



# Bi-County Collaborative

Making It Possible

## Activities and Information

September 30, 2015

- **Bi-County had a smooth opening to the new school year. Currently we have 173 students enrolled and 2 pending referrals.**
- **During the summer months, Bi-County received 17 new student referrals and enrolled 67% of these referrals.**
- **Over the summer Bi-County held a 40hr. Registered Behavior Technician training for 20 paraprofessionals. This international certification program is recognized by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB). RBT certification qualifies paraprofessionals to teach students on the Autism spectrum and provide specialized ABA instruction in school and for home based services under the supervision of a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA). BICO staff completing this program will take a competency assessment to become certified and registered with the BACB. Most importantly, this training builds the knowledge, skills and abilities of Bi-County staff, increasing our expertise to address the educational needs of our student population. In addition, we have increased capacity to provide home based services, at reasonable rates, for our member districts. Bi-County is planning to offer this training for member and non-member districts during the current school year.**
- **Bi-County is planning to offer more professional development for administrators, teachers, and related service providers. Bi-County's new Professional Development & Curriculum Coordinator, Dr. Laurie Sullivan, is a certified/endorsed Sheltered English Immersion (SEI) instructor. Dr. Sullivan will be offering SEI courses including a 15 PDP recertification course, the SEI 15hr. Administrator course, and the Full SEI Endorsement course.**
- **There will be other professional development offerings this year including another Teacher Leader Forum, a 15 PDP program in special education which is required for licensure renewal as of July 2016, programming to address the behavioral health needs of students, and team building for work with difficult families.**