Coming Full CIRCLES in Arkansas

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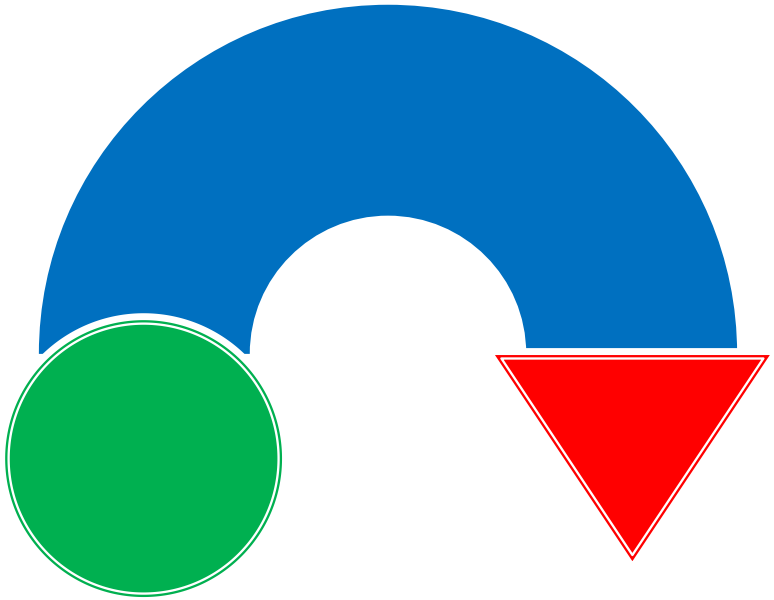

C I R C L E S
Building Collaborative Partnerships

- Acronym:
  - Communicating Interagency Relationships and Collaborative Linkages for Exceptional Students

- Three levels of interagency collaboration:
  - Community Level Team
  - School Level Team
  - IEP Team

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Building Collaborative Partnerships

- Teams work together to address transition planning needs of youth with disabilities (Flowers et al., 2018)

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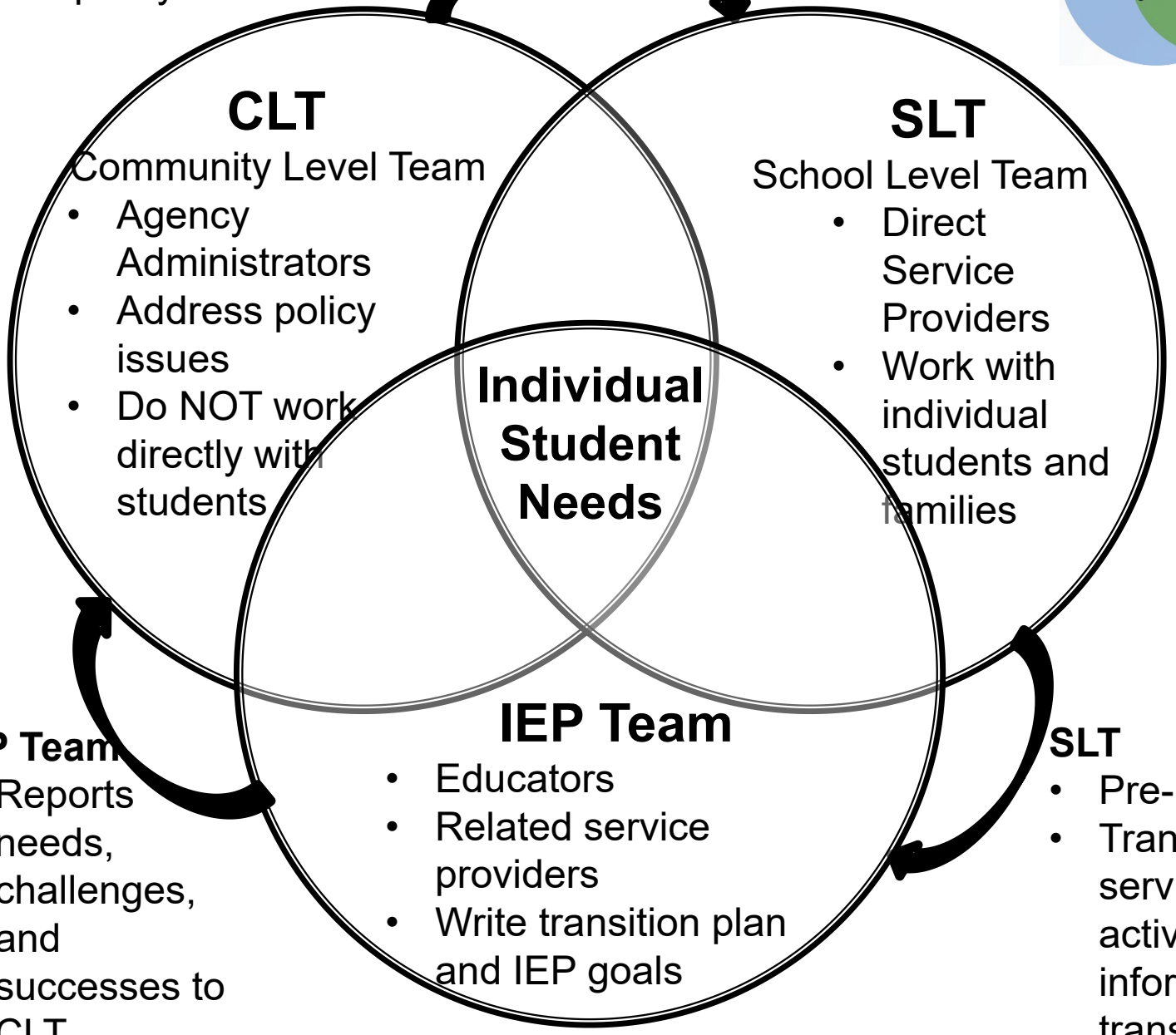
CLT

