtz award!



Education is the key to success



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT LYNN G. HASKIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

New to Haskin School this year is The Walking Club. Pictured are the students and the staff that meet every Monday after school and walk until 4:00. For each mile walked, the students earn a "foot" token for their necklace. This is an encouraging way to get the students motivated to reach their walking goals. This program is managed through the P.E. teacher, Mr. Gross. Many staff are taking advantage of this opportunity, too! (Picture, right.)



Third graders received a visit from Mr. John Frieders from the DeKalb County Farm Bureau. Mr. Frieders presented "It's an Earful" where students learned about farming with an emphasis on corn. Students also made their own stalk of corn. (Picture, left.)

DeKalb Regional Spelling Bee

The National Bee was just this past week! In the future, if you want to tune in, it is aired on ESPN. It is remarkable how dedicated and gifted these students are.

The DeKalb Regional Spelling Bee is held annually and, due to the generous sponsorship of ShawMedia, the DeKalb ROE is able to send the champion and his or her family to the National Bee. This year's Regional Bee was held on March 7, 2015 at Kishwaukee College.

This year's champion was **Nolan Bunger** from Huntley Middle School in DeKalb CUSD 428. The runner-up was **Jessica Aubart** from Somonauk Middle School in Somonauk CUSD 432.

Congratulations to these students and ALL the top spellers across the county that made it to the regional level!

Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.

—William Butler Yeats

Big thanks goes to Pat Zilm at Kishwaukee College, Karen Pletsch at ShawMedia, the judges Laura Martinez, Richard Stipher, and Tom Weber, and the pronouncer Jeff Smith. Thanks also goes to the individual school spelling coaches and the families who supported their students. The DeKalb ROE is pleased to coordinate this annual event highlighting intellectual skill.

Professional Development Opportunity for Schools: School Investigation Training

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SCHOOL OFFICIALS ARE OFTEN CALLED TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGATIONS OF EMPLOYEE MISCONDUCT, STUDENT BULLYING, AND SEXTING. OFFICIALS RECEIVE COMPLAINTS FROM A MYRIAD OF SOURCES, INCLUDING PARENTS, STUDENTS, SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES, AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. INVESTIGATIONS CONCERNING EMPLOYEE AND STUDENT MISCONDUCT CAN BE TRICKY, WITH POTENTIALLY GRAVE CONSEQUENCES FOR THE STUDENT VICTIM, ACCUSED STAFF MEMBER, AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS PRESENTATION IS TO ASSIST SCHOOL OFFICIALS IN CONDUCTING FAIR AND THOROUGH INVESTIGATIONS, WHICH INCLUDES IDENTIFYING THE RIGHT PEOPLE TO CONDUCT THE INVESTIGATION AND RECOMMENDED PROCEDURES FOR INTERVIEWING AND COLLECTING INFORMATION FROM THE COMPLAINANT, OTHER WITNESSES, AND THE ACCUSED. THIS PRESENTATION WILL ALSO INCLUDE GUIDANCE ON WHAT TO DO WITH THE EVIDENCE COLLECTED, INCLUDING HOW TO PREPARE A COMPREHENSIVE AND USEFUL INVESTIGATIVE REPORT AND WHAT STEPS TO TAKE TO CONCLUDE THE INVESTIGATION. FINALLY, THE PRESENTATION WILL ADDRESS RECENT STUDENT BULLYING LEGISLATION, INCLUDING ACTIONS DISTRICTS MUST TAKE IN RESPONSE TO COMPLAINTS OF BULLYING AND CYBER-BULLYING.

Tuesday, June 16, 2015

8:30 am—12:00 pm

DeKalb County Regional Office of Education

Blank Slate Room, 2500 N. Annie Glidden Road, DeKalb, IL

Contact achristensen@kidsroe.org for registration information!

Job Vacancies for the ROE

Would you like to work in a team-oriented atmosphere focused on customer service? Would you like to work behind the scenes providing safety, support, and success to DeKalb County Schools? Consider working for the Regional Office of Education!

