

## Description of Special Programming Operated by the WCESC

The Warren County Educational Service Center uses Frontline’s Absence Management (formerly Aesop) to secure substitute teachers and substitute paraprofessionals for absences of staff for the programs listed below. These programs are designed to serve special needs students and are housed at various locations. All classrooms have at least one teacher and paraprofessional at all times. Please note: All positions pay \$125.00 per day to anyone properly registered through Southwest Ohio Council of Governments.

PROGRAM TITLE	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
<b>WARREN COUNTY LEARNING CENTER (SEVERE BEHAVIORAL UNIT)</b>	The program is designed to meet the needs of students with a variety of emotional and mental health issues who were not successful in the typical classroom setting. The Learning Center teaches social skills and promotes inner strength so students may use interventions to succeed in group situations and eventually return to their home schools. Students at the Learning Center have been diagnosed with ADD, ADHD, OCD, Anxiety Disorders, Bipolar Disorder, etc. Grade level ranges from 1 to 12.
<b>SOCIAL COMMUNICATION CLASSROOMS (AUTISM)</b>	Autism refers to a wide spectrum of disorders ranging from severe to mild. Districts in the region confidently provide services to most of the children with autism, however a small group of children with the most severe needs have proven to be challenging. The Social Communication Classroom provides children the intensive instructional programming they need to reach their unique potential. Evidence-based practice is utilized to foster independence, academic growth, and challenge students to meet high expectations. The classroom is designed to provide up to six students with active engagement in intensive instructional programming. A classroom teacher and two educational assistants provide sufficient amounts of adult attention in one-to-one or small group instructional settings to meet individualized goals.
<b>PRESCHOOL (SPECIAL NEEDS)</b>	Preschool children (age 3 -5) identified with a preschool disability by their school district may attend a class in/near their district of residence. The preschool program consists of a morning or afternoon session program offered four days a week in conjunction with related services (speech/language, occupational therapy, physical therapy) to best meet the needs of the child and their stated goals on the Individualized Educational Plan. A maximum of eight special needs children will be in each session. Every classroom will be assigned a teaching assistant to support the teacher and children in everyday activities
<b>SCHOOL AGE (MULTIPLE-DISABILITIES)</b>	The Warren County Educational Service Center took over the Multi-Disabilities School Age Program in the fall of 2005. There are classrooms in several Warren County districts serving students with multi-disabilities. The students range in grades from 7 <sup>th</sup> through 12 <sup>th</sup> grade. Each class has a teacher and at least one assistant in accordance to serving these students through their Individualized Educational Plans. Students may also receive nursing services, speech therapy, physical therapy and occupational therapy according to their individual needs. The Director of this program is employed by the Warren County Educational Service Center.
<b>TRANSITION LIVING CLASSROOMS</b>	The Transition Living Classroom is a classroom for students 18-22 who have met their high school graduation requirements yet need to continue to work on their independent living skills, community social skills, and employment skills. Staff will help the interns with completing skills such as, cleaning, laundry, office skills, cooking, and accompany the interns out into the community for employment opportunities and leisure activities. There will be walking and standing involved.
<b>CONNECTIONS ACADEMY/ HOUSTON EARLY LEARNING CENTER (Northwest)</b>	Connections Academy is a collaborative partnership between Warren County ESC and Northwest Local School District. Connections Academy program is designed to meet the needs of students grades K-4 <sup>th</sup> in the Northwest Local SD that present with intense behavioral needs. The classroom set up consists on one full time director that also provides direct instruction, and 3 paraprofessional staff. The classroom can have up to 8-10 students at one time. The staff provide constant adult attention in one to one and small group instructional settings.
<b>ADULT CONNECTIONS</b>	Adult Connections is an approved provider of service through the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities and the Department of Job and Family Services. Adult Connections can support individuals that have the Level 1 Waiver; Individual Options Waiver, and the Self Waiver. Adult Connections can also provide services to adults that qualify for Medicaid of Rehabilitation Services. ALL SUBSTITUTES MUST HAVE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES TRAINING.