

CENTRAL INTERMEDIATE UNIT 10 CONNECTIONS

MISSION: CIU 10 provides innovative and engaging educational services, for learners from birth to adult, which support equal access to educational opportunities.



VISION: Strategic partnerships promoting equity, access, and innovative educational opportunities for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DR. FRANCINE ENDLER

Central Intermediate Unit 10 has a service area that encompasses Centre, Clearfield and Clinton counties. We are pleased to announce that effective March 13, 2023, our Centre county offices will be located at 1155 Benner Pike Suite 100 in State College. This new location will provide office space for our itinerant teachers in the Non-Public school program, School-Aged Special Education program, our Pre-School Early Intervention Program and our Development Center for Adults classes.

A small conference room will also provide an opportunity for meetings and training opportunities. Our previous offices at the 60 Decibel Road location have served the organization well and will no longer be utilized after May 31, 2023. We will be hosting a ribbon cutting and open house in the Spring. Stay tuned for further details.



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Transition to Preschool Early Intervention

CIU 10 provides support and services to learners preschool through adult education. A critical piece of the work that our Early Intervention program provides is the transition from infant/toddler programming to preschool early intervention supports and services. Research has long demonstrated the exponential benefits of quality early educational experiences and support for learners who may have additional needs.

The overall purpose of transition to Preschool Early Intervention is to empower families to be informed decision makers in the planning and implementation of supports and services specific to their child's educational needs. CIU 10's Transition Teachers play a critical role with empowering families to be an active part of the team, providing a linkage to supports and services within our three county region, and to help them navigate the move from infant/toddler services to a larger continuum of options.

Understandably, parents and guardians experience a myriad of emotions, fears and concerns as they will now be working with a new team of professionals. Our Transition Teachers provide that supportive move to the new type of learning environment and new professionals. Our Transition Teachers have a depth of understanding to also create a bridge filled with positive experiences as the family and the learner embark on a new phase of their educational journey.

Transition to Preschool Early Intervention is governed by regulations to include timelines for meetings prior to a child's third birthday; evaluation of student's needs; convening a team, including parents, to develop an individualized education plan and connections with other resources. The process can be overwhelming and CIU 10's Transition Teachers walk with the families the entire way through the process. While the time that a transition teacher spends with a family is limited, the impact is significant.

A challenge for our three county region is the limited amount of resources. There are many needs and not always the available resources to meet those needs. The rural nature of some of our communities are also impacted by access to transportation. CIU 10 continues to advocate on a local and state level for funding for early childhood education.

If you would like further information regarding CIU 10 Transition to Preschool Early Intervention, please contact Jody Caprio (Centre county) at jcaprio@ciu10.org, Heather Coons (Clearfield county) at hcoons@ciu10.org or Karen Krise (Clinton county) at kkrise@ciu10.org

OUTDOOR LEARNING SPACE AT MATTERNVILLE

The Preschool Early Intervention program used funding from the ARP ESSERS grant to install a natural playground at the Matternville Early Intervention Classroom location. The playground includes a gross motor area, a learning area, and a music area. Installation was completed in late Fall of 2022, and children have been able to enjoy it a few times before Winter arrived.

The gross motor area includes a large area of sand, surrounded by logs and stumps for climbing. A log “tunnel” is also included and is very popular. In the Spring, we will also put into use an outdoor “mud kitchen”, complete with a water pump and log troughs to convey the water.

The learning area includes a large outdoor mirror, and a large outdoor chalkboard. There are three tables with log stools in the learning area. In the Spring, a large shade will keep the area cool.

The music area has a large outdoor Amadinda and three Thunder Drums to make beautiful music. A shade will also be installed in this area in the Spring.

CIU 10 partnered with Cen Clear Child Services as this equipment was installed.



MENU OF SERVICES

As an educational service agency, Central Intermediate Unit 10 provides a wide array of support and services across eight different departments. Some services are provided complimentary as part of our work for the PA Department of Education, the Office of Child Development and Early Learning as well as other partners in the community or the commonwealth. Other services are provided on a fee based structure. Central Intermediate Unit 10 has twelve public school districts within our footprint which are not charged any membership fee. In November 2022, CIU 10 launched an updated Menu of Services. This link will take you to the menu: <https://www.ciu10.org/Page/1163>. For further details, please contact the IU representative for that initiative or service.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT CIU 10

CIU 10, a premiere educational service agency in Central Pennsylvania, is seeking applicants for various positions. If you are, or know of, a dynamic, energetic candidate who thrives working in a supportive, education environment, please visit our current list of openings on the Central Intermediate Unit 10 website www.ciu10.org Human Resources department page Job Openings

Questions can be addressed by calling HR at 814.422.4143 or emailing HR@ciu10.org.

All candidates will be required to submit Act 34, 151, and 114 clearances as part of an application process.

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