The DeKalb ROE currently has two job vacancies:

Secretary

For details and to apply, please visit <https://k12jobspot.com/Job/Detail/1008183>

Testing Receptionist / Supervisor

For details and to apply, please visit <https://www.k12jobspot.com/Job/Detail/1044345>

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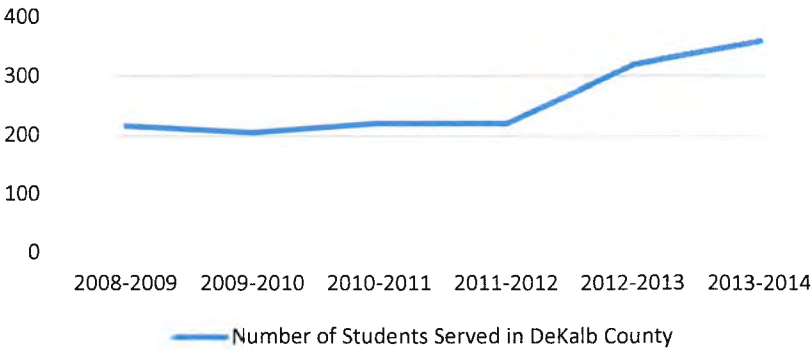
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DEKALB COUNTY REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Amanda Christensen, Regional Superintendent
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School Year	Numbers of Students Identified
2008-2009	217
2009-2010	206
2010-2011	222
2011-2012	221
2012-2013	319
2013-2014	359

Trend Data of Homeless Students Served by DeKalb ROE

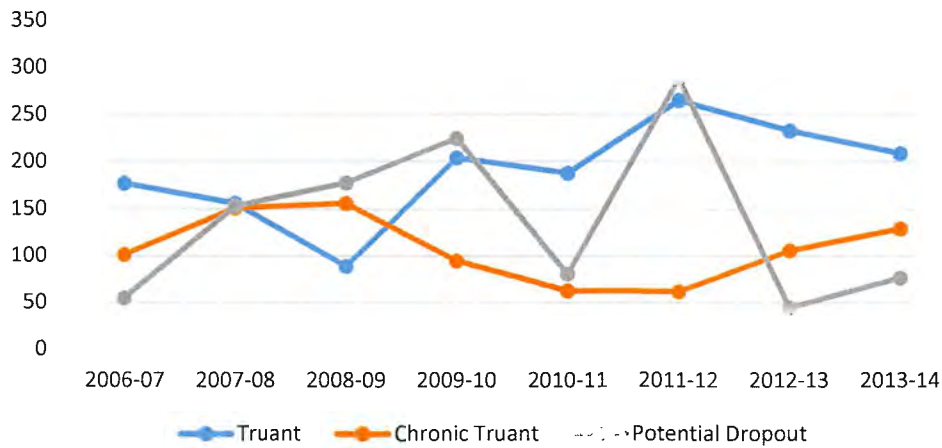


School Year	Funds
2008-2009	\$11,000
2009-2010	\$11,000
2010-2011	\$20,179
2011-2012	\$20,179
2012-2013	\$21,329
2013-2014	\$13,010

