

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
WARREN COUNTY LEARNING CENTER (SEVERE BEHAVIORAL UNIT) (Location: Franklin)	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.
SOCIAL COMMUNICATION CLASSROOMS (AUTISM) Locations: Mason, Western Row, Kings, Lebanon, Springboro	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.
PRESCHOOL (SPECIAL NEEDS) Locations: Franklin, Waynesville	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
SCHOOL AGE (MULTIPLE-DISABILITIES) Location: Mason, Franklin	The Warren County Educational Service Center took over the multiple disabilities school age programming in the fall of 2005. There are several classrooms in Warren County districts serving students with multiple disabilities and other low incidence disabilities with cognitive impairments. The students range in age from Kindergarten through 12th grade and transition age students. Each class is staffed with a teacher and at least two paraprofessionals. Additional staffing is provided in accordance to serving the students through their Individualized Education Plan (IEP). Students also may receive nursing services, speech/language therapy, physical therapy, and occupational therapy based on their individual needs. Some students also are supported by an orientation and mobility specialist, teacher of the visually impaired or hearing specialists. Support for the students in this classroom includes care for personal needs including feeding and toileting, transferring students in and out of their wheelchairs, and assisting students during daily academic lessons and activities. The Supervisor of this program is employed by the Warren County Educational Service Center and visits the classrooms on a regular basis.
TRANSITION LIVING CLASSROOMS Location: Waynesville	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.
WELLNESS CENTER Location: Mason/Deerfield Township	School based day treatment program is the most intensive non-residential program that can be provided over an extended period of time. School based day treatment permits access to mental health services in conjunction with and integrated with the child's social emotional and educational programming. School based day treatment brings together at one location, and in a coordinated manner, a broad range of services designed to strengthen individual functioning and prevent individuals from requiring more restrictive services such as home instruction or residential placement.
Phoenix Academy (K-5) Location: Mason Heights	The program is designed to meet the educational needs of students with a variety of behavioral and emotional needs who need extra support and teaching in the area of social emotional learning. The majority of the students receive support from the General Education Teacher with several receiving specially designed instruction from the Intervention Specialist. These students are at-risk and the ultimate goal is teach them self-regulating and self-coping strategies in order to successfully return to their home school district. Phoenix Academy works with grades K to 5.