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Unit: Staff Development In-service Training

Rationale

Each year employees within the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections are required to complete 40 hours of in-service training. In the past, the home institution provided all 40 hours of instruction for this training to the employees. Through policy revisions, the home institution is now only required to provide 25 hours of training. This was started with the current fiscal year. This meant that employees are required to find ways to make-up the other 15 hours of training. The education administration decided to provide its staff with 8 hours of training through a staff development day.

Wanting the training to be most effective for staff members, the education administration sent a survey to all teachers for ideas/topics for discussion. We (the administration) wanted to make sure that the needs of the staff members were met. Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs (Human Relations Contributors, pg.1) provided the focal point in addressing the needs of the teachers. It was determined by

the administration that if we were able to meet the needs of the staff then the needs of the students would be met in the classroom. The administration believed this would provide for increased motivation by the teachers as well as the students in the classroom.

The surveys were collected and areas/topics of interests were compiled. These areas/topics were working with difficult students, students with disabilities, and motivation. The administration viewed these responses as all being linked together by the common factors of effective classroom management and increased performance of students. Motivation is involved in the performance of all learned responses; that is, a learned behavior will not occur unless it is energized (Huitt, 2001). Motivation is the foundation to success not only in the classroom but also outside the classroom. There are a variety of specific actions that teachers can take to increase motivation on classroom tasks (Huitt, 2001).

Teachers must possess the skills and knowledge to effectively manage their classrooms. This would include the students within the class. Effective managerial skills will be needed to meet the needs and provide motivation to all types of students found in the classroom. This instructional design is intended to provide teachers and administration with tools that will increase productivity in

and outside the classroom for staff and students. The design will be an eight hour in-service training session for approximately 30 staff members.

<u>Unit 1 Outcomes</u>: Students with disabilities and difficult students

- Teachers will become associated with the new IEP process from ODE and techniques to deal with difficult students (Blooms' Analysis)
- Teachers will discuss issues dealing with difficult students and ones with disabilities to plan management techniques (Bloom's Synthesis)
- Teachers will create support systems for classroom management techniques (Bloom's Synthesis)
- Teachers will evaluate current classroom management techniques on practices within classroom (Bloom's Evaluation)
- Teachers will be introduced to different forms of accommodations that can be used in the classroom for students with disabilities (Bloom' Analysis)

Pre Assessment

1. Rate the following areas

Areas of Classroom Management	Need help	Can do
Rules and Expectations	0 1 2 3 4 5	6 7 8
Goals	0 1 2 3 4 5	6 7 8
Positive Learning Environment	0 1 2 3 4 5	6 7 8
Classroom Environment Factors	0 1 2 3 4 5	6 7 8
Discipline	0 1 2 3 4 5	6 7 8
Consequences	0 1 2 3 4 5	6 7 8
Student Behaviors	0 1 2 3 4 5	6 7 8
Student Achievement	0 1 2 3 4 5	6 7 8
IEP Process	0 1 2 3 4 5	6 7 8
Accommodations	0 1 2 3 4 5	6 7 8

2.	List	areas	of	concern	with	discipline	proce	edures:
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_								
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• _								

4.	Rate your curren	nt discipline st	rategy.
Need	s improvement	Adequate	Effective
5.	Rate the effecti	veness of your	current discipline
Need	s improvement	Adequate	Successful
6.	Rate your unders	standing of the	new IEP Process.
Need	s Improvement	Adequate	Effective
7.	Rate your unders disable students		iding accommodation
	s Improvement		

Lesson Plan: Session One

(2.0 Hours)

I. Concepts to be Learned:

- Classroom Management tools with emphasis on disruptive and disabled students.
- IEP process and RTI information will be reviewed

II. Objectives:

- Teachers will be introduced to several classroom management techniques that can be used in the classroom to minimize disruptions.
- Teachers will have a better understanding of the IEP process and will be able to utilize resources for intervention techniques.

III. Procedure:

- An outside speaker will come and talk with the staff. Topics will cover managing disruptive students and the new IEP process.
- A question/answer period will follow the speaker's presentation.
- Teachers will be divided into groups. ABE/Literacy teachers in one group, Pre-GED and GED teachers in a group, and vocational teachers in the final group.

