



# L.E.A.P. into Action Newsletter

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## Leading, Educating, And Partnering in the community.

The L.E.A.P. Program provides year-round SEL training, coaching and support to our students, their families, schools and communities through a trauma-responsive lens. The program is funded through September 2024. Service area and participants:

- McDonough, Fulton, Hancock & Schuyler
- 18 School Districts
- 49 Schools
- Student experiencing truancy
- Community partners

### First Year Grant Activities

- Train ROE 26 Truancy Family Support Specialists in Strengthening Families Framework
- Begin truancy home visiting program
- Develop SEL plan With area schools and community partners
- Complete the Family Support Center renovation
- Provide SEL materials, training & resources
- Provide SEL Foundational training to interested schools & community partners
- Sponsor Student Success Conference
- ROE 26 SEL PLC
- Cooperative Parenting workshops
- Individual Family Support Plans including community linkage and navigation assistance

### Year Two Grant Activities

- Host 2023 IAC Conference
- Provide YMHFA & TMHFA training to interested schools
- Offer parent events relative to Strengthening Families Parent Café
- Provide desired PD events
- Find continuing funds
- Continue SEL plan With area schools and community partners
- Provide SEL materials, training & resources
- Provide SEL Foundational training to interested schools & community partners
- Continue the ROE 26 SEL PLC
- Continue Cooperative Parenting workshops
- Individual Family Support Plans including community linkage and navigation assistance

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# McDonough County Interagency Council (IAC)

## Meetings

The monthly McDonough County Interagency Council (IAC) meetings are currently being held in person in the 2nd floor large conference room at 130 S. Lafayette, Suite 200 and via Zoom the third Wednesday of every month from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

## Primary Goal

During our time together we network, agency share and plan and promote community engagement events such as our annual IAC Community Conference on topics chosen by IAC members.

## General Information

To access the McDonough County Social Services Guide: please visit: <https://www.roe26.net/about/social-guides>



# SAVE THE DATE

## 2023 PETE TARANTOLA INTERAGENCY COMMUNITY CONFERENCE: DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

April 26, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Spoon River College Outreach Center in Macomb  
FREE and Lunch provided!!



### KEYNOTE SPEAKER: TANEYA HIGGINBOTHAM *CEO/President of The RealiTea Project Inc.*

The RealiTea Project's mission is to discuss racial injustice and racial inequity, to stimulate actions and transform communities. Inspired by personal experience and knowing others have experienced obstacles similar to hers, Taneya decided it was time to take a stand. When asked about obstacles she has faced, Taneya says personally she has experienced microaggressions in the workplace and other pressure related to being a woman of color. 'The RealiTea Project' "is looking to stimulate positive conversation amongst community members relating to racism and racial injustice.

#### **Adrienne Graham**, Author & teacher: **A Friendly Look at Diversity** **(The Color of Friendship)**

Participants will understand the importance of teaching young children about diversity. They will also learn new ways to embrace and celebrate diversity with young children. The presentation would include information about my book, The Color of Friendship, why I wrote it, how I use it in the classroom and community, and how I've used it as a parent.

#### **JQ Adams**, ACE MIDWEST: **Reconnecting Through Humanity**

Participants will learn the 4 Pillars of human understanding. Participants will discuss the importance of dignity, respect, trust, and safety in human social interaction.

#### **Sarah Schoper** from One Human Family: **Talking About Race: What it is, Determining** **When it is Involved, and What to do When You** **Mess up**

Participants will learn how to define race and intersectionality, how to determine if something is about race, and what they can do if they mess up talking about race. During the presentation, participants will be asked to share their thoughts, participate in activities, and consider experiences they've had in relation to the content being shared. Resources for further learning will also be provided.

#### **Michael Maher** from Spoon River College: **Implicit Association Test (IAT)**

Dealing with the implicit association test (IAT). This test can be taken online, and it measure various implicit, unconscious biases.





## Social-Emotional Professional Learning Community for School Counselors, Social Workers, Educators and School Psychologists in McDonough, Hancock, Schuyler & Fulton counties

We spend one morning a month together for 1.5 hours discussing social-emotional learning supports for students, their families and school staff including:

- Trauma-responsive practices
- Brain regulation strategies- Dr. Bruce Perry - Neurosequential Model in Education
- How COVID has affected brain function for all
- Educator wellness, mindfulness practices, compassion fatigue, etc.

We also offer a time to brainstorm on current SEL situations occurring at the various schools.

We have a Community Resource spotlight speaker come and inform the group about community resources that will benefit schools, students and their families.

Provide information on Professional Learning opportunities, events and activities

### Training opportunities:

Please consider and share the following training for you and your administrators, educators or any school staff who participate in teams. (See attached flyer for registration information)

#### Adaptive Schools and Community: Developing and Facilitating Collaborative Teams:

The purpose of this training is to develop the resources and capacities of organizations to respond to the changing needs of students and the changing needs of society.