- Appoints agency representatives to serve on SLT
- Deals with policy level issues



IEP Team

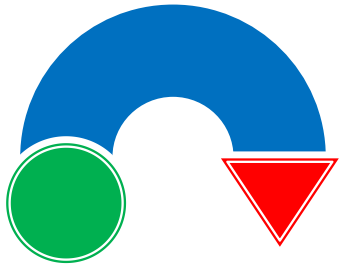
- Reports needs, challenges, and successes to CLT

SLT

- Pre-Plans
- Transition service activities to inform transition plan

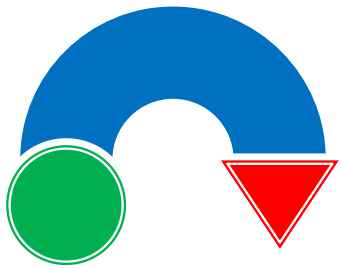
CIRCLES in the beginning:

- 2014 – We learned about CIRCLES at CBI
- Fall 2014 – Brought CIRCLES to AR
  – 6 districts attended (7 schools)



CIRCLES wasn't so well rounded…

- Training for 6 districts who committed to implementing…sort of
- Various factors forced districts to withdraw (mostly turnover, time)
- Two districts who implemented the program: Forrest City and LISA Academy (Charter)
- Held CLT meetings
- Held SLT meetings



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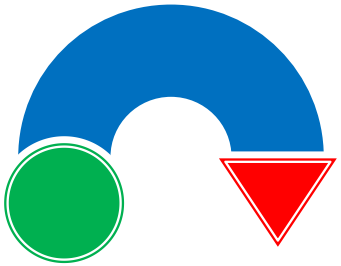
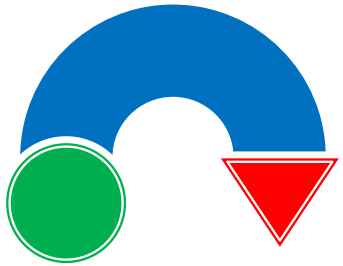
CIRCLES revived!

