Spring Checklist

2. Add all upcoming RJ events to calendar (April & May).
3. Y2 Reports due no later than July 1st, 2023. Schedule meeting with Kean team to review necessary items!
4. If needed, review all data entry for Y2 with the Kean team.
5. Make sure you receive all Y2 reimbursement checks!

What to do this Summer:

1. Y2 Annual Report DUE NO LATER THAN JULY 1ST!
2. Schedule a Y3 summer site visit with the Kean team.
3. Y3 BPO creation: Send 2023 W9 and Tax Exempt letter to Zoey Guarino via email ASAP.
   W9 Notes:
   - Section 3 filled out.
   - Signed/dated (2023)
4. Prep for onboarding new staff: ask the Kean team about resources to get new team members trained in RP.
5. Create a plan with your team to 'hit the ground running' in fall 2023, focusing on sustainability and implementation!
April 2023

Events:

Restorative Reflection on Circle Plans - Workshop with Becky McCammon:

Monday, April 17, 2023
1pm - 2pm via Zoom
RSVP Here!

Becky McCammon has been a circle keeper and restorative practitioner since 2016 when she began her learning journey as the restorative practice program coordinator for Saint Paul Public Schools. Over her 5 years in the role, the growth, practice and expansion of work extended from 6 original pilot sites to 20+ exploring and implementing schools/programs. Named the 2020 Education Minnesota Human Rights Educator and the Saint Paul Federation of Educators’ 2021 Mary McGough Educator recipient, Becky has collaborated extensively between school, union and community spaces. Becky is the author of Restorative Practices at School: An Educator's Guided Workbook to Nurture Professional Wellness, Support Student Growth, and Build Engaged Classroom Communities and a trainer for and with Education Minnesota and the Minnesota Department of Education. In 2021, Becky founded Restoratively (Y)ours LLC and began her work in partnership to multiple community organizations, schools and school districts.

Becky has prepared Circle Plans for our participating schools to use in February! All are welcome to utilize these circle plans and reflect on the journey during our April 17 workshop via Zoom. Zoey Guarino will send circle plans via email! Please see a flier for our 4/17/23 event on the following page!
Circle
Plan
Offerings
- For restorative reflection
- For getting acquainted w/ circle process support
- For play and practice
- For, "What kind of circle keeper might I be?" considerations
- For and with others-share, share, share

Restoratively
Looking ahead
Monday, April 17th,
1-2 pm

restoratively yours
April 2023 Events
(Continued):

Monday, April 24, 2023
1pm - 2pm via Zoom
RSVP Here!

Dionne Grayman has been a staff developer for Morningside Center since 2014, and writes a regular blog for the organization, See and Be Seen. Dionne became an English teacher in 1993, and her first classroom was in the Rikers Island Education Facility (C-74) teaching male adolescent inmates. Dionne also taught at Brooklyn Tech, PATH on the Thomas Jefferson Campus, and Boys and Girls High School. This interactive session will explore Dionne’s experiences implementing restorative practices while teaching. She will describe obstacles to her implementation work and answer questions.
May 2023 Events:

Workshop on RJ and Arts: Practical Tips and Tools To Build Sustainable Transformation with Jamie Rosen & Sook Kyoung Kwon

Friday, May 5th, 2023
1pm - 2pm via Zoom
RSVP Here!

Jamie Harris Rosen and Sook Kyoung Kwon are Expressive Arts Therapists and Restorative Justice practitioners who have been utilizing creative interventions for over a decade to help diverse people communicate, navigate conflict and cultivate well-being. They have extensive experience working with RJ practitioners and educators to elevate their practice by building trauma-responsive structures. To better serve these communities, they co-founded The Creatives PATCH (Play and Arts. Tools for Change and Healing). The Creatives PATCH carefully weaves together their learning and experiences from the fields of Expressive Arts Therapy, Restorative Justice, Somatics, and Neuroscience to develop training programs and curriculums.

