



# A Year of Honors

**2009 Annual Review**

**Highlighting achievements of CSIU staff**

# 'When others recognize your success, that's very gratifying'

"As board members, we measure the success of CSIU programs through information and data we review every month," explained Board President Eric Rowe. "And clearly, this intermediate unit has been very successful. He cited data such as the number of students served by early childhood programs, the amount of grant money secured for education in the region, and the savings realized by schools through cooperative purchasing as just a few examples."

"When others, in state and national organizations, recognize your success, that's very gratifying," he added.

This past year, a number of CSIU staff and programs received recognition. In fact, 2009 was a year distinguished by awards and honors...

- **Migrant education student support coordinator Barbara Hludzik-Budda** was named the National Migrant Education Teacher of the Year by the Association of State Directors of Migrant Education.
- **The Office for Dispute Resolution (ODR)**, a statewide program helping parents and educators come to agreement on special education issues, was recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as one of four exemplary state systems.
- **SWAN Helpline staff**, who offer assistance to parents about adoption, received the esteemed Pennsylvania Resource Family Association Award.

- The **Early Intervention program**, serving children throughout the region, received a score of 92 percent on a biennial review by federal monitors, the highest rating for any Pennsylvania program.
- The **Northeast Migrant Education Program**, serving children of migrant agricultural workers, was awarded the Sister Siena Finley Award for service to youth from the Ethics Institute of Northeastern Pennsylvania at Misericordia University.
- **Executive director Bob Witten** received the Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators Service to the Profession Award for his work in creating professional development programs to help educators become school administrators.
- **Telecommunications manager Geoff Craven** received the Brian L. Talbott Award from the Association of Educational Service Agencies, for "outstanding contributions to schools through technology support."

"The board is proud of the CSIU staff who brought honor to our organization in 2009," Rowe said. "They are symbolic of all CSIU employees and the outstanding work being done by everyone."

The data that follows, listed by CSIU division, reflect the accomplishments of all CSIU staff for the 2008-09 fiscal year.



*CSIU Board of Directors president, Eric Rowe, from the Selinsgrove Area School District*

# Educational Initiatives

## Adult Basic Education, GED and Literacy Programs

- 2,007 adult students

## Alternative Education

- 190 students

## Central Susquehanna

### LPN Career Center

- 57 full-time and 35 part-time adult students

## Driver Education

- 476 classroom students
- 633 behind-the-wheel students

## Drug-Free Schools Program

- 19 districts/schools

## English as a Second Language (ESL) Services

- 17 districts

## Family Literacy

- 65 adults
- 86 children

## Incarcerated Youth

### Instructional Program

- 304 students

## Migrant Education Programs

- 892 students

## Nonpublic School Services

- 380 students

## Parent/Child/Home Project

- 142 families

## Project Renaissance (21st Century Community Learning Center program)

- 60 students

## SUCCESS PLUS (After-school program)

- 30 school-year students
- 30 summer students

## Summer Arts Program

- 108 students

## Teen Parenting Program

- 148 students

## Title One Consortium

- 4 districts

## VIP Club (After-school program)

- 100 school-year students
- 157 summer students



*Barbara Hludzik-Budda, CSIU student support coordinator and winner of the 2009 National Migrant Education Teacher of the Year Award, presented by the Association of State Directors of Migrant Teachers*

# Outreach Programs and Corrections Education

## Corrections Education

- 241 students

## Work Foundations+

- 131 students

## Social Work Support Services

- 669 students

## Student Transportation

- 582 children

## School Bus Driver Training

- 75 adult students

## Statewide programs:

- **Office for Dispute Resolution (ODR)**, coordinating the special education procedural safeguards and appeals process for resolution of disagreements between parents and schools
- **Technology support** for individuals and agencies using data

# Special Education and Early Childhood

## Early Intervention

- 998 children tested
- 918 children served

## Northumberland County Head Start

- 276 children

## Special Education Instructional Programs

- 1,429 students

## Professional Support Services

- 4,800 workshop participants

## Seven Habits Leadership Training

- 22 participants

# Center for Schools and Communities

This CSIU division serves schools and communities statewide through partnerships with various agencies and organizations, including the Pennsylvania Departments of Education, Health and Public Welfare; Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency; Pennsylvania State Police; Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency; U.S. Department of Education; and Highmark "Healthy High 5."