- When Arkansas became an intensive state with NTACT, we made it part of our Technical Assistance Plan



From State to District Level:

- In our initial work as an intensive state, we worked with NTACT to select some “intensive” districts…District Leadership Teams, that is☺
- Selected based on administrative support, location, size, capacity to grow, work with agencies, and of course, willingness!



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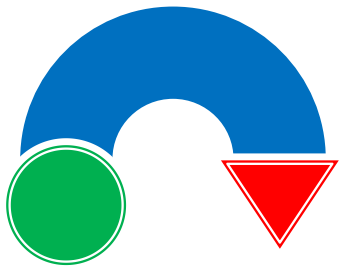
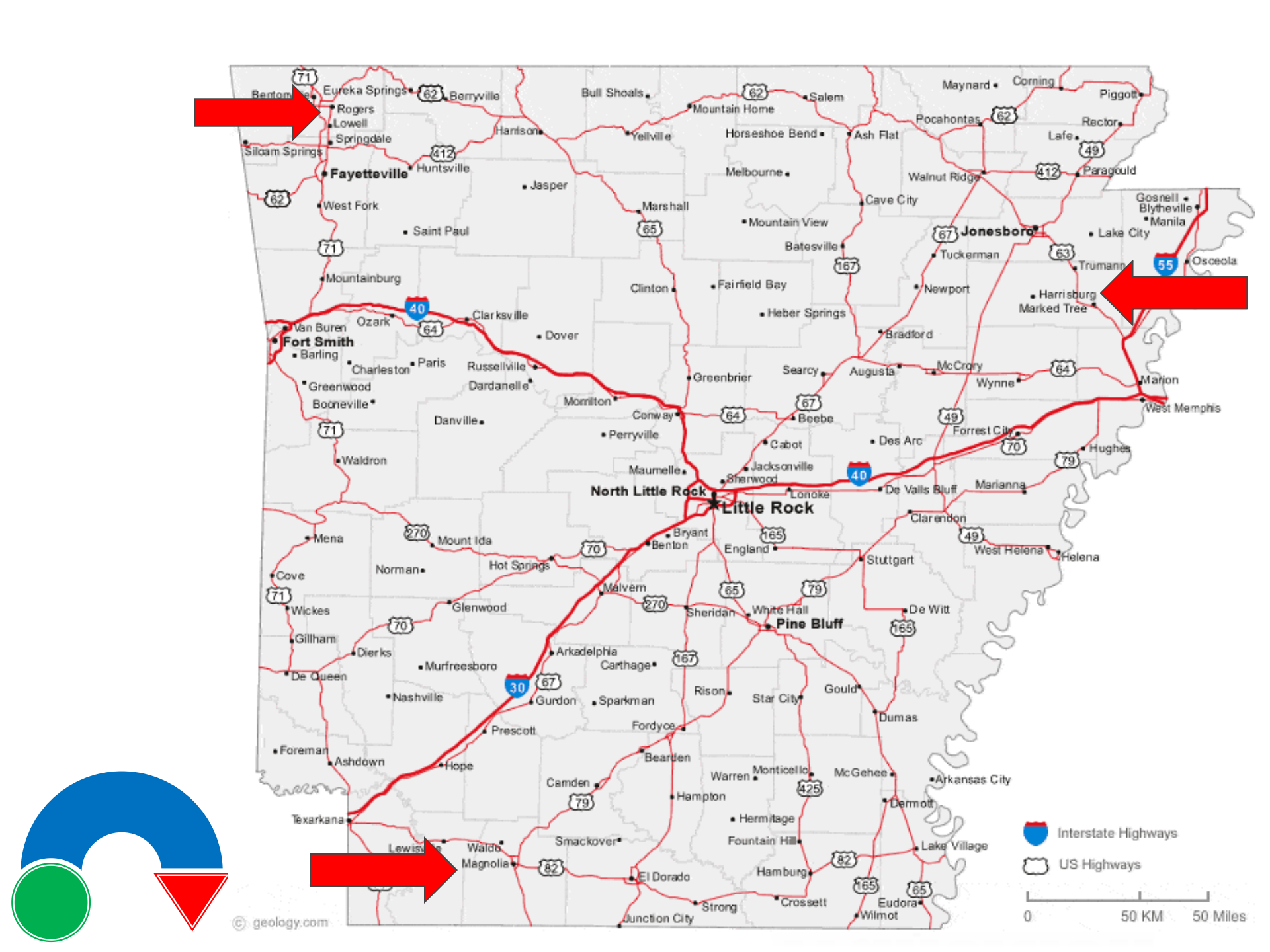
District Leadership Teams

