

Special Education Board Report: February 2018

EBLI: EBLI staff, along Shawn and Chelsea spent three days supporting all staff that attended the training. The EBLI staff was impressed with implementation model in Hillsdale. They were impressed to see that we had 3 administrative staff that were actually in classrooms modeling the techniques. Apparently most districts do not provide this level of support. We are anxiously awaiting our Aimsweb scores to see the improvement of students receiving this researched based intervention. The data will determine our next steps which could include another round of training for local special education teachers.

Chicago Training: The team that attended the two day train the trainer professional development in Chicago is excited to bring back their new behavior techniques. The team is going to present at the county wide PD day coming up on February 19th. Next steps will involve training ISD staff such as the Occupational Therapist, Social Workers, and Psychologists who intervene regularly with students in classrooms. Once these staff are trained we will start to spread the training to teachers and local administration.

Restorative Practices Training: A team of 4 staff, including 3 Special Education staff, attended a training in Van Buren county on Restorative Practices. The training was a train the trainer model. Our staff will be providing training directly to our Emotionally Impaired classrooms. We have started using this model with our students but wanted more training on how to better use Justice circles.

Michigan Council For Exceptional Children Presentation: Our preschool inclusion teachers will be presenting at the State MCEC conference in Grand Rapids. Our model is very innovative and I'm very proud of the hard work of these staff members. If you are interested in attending I would be happy to make arrangements. The dates are February 28-March 2, 2018.