

Mead, Bethany

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Nominator Information

Please provide your information as the nominator of this partnership.

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Title

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Your Relationship to the Partnership?

EFE #150

The Partners: Business & Industry

Please provide basic information on the business and industry organizations involved in the partnership.

Business/Industry Partner 1

Business/Organization Name

Ryan Jury Center (Swedish American Hospital)

Address

122 Williams Park
Rockford Illinois 61104 US

Website

<https://www.swedishamerican.org>

Main Career Clusters within Industry

Human Services

Point of Contact

Wendi Arnold

Title

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Business/Industry Partner 2 (if applicable)**Business/Organization Name****Address****Website****Main Career Clusters within Industry****Point of Contact****Title**

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Business/Industry Partner 3 (if applicable)

Business/Organization Name

Address

Website

Main Career Clusters within Industry

Point of Contact

Title

Email

Provide information on any other additional business & industry partners not listed above. Also, please use this opportunity to briefly explain the unique roles of these businesses in the partnership (if there are more than one involved.)

Ryan Jury Center of Swedish American Hospital has had a partnership with the Early Childhood Education Dept. at Harlem Consolidated School District # 122 since 2009.

This program allows up to 7 students to come in to the Child Care Center every day to observe a classroom and assist with lesson plans and activities for the assigned classroom each day for the length of the school semester. The instructor, Carolyn Knuth goes in one time a week, every week to observe the students she serves. There is no cost whatsoever to the Harlem School District for hosting the students in this rich, hands-on learning experience.

The Partners: Educational Institutions & Programs

Please provide basic information on the educational institutions and/or programs involved in the partnership.

Education Partner 1

Educational Institution/Program Name

Harlem Consolidated School District, #122

Address

1 Huskie Circle
Machesney Park Illinois 61115 US

Website

www.harlem122.org

What type of institution is it? (If a program, where is it offered?)

High School

Point of Contact

Carolyn Knuth

Title

Family & Consumer Sciences, Division Chair

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Education Partner 2 (if applicable)**Educational Institution/Program Name****Address****Website****What type of institution is it? (If a program, where is it offered?)****Point of Contact****Title****Email**

Education Partner 3 (if applicable)

Educational Institution/Program Name

Address

Website

What type of institution is it? (If a program, where is it offered?)

Point of Contact

Title

Email

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Carolyn Knuth is very committed to her students, her colleagues and the programs she is involved with. In 2009, Carolyn initiated the implementation of this work based learning experience/partnership with the hospital to enrich the learning experience for the Early Childhood Students of the Harlem school district. Carolyn also assists with the legal process each year, tending to the contract details between the two entities, to ensure the program's continuation. In addition to the implementation, and legalities Mrs. Knuth also checks in on the students each week while they are on-site learning and assisting, offering her support.

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1. What problem was this partnership developed to solve?

This partnership provides the students with an enriched learning experience, while at the same time allowing them the experiences of "life on the job." This in turn creates a stronger workforce for the industry in this region. While the students have plenty of course work, they are also learning while assisting and experiencing the many challenges that come up day to day in this field.

2. What steps were taken to get the partnership started?

The founder of Ryan Jury and Instructor Ms. Knuth had relationship at a prior hospital. Ms. Knuth followed Carol Mittel to Swedish American and they partnered together in this program.

3. Describe how the partnership was designed to support high-quality CTE.

The instructor at the Ryan Jury Center offers curriculum and activities to

4. What were the results of the partnership? What was innovative about the partnership or its output? How did it benefit students and the community?

Students find out if this is a career field they want to pursue, before investing in education. As a result of this program their have been students who have been hired and are currently working at this hospitals Child Development Center.

Harlem High School is currently the only High School in the region offering this program to it's students. By the Harlem District offering this program, students are able to experience a daycare teaching experience which prepares them for possible career opportunities in this Child Care pathway.

The benefits of this program not only offer the student the exposure & experience in this field, but also in many cases provides this industry with experienced, seasoned employees.

5. What were the lessons learned during the process of building the partnership? What would you have done differently?

While the students have this experience with children, it allows them to discover if this is the pathway they will pursue; in addition, it provides opportunity with teaching, interacting with students and workplace skills, such as attendance, showing up on time, teamwork, professional dress and conduct. Students in this particular program are encouraged to pursue an Associates degree for employment at this facility.

While Mrs. Knuth loves working with this facility, her desire it to find other entities who would offer this type of program, so more students could have this opportunity.

6. Is this partnership sustainable? How do you anticipate it will change in the coming year(s)?

Yes, this is sustainable partnership because:

has been a program since 2009

requires students to obtain a ECE level 1 certification & coursework

Offers students potential job placement as well as providing industry local qualified candidates

This program will change by looking at the curriculum and possibly expanding the teaching component.

7. How long did it take to create this partnership?

Less than 6 months

8. How large of an investment did the businesses and other partner(s) involved make in this partnership (time and money)?

Initially the hospital paid for the background checks. The hospital program is provided at no charge to the school district; Mrs. Knuth is offering this to her students as part of her teaching assignment. Students are required to pay for a TB test a minimum of two times. Otherwise, time and opportunity were the only requirements of this wonderful program.

9. Would you or an associate be willing to present a session at an ACTE event about this partnership?

Maybe