The Center has administrative responsibility for the following programs:

## Center for Safe Schools

- 1,080 state conference participants
- 80 district/IU grantees

## PA CARES Bullying Prevention

- 46 district grantees

## CONNECT Early Intervention Service

- 2,500 calls received

## Governor's Institute on School Climate

- 62 participants

## Safe Kids Pennsylvania

- 46 coalitions/community agencies served

## Statewide Adoption Network (SWAN)

- 9,909 calls received

## Pennsylvania Parent Information and Resource Center (PA PIRC)

- 500 workshop participants
- 83 schools served

Technical assistance, training and support is provided to schools and agencies for the following initiatives:

## Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth

## Bullying Prevention Network

## Children's Trust Fund Programs

## Corrections Education

## Education of Homeless Children's Initiative

## English as a Second Language (ESL) Programs

## Internet Safety

## Learn and Serve

## Migrant Education Support

## Mission Homefront

## Parent Child Home Program

## Pennsylvania Statewide After-school/ Youth Development Network

## Pregnant and Parenting Teens/ Education Leading to Employment and Career Training

## Special Kids Network System of Care

## 21st Century Community Learning Centers



*The CSIU's Early Intervention program helps children overcome learning problems and succeed in regular classrooms once they enter school. In 2009, the program receiving exemplary status following an evaluation by federal and state monitors.*

# Cooperative Business Services and Operations

## Central Susquehanna Region School Employees' Health and Welfare Trust

- 20 districts/schools and CSIU

## Keystone Purchasing Network

- 310 districts/schools/IUs/ universities/municipalities/ organizations

## PENCON Energy Consortium

- 189 districts/schools/IUs/ municipalities/organizations

## Pennsylvania Trust

- 8 member regional trusts comprised of 87 districts/schools/IUs and 30,100 employees

## PEPPM Technology Bidding and Purchasing Program

- 653 districts/schools/IUs/libraries/ agencies/universities

# Technology Group

## Computer Software and Services

- 319 districts/schools/agencies

## Software Applications Training

- 1,638 participants

## Telecommunications and Technical Support

- 85 districts/schools/agencies/libraries

## Contracted Technical Staff Support

- 400 educators

## Continuing Education Classes

- 160 participants

## Early Intervention Reporting System (EIRS)

- 51 offices/service units

## Migrant Education Tracking System

- 15 state and regional offices/ 90 support specialists

## High School/Middle School Computer Fairs

- 107 students

## Special projects:

- **PIMS Help Desk** – support to districts statewide for the student data system
- **eSchool Builder** – web-based course development for K-12 educators and students
- **School 2.0 eToolkit** – hosting and maintenance of project website
- **Internet 2 Network** – design and deployment of website for PAIUnet, linking all IUs



*Geoff Craven, CSIU telecommunications manager and winner of the 2009 Brian L. Talbott Award, presented by the Association of Educational Service Agencies*



# Professional Development and School Improvement

## Curriculum Support, Training and Technical Assistance

- 20 districts/schools

## Math and Science in Motion

- 42 teachers, 1,675 students

## Strategic Planning

- 7 districts

## Teaching American History

- 9 districts

## CSIU Administrative Offices

The following departments provide support to the executive office, CSIU programs and other clients such as school districts and agencies.

### Human Resources

- 709 full-time staff members
- 285 part-time staff members
- 104 "Guest Teachers" trained for permit renewal
- 23 "Guest Teachers" trained for new permits
- 73 new staff received orientation training
- 331 supervisory staff participated in monthly training sessions

### Right-to-Know Office

- Assists the public with requests for access to CSIU public records

### Public Relations

- 17-member CSIU Board of Directors
- 25 districts/schools/agencies
- 10 CSIU divisions/offices and executive director's office



*Bob Witten, CSIU executive director and recipient of the Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators 2009 Service to the Profession Award*

## Finance, Budget and Accounting

The CSIU derives revenue from contracts for services, state and federal grants, and a small state operating subsidy. Under the CSIU's unique "marketplace" operating philosophy, schools and other clients have the option to purchase only those services desired.