- Each group will be given several situations that cover disruptive students and students that have an The groups will be asked to develop strategies that will eliminate the situations with disruptive behavior and will then also develop accommodations for the student on the IEP.
- The different groups will then describe the strategies that they developed for their situations from their group.
- An open discussion will follow to discuss strategies that were developed by each group.

Evaluation:

The teachers will be asked to list things that they learned from the presentation and from the group activity that they can incorporate into their classroom.

Resources:

Huitt, W. (2007). Maslow's hierarchy of needs. Educational Psychology Interactive. Valdosta, GA: Valdosta State University. Retrieved 02/21/2010 from http://www.edpsycinteractive.org/topics/resys/maslow.html

Huitt, W. (2001). Motivation to Learn: An Overview. Educational Psychology Interactive. Valdosta, GA: Valdosta State University. Retrieved 02/21/2010 from http://www.edpsycinteractive.org/col/motivation/motivate.htm Human Relations Contributors. Retrieved 02/18/2010 from http://www.accel-

team.com/human_relations/hrel_02_Maslow.html

Unit 2 Outcomes: Team Building and Motivation

- Teachers will be introduced to various motivational techniques for their students (Bloom's Application)
- Teachers will be able to develop positive classroom environments that promote student motivation (Bloom's Synthesis)
- Teachers will be able to look at current motivation techniques used in classroom to see if they are adequate or need to be changed/updated (Bloom's Evaluation)
- Teachers will be able to relate current classroom practices with other teachers teaching the same level (Bloom's Evaluation)
- Teachers will be able to utilize various motivational techniques depending on current student's needs (Bloom's Synthesis)
- Teachers will develop team building techniques that will help with motivational techniques that can be used in the classroom. (Bloom's Synthesis)

Pre Assessment

1. Rate the following statements

Motivational techniques are used	never	sometimes	always	
Students are motivated to succeed	never	sometimes	always	
I am willing to make changes	never	sometimes	always	
I am willing to do new things	never	sometimes	always	
I am aware of my student's needs	never	sometimes	always	
I feel that I am part of a team	never	sometimes	always	
I contribute to the team	never	sometimes	always	
The team is important to me	never	sometimes	always	
2. List at least 3 motivational currently use in your classroom	techniq	ues that yo	u	
3. List 2 motivational technique in your personal life	s that	you current	ly use	
4. What contributions do I give to better the team (education department)				

Lesson Plan: Session 2

(1.5 hours)

I. Concepts to be Learned:

- Motivational techniques and team building techniques that teachers can use in the classroom for students as well as for themselves to provide a positive learning environment.
- Collaboration time between teachers from the designated groups from session 1. Staff members can see what works in similar classes that they may use in their classroom.

II. Objectives:

- Teachers will be able to utilize motivational techniques to increase the performance of students in their classroom.
- Teachers will be introduced to motivational techniques that they can use in their daily life.

 These techniques can be used to help the individual in any aspect of their life.
- Teachers will develop team building techniques that will help with motivational techniques to use in the classroom
- Teachers will realize the importance of other staff members in the educational department

III. Procedure:

- Teachers will stay in their groups from lesson 1 (approximately 8 members per group)
- Team building activities will be done

1st Activity Rope Knots Game (20 minutes)

Objective: For each person to contribute to the overall success of the group by doing his/her individual part and by helping others when they need it.

Materials: one long rope per group

Description: Tie an overhand knot at 2 feet intervals on the rope. Instruct group members to select a knot on the rope and stand by it. Then tell them to grab the rope on either side of the knot with one hand. Now challenge the group to untie all the knots without anyone letting go of the rope. Group members may only use their free hand to untie the knots

Discussion Prompts:

- When your side of the rope was untied, did you help the others on your team in any way, or did you just hang out? Why?
- Are you ever on a team where two or more different groups are working separate of each other?

- Is this a positive thing for a team?

2nd Activity Turning letters into Words Game (30 minutes)

Objective: For group members to work together to accomplish a goal.

