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NEWSLETTER OF THE TEXAS ACE PROGRAM

Message From the Texas Education Agency

I can't believe how fast this year is flying by. I'm so pleased with all the hard work each and every grantee is putting into their program. It's been wonderful to see and hear about all the intentional activities you are implementing to impact students and families in your communities. I particularly enjoyed the pictures and videos from all the Lights On Afterschool events! Between the maker faires, open houses, and innovative family activities, I know Texas was well represented in this national event.

I want to take this opportunity to remind you about the importance and value of targeting services to students most in need. I encourage you to consistently evaluate your methods of recruiting students and designing programs to fit the needs of these students. Additionally, consider how you can reach students who are at-risk for juvenile justice involvement, are classified as homeless or currently reside in foster care. These students are already facing challenges in the terms of academic performance and advancement. You are in a unique position to provide services and engagement opportunities that may not be available to these students elsewhere.

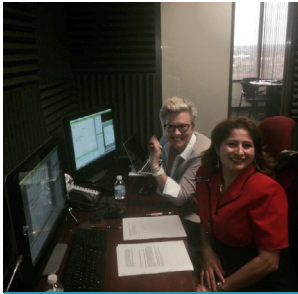
I encourage you to take advantage of Edvance's training opportunities whenever possible. Whether you are learning about intentional activities, behavior interventions or sustainability and evaluation, it is important to consistently build on and further strengthen the great work you already do for Texas youth.

I wish you all a great semester and on behalf of everyone here at TEA, thank you for your continued dedication to the Texas ACE Program.

Sincerely,

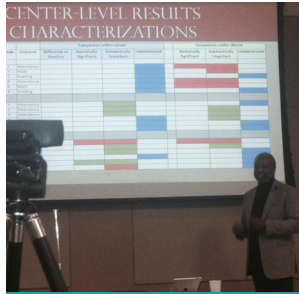
Julie Wayman
State Director

New and Noteworthy



PAIR & SHARE TOWN HALL SERIES

Mary Ann Spracher leads a [monthly discussion](#) for ACE family engagement staff to promote parental involvement.



EVALUATION OUTCOME ANALYSIS

Edvance Research is working hard to put together [comprehensive analysis](#) of programs in 2012-2013 school year.



SUSTAINABILITY Success Stories

Read the released case studies highlighting the effective program sustainability practices and partnership [here](#).



New Website Features

- Interactive Program Locator
- Integration with MyTexasAce
- New ACE Calendar Function
- Latest News Module
- Resource Depository with Search Function
- Twitter Module
- "I want to learn about..." Topical Resources

TexasACE21 and MyTexasACE: More than just a pretty new face!

In October, we unveiled the newly relaunched TexasACE21 website! Now users can easily access the MyTexasACE portal directly from the site without changing URLs. Just follow the convenient ribbon link.

We've assembled substantive and comprehensive resource collection on topics such as summer learning loss, college and career readiness and how to start an afterschool program. Each page contains links to external resources, resource summaries, and highlights of key information. To watch an online orientation, [click here](#).



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Highlights from November Meeting



Breakout Sessions

Four breakout sessions highlighted hot topics in the OST field—behavior intervention, attendance, special needs, and STEM.



Legislation and Outreach

Molly Clayton and Simon Kim of TXPOST presented an afternoon of materials focused on data about political and community initiatives in OST.



Regional Reports

Each regional representative presented information about program operations thus far in the program year. [Click here](#) for notes from the meeting.

OSTI-CON 2015

Save the date for this year's big event—June 24-26. Our venue is the Gaylord Texan Grapevine Resort & Convention Center overlooking beautiful Lake Grapevine. This year's theme is Unlimited Potential. The exciting schedule of events will be posted late January.

Registration is now available via [RegOnline](#).



Special Guest
Andy Roddick
Retired professional tennis player; Founder of the Andy Roddick Foundation

To learn more, [click here](#) to access a webinar on TXPOST advocacy and policy initiatives for 2015.

Highlights of the event will include:

- Rally on the South Capitol Steps featuring special guest Andy Roddick
- Advocacy Training Day in the Capitol Extension Auditorium
- Exhibits featuring ELO programs in the South Capitol Gallery
- A special student-led performance in the Capitol Rotunda

[Click here](#) for additional details and to register for this free event!

2015 Expanded Learning Opportunities Day at the Texas Capitol

The Texas Partnership for Out of School Time (TXPOST) raises awareness about the importance of high-quality Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) programming. Expanded Learning Opportunities Day at the Texas Capitol 2015 is a unique opportunity to participate in a statewide ELO advocacy event that will draw

the attention of policymakers, community leaders and others.

TXPOST will provide all attendees advocates with detailed information about advocacy, the TXPOST legislative agenda and talking points to make the case for high-quality Expanded Learning Opportunities for all Texas children and youth.



ACE the Dates

TASA Midwinter Conference
January 25-28
Austin, TX
Austin Convention Center

Communication Network Winter Meeting
February 24
Austin, TX
Wyndham Garden Inn

Beyond School Hours Conference
February 18-21
Orlando, FL
Orlando World Center Marriott

Interim Report 2
Due March 2
Online survey release pending

NAA Convention
March 8-11
Gaylord National Resort
Washington, DC

National Dropout Prevention Network Conference
October 25-28
San Antonio, TX
Wyndham Riverwalk