



Bi-County Collaborative
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- School opened for BICO staff on August 27th with Staff Orientation held at BICO's Providence Highway location. This is the first time all staffs were able to gather at one BICO program location. It was satisfying for staff and leadership at BICO to be using and enjoying our new building which now houses elementary, middle, and high programs.
- During the summer the playground for Summit was completed. Thanks to the efforts of our Board and some donations we now have a safe playground area for students to enjoy.
- After BICO's first year having an elementary program on the lower level of Summit, BICO's Leadership team evaluated the use of the lower level space and decided to make some adjustments. The Summit elementary program has moved to the first floor. We now have space for music, gym, and school store. In addition expanded enrollment required more lunch space for students which could best be served on the lower level.
- At the close of school last year BICO had 234 students enrolled. This is the highest enrollment at BICO since this data started to be collected back in 2011. Referrals from sending districts have increased steadily over the past 3 years. In 2019 BICO received 230 referrals during the course of the school year as compared to 168 referrals in 2017. This represents a 37% increase. The increase in referrals speaks to our work on Strategic Plan Goal # 3 which is to promote collaborative awareness among families and districts as well as our work on Goal # 1 which is to enhance and expand learning opportunities to meet the diverse needs of all students.
- BICO opened school this year with 208 students. Due to the ongoing increasing number of referrals throughout the summer and at the present time, it's reasonable to expect that we will reach our budgeted average of 220 students soon. Some of our programs such as Jordan Jackson in Mansfield, Learning Center in Blackstone, Life Roles in Norton, and our two middle school programs one in Foxboro and one in Franklin are nearly full which is unusual for this time of year.
- This year we will be focusing on Strategic Plan Goal #4, Objective 4.3 which involves a review of current facilities to determine student capacity and a plan for addressing the needs related to future growth.

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