This workshop is an introduction to artistic, somatic, and playful techniques that educators can integrate into their circles to enhance safety, resilience, and well-being from the inside out. Practitioners will walk away with practical tips and tools and also feel refreshed and excited about doing things differently!
WORKSHOP ON RJ & THE ARTS
WITH
JAMIE ROSEN AND SOOK KYOUNG KWON
FRIDAY, MAY 5TH, 2023
TIME 1:00PM - 2:00PM
REGISTER HERE

For more information, please contact:
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Thinking About Y2 Reporting:

We are trying to show a detailed narrative of grant related activities from about July 2022 to June 2023. This report should include (but is not limited to) descriptions of trainings with Kean, workshops with Kean, site visits, community outreach events, individual school PD sessions, workshops or training events, consultation work made possible by grant funding, calming space/restorative room development, team building exercises, parent or community engagement initiatives, the selection and training of student ambassadors or mediators etc..

With these descriptions of day to day activities, we ask that you include reflections on effectiveness and impact. Please discuss obstacles that arose over the course of the academic year. Discuss district and school staff turnover, impacts of substitute shortages, and other issues involving lack of coverage.

Please include any data you can (disciplinary data is especially important). Talk about suspension rates (including ISS) honestly and give us any context you can about these numbers. Talk about recidivism rates.

Finally, include pictures!! Include pictures of wall decorations/quotes, calming spaces and restorative rooms, events/PDs/Circles/trainings, community events, team meetings, assemblies and more!

Schedule a meeting with the Kean team today to discuss Y2 annual reporting requirements and expectations! Email Zoey Guarino at zguarino@kean.edu.
Future Ambitions: How Are We Organizing for Y3?

**REMEMBER:** Y3 is all about monitoring and refining implementation practices, and thinking about sustainability past the 3-year pilot program! What is your team doing to prepare for RP after the conclusion of the grant?

Below are some things to think about:

1. **Building a team that can survive school and district level turnover.**
   - Members at all levels: educators, admin, upper admin, support staff, social workers & counselors, security staff etc..

2. **Parent and community partnerships.**
   - Consider creating parent leadership groups that focus on RP.
   - Engaging with community partnerships to ensure that RP does not end when students/staff leave the school building.

3. **Ongoing and intentional staff community building & wellness initiatives.**
   - Going beyond a pizza party - offering support outlets to staff members (mental health initiatives, healthy work environment initiatives (wellness at work), PDs focusing on ‘self-care’, community partnerships with external groups offering multi-level supports.

4. **What can your school do with more funding?**
   - This is something we will highlight in our reporting: What does your school need to create an impactful and sustainable plan?

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Action Through the Arts: Creative Strategies to Implement Civics in the Classroom

Thursday, May 4, 2023
4:30pm via Zoom

Register Now!

This session is created and facilitated by Carl Brister, an artist, activist, educator, and instructional coach of 10 years who has been featured on NJ12NEWS, WABC, NBC, and more for highly effective creative classroom practices and for leveraging the power of music and the arts to impact the community for social change.

This program will include a reflective dialogue around the NJDOE Standards for Middle School Civics instruction, fun activities and exercises, and ideas on how to transform the classroom into a dynamic Civics learning space through the arts.

PD hours and Co-Curricular Credits provided!

For more information, please contact: Sarah Coykendall, Managing Assistant Director coykends@kean.edu / (908) 737-4632
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Human Rights in Action

PRE-COLLEGE PROGRAMS

COMBATING MISINFORMATION
AUGUST 7-10, 2023

BECOMING CHANGEMAKERS
AUGUST 14-17, 2023

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Price: $300 per week
Grades: 10-12
PRE-COLLEGE PROGRAMS OVERVIEW:
Historically, young people have been the agents of change. Do you want to create a more just and inclusive world? Join Kean University’s Human Rights Institute and the Diversity Council on Global Education and Citizenship this summer for Human Rights in Action, a summer program designed specifically for high school students looking to elevate their voices and build the tools needed to become a more effective advocate and ally.

Students are welcome to join one or both of the available sessions. In the first week, Combating Misinformation, participants will learn how to navigate the vast amount of information available to them, and demonstrate how to use social media as a tool to promote human rights.

In the second week, Becoming Changemakers, participants will be introduced to the sometimes daunting task of “where to start” when fighting injustices and ensuring human rights are being honored in our local communities and beyond. Students are welcome to join one or both sessions.

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