



Bi-County Collaborative

Making It Possible
Activities and Information

January 2019

- **Bi-County's main objective is to meet the needs of enrolled students from member and non-member districts by providing quality specialized programming. With the addition of new programs and BICO's new location in Walpole referrals and enrollments have increased significantly. Bi-County's enrollment is currently at 232 students.**
- **BICO established a Member District PD Committee that meets monthly. The goal of this group is plan targeted professional development and pool resources to meet the needs of member district staff. On January 23 the committee will be hosting a 504 Legal workshop for member districts. The group is planning to coordinate PD efforts for the November 2019 Election Day by offering PD for district staff including nurses, art teachers, and other groups in need of targeted professional growth opportunities.**
- **The collaborative is offering several courses to member and non-member district staff. This year's offerings include a 3 credit graduate level course from Lesley University on the Impact of Trauma on Learning. This course filled up quickly with 25 participants and started this month.**
- **Courses in SEI for teachers and administrators are also being offered. The fall course for teachers reached capacity and a spring course begins in March. The spring course has seats available. A course for administrators begins in February and has openings as well.**
- **In November, BICO received a generous donation from the MTeam which is an organization dedicated to raising funds through Best Buddies for students with severe and profound disabilities. The donation enabled the collaborative to purchase an eye gaze technology system for students at the Life Roles Education Program located at King Philip Middle School. This technology makes it possible for students who can't communicate with their voice, by writing, or through physical gestures (sign language or pointing) to use their eyes in coordination with visuals on a computer to communicate. BICO was featured on New England Cable News highlighting this ground breaking technology for students with significant impairments.**