Materials: 3x5 index cards

Pens/markers
Tablet paper

Description: Give each member of a group 5 index cards and a pen/marker. Instruct them to write 5 letters from the alphabet on the cards (one letter per card) and to not show the letters to the other members of the group. After this is done, have the groups put the cards into a pile. Challenge the teams to use their cards to make as many words as possible, using each card only once. [A variation that can also be used is once the letters are written on the cards, groups will exchange their letters with another group]

Discussion Prompts:

- Did the letters you chose hurt or help the group?
- Did the helpfulness of the letters you chose depend on the letters that others chose?
- Do you sometimes do a lot of work for a group and then find out later it wasn't needed? How do you feel when this happens?

Group Activity: (40 minutes)

After these 2 activities are completed, teachers will be allowed to meet with their groups to discuss the team building activities and develop motivational techniques that can be used in their classroom that were derived from these activities. After the group discussion, the groups will report to the other groups on their findings.

Resources:

Rope Knots Game found at

http://www.teambuildingportal.com/games/rope-knots-game

Turning Letters into Words Game found at http://www.teambuildingportal.com/games/turning-letters-words

Evaluation: The teachers will be asked to list things that they learned from the presentation and from the group activity that they can incorporate into their classroom.

 Teachers will be introduced to the new Ohio Department of Education requirements for renewal/initial licensure applications (Bloom's Application)

- Teachers will be introduced to the new Individual Professional Development Plan (IPDP) as used by the education staff within the prison system (Bloom's Application)
- Teachers will be able to fill out licensure applications for renewal/initial licenses (Bloom's Synthesis)
- Teachers will know to chose course work and professional development to meet the standards set by ODE for license renewal (Bloom's Evaluation)
- Teachers will understand the fingerprinting process and how it relates to their individual teaching license/certificate (Bloom's Application)

Pre Assessment

1. I am familiar with new requirements for teaching licenses

Not at all Somewhat Confident

2. I am familiar with the new fingerprinting process

Not at all Somewhat Confident

3. I am familiar with the new IPDP process

Not at all Somewhat Confident

4. I know the members of the IPDP committee for DRC teachers

Not at all Somewhat Confident

5. I know where to find the requirements for licensure renewal/initial procedures on ODE's website

Not at all Somewhat Confident

6. I know when I need to renew my current teaching license

Not at all Somewhat Confident

Lesson Plan: Session 3

(1.5 hours)

- I. Concepts to be learned:
 - New ODE licensure practices
 - New IPDP process
 - Fingerprinting Process for license/certificates

II. Objectives:

- Teachers will be introduced to new teaching application process set by ODE (Ohio Department of Education)
- Teachers will be introduced to the new fingerprinting process as it relates to teaching licenses/certificates
- The teachers will be introduced to the new IPDP (Individual Professional development Plan) for

licensure renewal within the prison system

- Teachers will become familiar with members of the current IPDP committee (as this does change)
- Teachers will become familiar with the standards set by ODE for license renewal and how this relates to the IPDP process

III. Procedure:

- A representative from ODE will be present to discuss the changes that have taken place in licensure applications.
- Teachers will be given the booklet <u>Organizing For High Quality Professional Development: For Educators and Local Professional Development Committees provided by Ohio Department of Education (Resource)</u>
- A representative from the LPDP committee (from the prison system) will be present to discuss the new IPDP process for the teachers. This representative will also provide staff with the names of other members of this committee.
- A question/answer period will be held after each representative has discuss their topic concerning the new licensure process.
- Teachers will be given information on how to find answers to questions that they may have from the ODE website.

Post Assessment

1.	I found the topics	today to be ver	ry relevant.
	Not at all	Somewhat	Strongly agree
2.	The speakers were w	vell organized a	and informative.
	Not at all	Somewhat	Strongly agree
3.	I received informat	tion that I can	use in my classroom.
	Not at all	Somewhat	Strongly agree
	se list the informat	tion that you ca	n use in your
4.	I found the activit		as they related to
	Not at all	Somewhat	Strongly agree
5.	I found this profes	ssional developm	ent day to be useful
	Not at all	Somewhat	Strongly agree

6.	The location of the	e meeting met my	standards.
	Not at all	Somewhat	Strongly agree
Pleas	se list any changes	that you would	make.
7.	I would continue to opportunities of st		istration to provide as we did today.
	Not at all	Somewhat	Strongly agree
8.	List any changes the professional develo	_	ke for future
9.	List any topics that at future profession	_	e to have discussed activities.