

# THE SPECIAL EDITION



## THIS MONTH

Keystone Staff, it was great seeing everyone at the back-to-school inservice! Your positive attitude and enthusiasm were inspiring and I hope that things are running smoothly as we get underway. Our initial meeting with the contractor and design team for the new building in Oskaloosa went well. We look forward to sharing the detailed design once it is completed. Please reach out if there is anything you need.



## SPOTLIGHT

Kathy Shobe, special education teacher at Perry/Lecompton, had a productive collaborative meeting with her middle school team. She demonstrated the use of AI with general education teachers and special education paras. The team discussed multiple ways that AI could be used to support students from all levels. The paraeducators left the meeting with practical tools they could use to level classroom material to support students' reading levels. They even commented to Kathy that this would be great training to provide to all paraeducators. Kathy has indicated she would be willing to share this information at our January inservice. Be looking for a great breakout session in January and keep up the great collaborative work Kathy!

# RESOURCE

Executive functioning deficits are like having trouble with the brain's "boss" or "manager." This boss is responsible for organizing tasks, making plans, controlling impulses, and staying focused. When someone has deficits in executive functioning, they might struggle with things like:

1. **Planning:** Finding it hard to make a plan or stick to it.
2. **Organization:** Need help keeping things in order or remembering where things are.
3. **Attention:** Difficulty staying focused on one task without getting distracted.
4. **Impulse Control:** Acting on impulses without thinking about the consequences.

This often results in students appearing to be unfocused, not completing assignments, or not getting along with peers.

**THIS RESOURCE** has a wealth of tools for all ages for **Executive Functioning**. You may have to create a free account, but it's worth it. You will have access to developmental milestones and checklists as well as lessons.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 4: Labor Day

Sept. 7-14 Family Employment Awareness Training

Sept. 10: Trauma Training for Psychs and Social Workers

Sept. 10: Superintendent Meeting

Sept. 12: New Para Training at Keystone

Sept. 18: Principal Training at Keystone

Sept. 18: Board of Directors Meeting at Keystone

Sept. 21: SHIFT Transition to Adulthood Training

## HUMAN RESOURCES

### Insurance Open Enrollment - DON'T MISS OUT!

- Have you completed open enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year? Deadline to enroll is September 05.
- contact the business office (785) 876-2214 or email [hr@keystonelearning.org](mailto:hr@keystonelearning.org) for support

### Employment Contract - Have you signed yours?

- contact [hr@keystonelearning.org](mailto:hr@keystonelearning.org) if you did not receive your 2024-2025 contract

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