

May 2023

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- ♦ Penny Boggs
- ♦ Stephanie Collinsworth

Family and  
Community  
Partnership

Engagement-

- ♦ Jenny Maze
- ♦ Mindy Schwendeman

DISTRICTS WE SERVE:

Belpre City Schools  
Fort Frye Local Schools  
Frontier Local Schools  
Marietta City Schools  
Noble Local Schools  
Switzerland of Ohio Local  
Warren Local Schools  
Wolf Creek Local Schools  
Mid East Career and  
Technical Centers  
Washington County  
Career Center



## McKinney-Vento and Family and Community Partnership

### PROJECT LIFT OPEN HOUSE

In addition to the scheduled meeting on May 10th, the Family Support Team (FST) hosted an Open House for district liaisons at our Marietta conference room. The Family Support Team created a kind of free yard sale with summer and other clothing, shoes, hygiene items, school supplies, books, and other goodies. The liaisons had fun shopping with their personal shoppers (FST) and took away boxes and bags of much needed items for the students in their districts.

We welcomed the McKinney-Vento liaison from Morgan Local, Anita Eldridge—Metz, and look forward to our partnership with Morgan and Crooksville next year.

Many thanks to the Family Support Team- Stephanie Collinsworth, Jenny Maze, and Mindy Schwendeman- for their help, and also to our special assistant Jacque Prichard.



This spring the OVESC purchased 832 books (8 books per student) through Kids Read Now for K-5 McKinney-Vento eligible students for summer reading, and 176 Dawes science kits for grades K-8. Just two of the services we provide to help close the achievement gap!



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### PROJECT LIFT



Our Mission is to lift students and families by helping meet academic, emotional, and physical needs through McKinney-Vento and Family and Community Partnership supports and services.



We want to thank our wonderful community partners, Harvest House in Cambridge and Harp Mission in Caldwell, who have provided most of the items we are able to give to our districts at the Open House and throughout the year.



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## Snacks & Field Day



On May 12, 150 Washington County Special Education students had a day of Snacks & Field events at Warren Local High School. Crowds cheered their arrival and gave high 5's as they went to Warrior Stadium for Opening Ceremonies. The students rotated to different activities from face painting, creating crazy hair styles, sand art, bubbles, and the most popular of all, a photo booth.

No event like this can be successful without volunteers and community partners. 75 adult and student volunteers supported the students and accommodated both the competitive and relaxed activities to meet each participant's individual needs.

The Marietta Community Foundation and its members awarded Warren Local Schools a grant to fund the day's activities, and Citizen Bank sponsored shirts for all participants.

OVESC Family and Community Engagement Liaison Jenny Maze attended and she says, "It was a privilege to be able to interact with the students, join in on a few games; watching the smiles on the students' faces brought tears to my eyes a few times. This is a wonderful event hosted each year in Washington County."



Ann Skufca, Warren Local Student and Family Engagement Director, concluded, "It's always a great day knowing the positive impact students are making in the Washington County Community. Today was a true indicator by the smiles on everyone's face."

*The OVESC McKinney-Vento Programs and Services Survey will be going out to district liaisons May 30th. We also welcome input from other district staff. Contact Penny Boggs for the link to the survey. We'll use the data received to plan and implement programs and services for the 2023-24 school year.*

## Warren Middle School Warrior Wellness Day

By Ann Skufca

McKinney-Vento Liaison  
2022-23 Meeting Schedule

September 7, 2022

November 9, 2022

January 7, 2022

March 8, 2023

May 10, 2023

The 7th & 8th grade students at Warren Local Middle School attended Warrior Wellness Day on May 15th. The students received beneficial information from community based resources on strategies to deal with everyday common stressors as well as peers from Warren High School. Utilizing the Characteristics of a Warrior, speakers discussed a variety of topics which consisted of Empathy, Integrity, Communication, Perseverance, Responsibility, Critical Thinking, and Creative Problem Solving. Kicking off the event was Guest Speaker Reggie Arden. Each student signed up for 4 different speaking groups which focused on what they currently need in their own individual lives.

Warren Local Schools would like to thank all community resources & businesses that helped make Warrior Wellness Day a success; Belpre Church of Christ, Counseling & Wellness Center, Hopewell Health Services, Marietta Memorial Hospital, Reflection Studio, Retired School Counselors, Ohio Valley ESC, and Warren Local Schools. Warrior Wellness Day was headed up by Ann Skufca- Student & Family Engagement Director and Chris VanNoy.- Warren Middle School Guidance Counselor.

The OVESC Family Support Team is looking forward to helping our districts hold Wellness Days in the 2023-24 school year!