

ICEARY Newsletter



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Did you know?

ICEARY was founded in 1994!

Membership runs September through August each year.

Membership includes legislative updates, Student Ambassador Academies, professional development, and networking opportunities.

Notes from the President

As we return to our classes and programs in 2019, we're faced with an extraordinary opportunity. Nearly a quarter of the General Assembly has turned over following the 2018 election. Which means several members of the General Assembly may not know who we are, what we do and the amazing programs we are running throughout the State.

Now is the time to begin building those relationships. Please be reaching out to your local elected representatives - newly elected and veterans alike - to share with them the great things that are happening in your programs.

Dirk Muffler, ICEARY President

Excellence in Education Awards

The 2019 ICEARY Excellence in Education Awards will recognize the exemplary service of an individual dedicated to at-risk youth. The ideal candidate for an ICEARY Excellence in Education Award performs his/her job in an exemplary manner while providing strong leadership in efforts to support at-risk youth.

Nominations are currently being accepted. Please visit, www.iceary.net, select "Awards" at the top and click on "Excellence in Education Nomination" link to complete a nomination.

Nominations are due by February 20, 2019.

Legislative Update

For the past three years, the Illinois State Board of Education has recommended a grant fund increase for both TAOEP and RSSP programs, just to see those amounts cut back to level funding by the General Assembly.

If we are going to break through, it is going to take a ground swell that can only happen if we are all rowing in the same direction. In order to do so, we want to arm you with statistics and figures. Unfortunately, FY14 is the most current set of data that we have from ISBE.

In FY14, TAOEP programs served 22,135 students with an \$11.5 million grant. The average expenditure per student, including \$6,119 GSA Foundation level, was \$6,639.

Traditional public schools average an expenditure per student of \$12,521; a difference of \$5,882 per student in TAOEP programs.

RSSP programs fair similarly as TAOEP. 3,915 students were served by a \$6.3 million grant in FY14, equating to \$1,609 per student. Include the GSA Foundation Level and RSSP students received \$7,728; \$5,093 less than traditional students.

It becomes very difficult to provide the wrap-around services and supports our students need on such limited funds.

Many of our TAOEP and RSSP students come to school with a high number of ACEs, baggage and issues. In order to truly help these students find their path to success, we need to be able to provide more support services along with educational services.

A great way to spread the message of the great things happening in your program is by having student ambassadors. Students, who have overcome their past roadblocks to success, are the best advocates.

Attending an ICEARY Student Ambassador Academy will provide the training students need to advocate for themselves and programs. The next Academy will be on February 8, 2019 at Northern Illinois University, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. Please contact Karen Tiemann, ktiemann@west40.org, to register or for more information.

26,050

Number of TAOEP and RSSP students served in FY14.

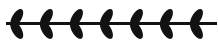


\$5,000+

Difference in fund amounts received by TAOEP and RSSP programs versus traditional public school per student.



"Public education that produces graduates who are prepared for future success provides the foundation for a strong community."



ICEARY Conference

2019

Leadership Through Action

2019 ICEARY Conference will be held March 7th and 8th at the Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, Bloomington, IL.

Wednesday night's Social will be at 6:00 pm. Appetizers and cash bar will be available along with games, fun and networking. Thursday night's Social will be 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm with a dj and cash bar.

Keynote speakers: Thursday, 3/7/19 - Rachel's Challenge; Friday, 3/9/19 - Dr. Jesse Jackson III.

McKinney-Vento liaisons will be meeting on March 6th.

To register for the conference, visit our website, www.iceary.net and click on register!

Hotel reservations can be made through Marriott. Conference pricing good through February 5, 2019.

Last day to guarantee shirt size via registration will be February 14, 2019.



2019 OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARDS!

Do you have a student who has overcome adversity in order to earn an education?

What better way to show how proud you are than to nominate those hardworking students for the 2019 ICEARY Outstanding Student Awards!

Nominations can be made online at, www.iceary.net/awards. The Awards ceremony will be held Thursday, March 7th during lunch.

