



Bi-County Collaborative

Making It Possible

Activities and Information

Dec. 30, 2015

- **Bi-County had a clean audit for FY 15. The Independent Auditor's report, presented by Elaine Renzi from Pavento, Ratcliffe, Renzi & Co., LLC, at the Board of Directors meeting held on Nov. 12, 2015, was unanimously approved by the Board of Directors.**
- **December student enrollment was at 184. Since July 1st Bi-County has enrolled 43% of received referrals. We are expecting 4 new students to begin as of January 4th which will put us on target to meet our FY 16 Revenue.**
- **Bi-County has expanded Professional Development offerings this year for BICO staff, member and non-member districts. With the addition of Dr. Laurie Sullivan who holds the endorsement as a Sheltered English Immersion (SEI) instructor, Bi-County is able to offer several courses needed for educators to meet state licensure requirements. Currently BICO is offering the SEI Administrator Course, an MTEL SEI Prep Course, and the Long SEI Teacher Endorsement Course. The MTEL Test Prep course filled up almost as soon as it was posted and another class was scheduled and is almost filled. These Professional Development offerings are serving a great need for both our member and non-member districts.**
- **Bi-County will be offering a Registered Behavior Technician (RBT) course for paraprofessionals and/or teachers beginning in late February. This course leads to an internationally recognized certification from the Behavior Analyst Certification Board. The class requires 40 hours of instruction in teaching strategies and techniques in Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA). ABA is considered best practice for teaching many students on the Autism spectrum. The RBT course provides critical training for staff working with students on Autism spectrum for both in school and at home services. Bi-County offered this course during the summer to 19 BICO staff who earned RBT certification. This has increased Bi-County's capacity to provide quality, specialized home based services for member districts.**