

CABC PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S Board Report

Date of Board Meeting ____09-25-18____

Program__**Pre-K Counts**_____

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Please give a brief summary report (500 words or less) for submittal to the Board of Director's at their regularly scheduled meetings.

Pre-K Counts classes began on August 23th for Claysburg on August 27th for Altoona W&J and Williamsburg. The children are adjusting well to their new school environment. An Open House was held at all three locations prior to the start of school so that parents and children could see the classrooms and meet the teaching staff. All 3 classes are fully enrolled with 17 children. We continue to offer Waiting List status to interested families.

Staff - We have hired a new CSS, Denise Allison, for our Williamsburg classroom. Denise has worked for us a substitute for the last two years. She also volunteered as an aide in the second grade at Williamsburg elementary. Tina Keefer, Pre-K teacher at Claysburg, achieved her Level II teaching certification in June after completing all of the certification requirements of the PA Dept. of Education. Diana Gildea, PreK teacher at W&J, is beginning to work on the post-graduate credits that are required for Level II. Bobbi Albright, PreK teacher at Williamsburg already has her Level II certificate.

Screenings and Assessments - The teachers are completing the Ages & Stages Questionnaire developmental screening on all of the children and parents are completing the ASQ: SE (Social Emotional) screening. We will be doing our own assessment of the children's Pre-Kindergarten skills by the end of September. I expect to begin doing vision and hearing screenings on all of the children beginning the week of September 10th. These screenings are OCDEL requirements for PA Pre-K Counts.

Community Outreach - I was able to provide assistance on the use of the Welch-Allen Vision Screener to the school nurses at Learning Express and McCauliffe Hights. I conducted hearing screens on the Pre-K Counts children enrolled at Lily Pond Child Development Center. I joined the Head Start staff at the PSU-Pitt tailgate event in downtown Altoona on September 8th. Pre-K Counts also provided crayons and Band-Aid dispensers as "give-away" items for parents and children.