McKinney Vento Grant Funds Received



Truancy Referrals by Category Processed by DCTIP

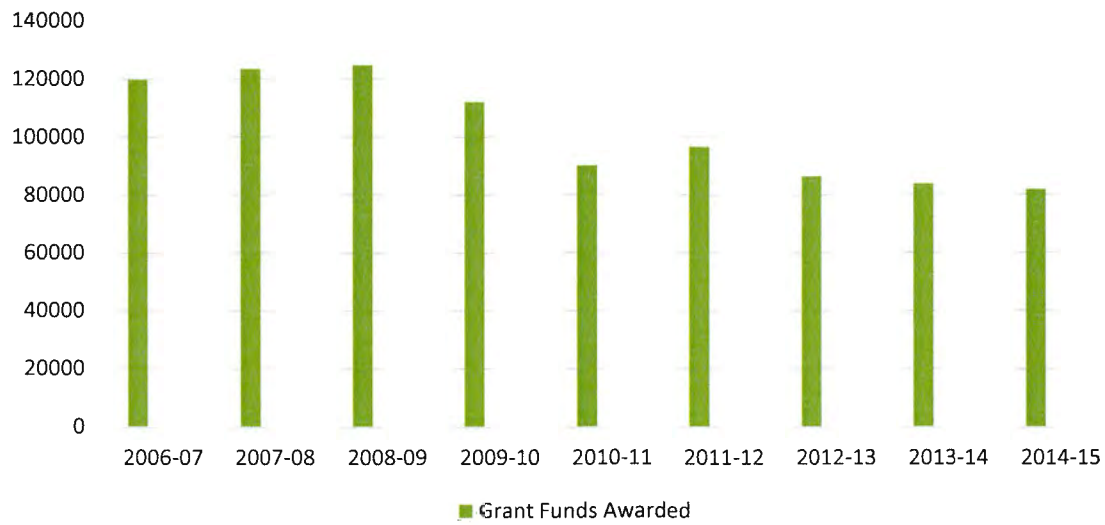


	Truant	Chronic Truant	Potential Dropout	TOTAL Referrals
2006-07	177	101	55	333
2007-08	156	151	153	460
2008-09	89	156	178	423
2009-10	204	95	225	524
2010-11	188	63	81	332
2011-12	265	62	288	615
2012-13	233	106	45	384
2013-14	209	129	77	415

Total Truancy Referrals Process by DCTIP

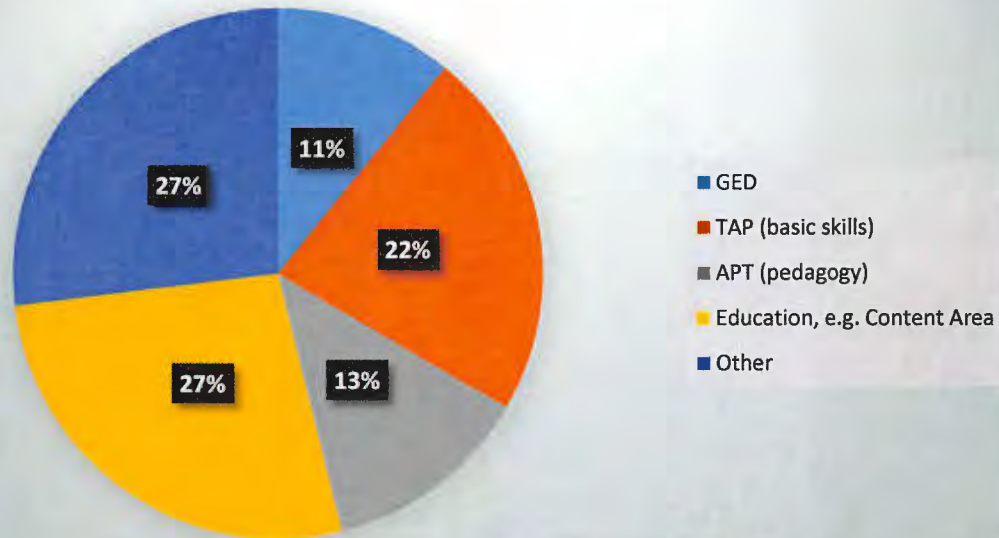


Truancy Alternative Optional Education Program Grant Funds



	Grant Funds Awarded
2006-07	119813
2007-08	123407
2008-09	124641
2009-10	112177
2010-11	90067
2011-12	96669
2012-13	86567
2013-14	83754
2014-15	81870

Tests Administered 7/1/14-6/2/15



Type of Test	# of Tests Administered
GED	42
TAP (basic skills)	87
APT (pedagogy)	49
Education, e.g. Content Area	104
Other	104
TOTAL for Fiscal Year	386