Join us as we learn:

- Different ways of talking in groups
- Why we need to be "adaptive"
- How to develop meeting norms that work
- How to deal with conflict in a community or a classroom
- Develop the skills of an excellent facilitator/teacher
- How to be a presenter/teacher that is credible
- The tools of an engaged and valuable group member
- 50+ strategies to increase student engagement in the classroom

REGISTER FREE HERE: <https://www.roe1.net/professional-learning/workshops/>

#### Safe2HelpIL

We will be having a representative from Safe2HelpIL at our November 15th meeting for our community resource spotlight. If you are unable to attend, please consider attending one of the information sessions Safe2HelpIL will be holding virtually <https://www.safe2helpil.com/>

**Lincoln Prairie Behavioral Health Center:** <https://lincolnprairiebhc.com/>  
Lincoln Prairie provides outpatient services to address the emotional, social and behavioral needs of children and adolescents experiencing difficulties across home, social and community settings. We offer in-person Partial Hospitalization Program and Virtual Intensive Outpatient Programs. A new LGBTQ IOP program for adolescents begins on September, 19th. Pictured is Amelia, our Outpatient Manager. Our dedicated and compassionate clinicians are ready to take your call 24/7. Call Amelia, directly at 217-585-4707 to learn more or to schedule a no-cost assessment to get started today!



**Adaptive Schools and Community: Developing and Facilitating Collaborative Teams**

The training not only explores what makes teams effective, but how to develop skills as facilitators and informed group members in informal and formal settings, in small and large groups. It takes participants beyond the idea of professional learning communities to the actual implementation, describing specific ways to weave the collaborative fabric of a faculty, develop group member skills, and acquire the principles and understandings to engage in a continuous cycle of team and individual improvement. Adaptive Schools is the "how" of professional learning communities: how to behave in groups, how to lead them, and how to facilitate them for improved leading, teaching, and learning.

In this four-day experience, participants will develop:

- An increased capacity to initiate, develop, and sustain high functioning groups
- New lenses for diagnosing the stages and phases of group development
- An expanded repertoire of practical facilitation tools
- Understandings of when and how to engage groups in dialogue and discussion, the limitations, forms, and values of each
- Skills to move groups beyond consensus to common focus
- Ways to value and use dissent, argument, and conflict
- Strategies for keeping group members on track, on topic, energized, and resourceful

**Presenter**  
Toni Prickett

**Fee:** Free

**Food:** Lunch on your own  
**PD Clock Hours:** 24

**November 28 & 29, 2022 and January 24 & 25, 2023**  
Must attend all 4 days, unless prior arrangements are made  
8:30 am - 3:30 pm

**November 28 & 29, 2022**  
Holiday Inn Quincy, IL  
January 24 & 25, 2023  
Macomb, IL



**SAFE 2 HELP ILLINOIS**

**INFORMATION SESSIONS**

**When**

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| September 27, 2022 | 10:00 AM |
| September 29, 2022 | 1:30 PM  |
| October 3, 2022    | 11:00 AM |
| October 5, 2022    | 10:00 AM |
| October 11, 2022   | 1:30 PM  |
| October 17, 2022   | 3:00 PM  |

**About the Sessions**  
Safe2Help Illinois is hosting a series of Information Sessions for districts and schools to learn about a new school safety initiative, Safe2Help Illinois. This free school safety program partners with districts and schools to prevent bullying, suicide, school violence, or other threats to school or student safety.

**RSVP to** [Info@Safe2HelpIL.com](mailto:Info@Safe2HelpIL.com) to receive the meeting link. This event is only for district and school personnel.

**E :** [Info@Safe2HelpIL.com](mailto:Info@Safe2HelpIL.com)  
**W :** [www.Safe2HelpIL.com](http://www.Safe2HelpIL.com)

# REOCCURRING PARENT WORKSHOP



## COOPERATIVE PARENTING™ and Divorce

**This program is officially known as Cooperative Parenting & Divorce, but it is an effective co-parenting program for all parents who want to make positive changes that shield their children from parental conflict and help establish peaceful long-term relationships.**

**This is an 8-week program brought to you by the United Way and ROE26, led by Christine Nicholson, director of Early Beginnings. This workshop will be offered throughout the year. Fall series is currently in session.**

**Please contact Christine Nicholson,  
[cnicholson@roe26.net](mailto:cnicholson@roe26.net), for registration.**

# COMMUNITY RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT

Access more information at [www.roe26.net](http://www.roe26.net) under programs!



## HOMELESS EDUCATION PROGRAM

*The Area 3 Lead Liaison Program provides professional development and technical assistance to the school districts located in the west central Illinois counties that serve McKinney Vento eligible students and families.*

### **McKinney-Vento**

A federal law that ensures immediate enrollment and educational stability for homeless children and youth. Eligibility is defined by students/families who lack fixed, adequate or regular housing.

### **Fixed**

A fixed residence is one that is stationary, permanent, and not subject to change.

### **Adequate**

An adequate residence is one that is sufficient for meeting both the physical and psychological needs typically met in home environments.

### **Regular**

A regular residence is one that is used on a regular (i.e. nightly) basis.

### **Eligible Children/Youth have the right to**

- Receive a free, appropriate public education.
- Enroll in school immediately.
- Enroll in school and attend classes while the school gathers needed documents.
- Attend the local school; or continue at the school they attended when permanently housed or the school in which they were last enrolled.
- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin.
- Receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to your children's needs.

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