Directors’ Webinar

February 24, 2022
1:00pm
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Exceptional Students Program

District and Local Jail Relationships & Responsibilities
Relationship building between districts and local jails

- Research and identify your local jailer to make contact.
- Open dialogue to explain IDEA, FAPE, and IEP services with your local jail officials.
- Predominate mindset of status quo must shift-fixed mindset to a growth mindset
- Being proactive
- The student and community benefit from the relationship.
Child Find within the Jail

What are we doing? I’m glad you asked

● Weekly Inmate list provided from the County Jail
● Each “active” inmate identified is reviewed through our three available data basis:
  ○ GaDOE GUIDE
  ○ SIS software (Infinite Campus)
  ○ GOIEP
● Other districts are notified when an “Active” inmate who is/was enrolled from their district is identified.
Child Find within the Jail (Con’t)

- The County Inmate Handbook will be updated to include Child Find language
- A Child Find informational presentation will play on loop providing information
- The jail resource information for departing inmates will include contact information for the DCSS-ESP Department
- Referral made to the district.
Jail Training for Staff

- All staff are trained to meet the needs once it is brought to their attention.
- Staff are familiar with district representatives and follows through the protocol.
Being Proactive for a Better Community

● Variety of programs available for inmates - *each local jail will be different*

● Dougherty County offers a Pretrial release program
  ○ For those who do not have the financial means to post bond from jail; they can be released with supervision requirements - case by case review
  ○ 80% Social work duties with Officers (how to identify: daycare, housing, job skills, treatment support, school, etc)
    ■ How to build a life to prepare for reentry into the community
Being Proactive for a Better Community

- Who benefits from the partnership?
  - Community, School System, Jail, Families of the incarcerated

- For the population who remains unengaged, returning to jail is likely 100%. Therefore, collaborating to identify a better solution for support if key.
Intentional Cycle of Support

Support Teachers, Graduation Coach, Counselor, Register Clerk

Local Jail and resources

Parents/Guardians

Special Education Department

School administrators

Supports for Incarcerated Students
Lessons Learned

- **Successes**
  - Relationship building and partnership
  - Networking with other districts
  - Students impacted

- **Challenges and obstacles along the way**
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SUCCESS IS NOT FINAL; FAILURE IS NOT FATAL: IT IS THE COURAGE TO CONTINUE THAT COUNTS.

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