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What to Expect this Fall:

By October 2023, participating school teams should meet with the Kean team to discuss survey 4 data, Action Plan data entry, Alignment Strategy data entry and survey #5. Coordinator teams are highly encouraged to push survey #5 to all stakeholder groups. If you are having any problems with this, please contact the Kean team for support. If you have not yet scheduled your first Y3 site visit, please do so immediately. Remember, Y3 is all about expanding implementation efforts while developing sustainability plans for after the grant period. The Kean team is excited to support you and continue the wonderful collaborative relationships we have built over the past 2 years!

Y3 Purchasing Reminder:

Please do not forget to submit a 2023 W9 (signed and dated with section 3 filled out) and a 2023 Tax Exempt Letter. These documents are required for the Kean team to submit for your \$12,500.00 BPO in Y3. Please use the same invoice template that was used in Y1 and Y2. All purchasing details should be logged on the reimbursement request form (at the end of your Action Plan). **Y3 invoices should be submitted to Zoey Guarino via email for approval no later than March 31, 2024.** You may begin submitting invoices as soon as you receive your BPO number. All intended purchases should be discussed with the Kean team prior to invoice submission. Please contact Zoey Guarino with any questions: zguarino@kean.edu/ (609) 488-0414

Fall Checklist:

- ✓ 1. Schedule your 1st site visit ASAP!
- ✓ 2. Add upcoming RJ events to calendar
- ✓ 3. Prepare to send survey #5 to all school stakeholders
- ✓ 4. Review survey #4 data with school team
- ✓ 5. Review Y3 data entry with Kean team
- ✓ 6. Schedule Y3 Community Outreach Event!



October Spotlight:

Fall Training on the Power of Play with Ashley McGuire and Thom Nezbeda:

Ashley McGuire is one half of A Better Center, an organization dedicated to helping people find more peace, balance, and joy in all the spaces where they live, work, and learn. Thom Nezbeda is one half of A Better Center, a partnership focused on helping bring people together—better—in all aspects of their lives. He is also the founder and CEO of Ready Actual, a performance improvement consultancy.

Play is something that comes to us easily as children and seems to disappear far too fast. We stop playing to focus on more serious pursuits, forgetting how crucial play is for our self development. It's through play that we learn to navigate relationships, experience disappointments and build resilience, and refine our communication skills. Given how effective play is at teaching key life skills, doesn't it make sense to keep the fun going?

Join two expert game creators and leaders, as they lead you through a variety of new and innovative activities, and share powerful facilitation skills to support you building a connected, joyful, and community-centered classroom. This fast-paced and fun session gives you great tools to help your students build trust, strengthen critical thinking, express themselves more effectively, and connect the community. Learn how to integrate play into your every day, and help your team come together!



Upcoming October 2023 Events:

1st Mandatory Fall Training on Power of Play

Friday, October 13, 2023
9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. via Zoom
[RSVP Here!](#)

2nd Mandatory Fall Training on Power of Play

Monday, October 16, 2023
1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M. via Zoom
[RSVP Here!](#)

Note: 5-10 representatives from your school must attend one of these repeat sessions.

Workshop with Carly McCollow on "Practical Prerequisites for Preventing Harm and Tier 2 Success"

Thursday, October 26, 2023
9:00A.M. - 10:00 A.M.
[RSVP Here!](#)

Carly McCollow, LMSW (she/her) supports schools and organizations in healing harm and connecting around shared humanity.

"Generating buy-in and school-wide RJ practices can take years. In the meantime, schools have individuals and small groups who see the value right away and want to implement as much as they can within their sphere of control and influence. In this workshop, we'll focus on practical strategies and talking points that can be used to deepen and enhance your practice now as you champion RJ within your school community. We'll focus on interventions that can happen on the interpersonal and classroom/team/club-wide levels that strengthen our Tier 1 practices to help us prevent harm and escalation."



"You can learn more about a person in an hour of play than a year of conversation." - Plato

Upcoming November and December 2023 Events:

Information Session with Shakia Mayer, LPC and Jasmine Harden, M.A.

Wednesday, November 1, 2023
9:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. via Zoom
[RSVP Here!](#)

"Growing Stronger Consulting Services provides effective strategies related to the personal and professional development of youths and adults. Our goal is to equip individuals with leadership, communication, and self-mastery skills from a wellness perspective."

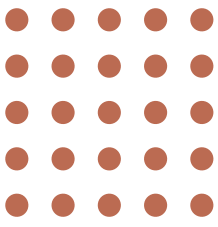
Mandatory December Anti-Bias Training Session with Dr. Dana Crawford

Friday, December 1, 2023
9:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M. via Zoom
[RSVP Here!](#)

Note: 5-10 representatives from your school must attend one of these repeat sessions.

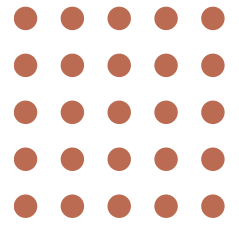


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Diversity Council on Global Education and Citizenship
High School Leadership Conference
Defining Yourself featuring Jamar Root

When:

Friday, November 17, 2023

Where:

Kean University
or virtual via Zoom

Time:

9am-2pm



Credit: Jamar Root
<https://rootofjamar.com/>

**Participants will network with students from other districts
and receive a leadership training tool kit!**

Register now!

**Joy Prescott
Award Application!**

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