Below is the fiscal data for the 2008-09 fiscal year.

### General Operating Budgets

- \$1.8 million

### Specialized Education Budgets

- \$51.4 million

### Statewide Services Budgets

- \$29 million

### Total CSIU Budgets

- \$82.2 million

### Management Contracts

- \$88.9 million

### Total Fiscal Management

- \$171.1 million

## CSIU Region

The education community in the five counties of the CSIU's primary service area (Columbia, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder and Union) is comprised of:

### School data

- 17 school districts
- 3 technical schools
- 65 nonpublic schools

### Staff and student data

- 4,691 public school employees
- 35,353 public school students
- 4,131 nonpublic school students

## CSIU Superintendents' Advisory Council

The Superintendents' Advisory Council advises CSIU staff on program matters. Current Advisory Council members:

### **Penny Lenig-Zerby**

Benton Area School District

### **Wayne D. Brookhart**

Berwick Area School District

### **Cosmos Curry**

Bloomsburg Area School District

### **Harry C. Mathias, Jr.**

Central Columbia School District

### **Dr. Susan Bickford**

Danville Area School District

### **Dr. Mark DiRocco**

Lewisburg Area School District

### **David Campbell**

Line Mountain School District

### **Dr. Wesley L. Knapp**

Midd-West School District

### **Daniel Lichtel**

Mifflinburg Area School District

### **Dr. Kathleen M. Stark**

Millville Area School District

### **Cathy Groller**

Milton Area School District

### **Cheryl Latorre**

Mount Carmel Area School District

### **Dr. Frederick C. Johnson**

Selinsgrove Area School District

### **James T. Zack**

Shamokin Area School District

### **Dr. James Hartman (acting)**

Shikellamy School District

### **Charles A. Reh**

Southern Columbia Area School District

### **Daniel B. Sheaffer**

Warrior Run School District

### **Dr. Robert G. Witten**

CSIU Executive Director



*Selinsgrove Area superintendent Fred Johnson leads a session during the CSIU's Guest Teacher training program. The CSIU operates more than 100 individual programs that serve children, students, parents, educators and adult learners in local schools and communities.*

# CSIU Board of Directors

The CSIU Board of Directors, comprised of 17 members elected by local school boards, approves operations. Current board members:

**Eric L. Rowe, President**

Selinsgrove Area School District

**Linda Van Der Pool, Vice President**

Shikellamy School District

**Robert J. Fogarty, Secretary**

Central Columbia School District

**Larry B. Breech, Treasurer**

Millville Area School District

**David J. Baker**

Warrior Run School District

**Charles Carpenter**

Shamokin Area School District

**Timothy E. Folk**

Midd-West School District

**Kenneth Johnson**

Milton Area School District

**Charles F. Mannello**

Mount Carmel Area School District

**Lawrence Neidig**

Line Mountain School District

**Geraldine Newhart**

Benton Area School District

**Dr. Michael Payne**

Lewisburg Area School District

**Dr. Francis Peters**

Bloomsburg Area School District

**Tracy Sauers**

Mifflinburg Area School District

**Martin Walzer**

Danville Area School District

**Michael Yeager**

Southern Columbia Area School District

**Vacant**

Berwick Area School District

**Dr. Robert G. Witten**

CSIU Executive Director



*Since 1971, Pennsylvania's 29 intermediate units have been providing cost-effective and management-efficient services to schools and other agencies.*

## THE CSIU

### BUILDS

partnerships with schools and communities

### SERVES

established and emerging constituencies

### INSPIRES

individuals and organizations to reach their highest potential

### ENCOURAGES

teamwork, cooperation and diversity

### STRIVES

for innovation and excellence

## TO CREATE THE FUTURE

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