- Rogers
- Harrisburg
- Magnolia

- Our LEADERS in scaling up in Arkansas!

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Fairfield Bay
Newport
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Marked Tree
Van Buren
Ozark
Clarksville
Heber Springs
Fort Smith
Dover
Bradford
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Charleston
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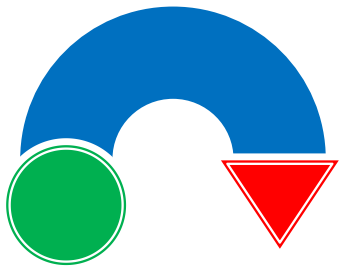
Goal 2:

- (SMART) Goal 2 in our Technical Assistance Plan…
- Short-term: By June 2018, we will increase, above baseline, the number of teachers, VR, and adult service providers with knowledge of effective collaboration and the CIRCLES process by using the following resources and material: CIRCLES training, including related resources and materials, and TA support.



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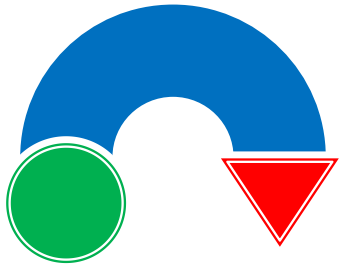
Agency Involvement

- Bringing CIRCLES to Arkansas also gave us another way to collaborate with Career and Technical Education and Arkansas Rehabilitation Services (Vocational Rehabilitation in AR)
- They attended trainings with teams and community level and school level team meetings.
- How it really got started…



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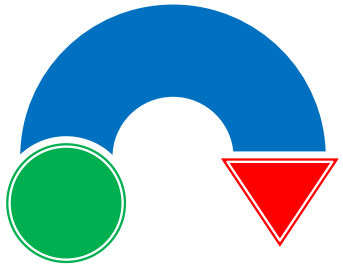
Tasks for Goal 2:

- Implement CIRCLES in one local intensive district (Harrisburg) to establish a model of interagency collaboration.
  - Harrisburg School District
  - Training completed in January 2016
  - Community Level team meeting held
  - School Level Team meeting held



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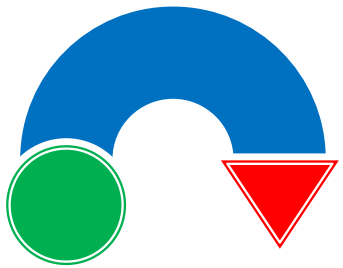
Harrisburg took CIRCLES on!

- Trained in January 2016
- Planned for a great CLT and SLT the following school year.



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First SLT meeting with student presentations!!! April 19, 2017 – they made the (local) paper! ☺

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News Brief

This Thursday is last day to put items out for pickup

The City of Harrisburg special city wide clean sweep which started Friday, April 21st will conclude on Thursday, April 27th. That is the last day to put items to the curb.

A list of items that will absolutely NOT be picked up by the City of Harrisburg include:

*HOUSEHOLD TRASH
*TIRES
*HAZARDOUS MATERIAL
*MATERIALS WITH AS BESTOSS
*PAINT CANS WITH WET PAINT STILL INSIDE
*POLES WITH CREOSOTE
*BATTERIES
*NO APPLIANCES WITH COMPRESSORS STILL INSTALLED
*ANY GARDEN WASTE

Please put brush and limbs in a seperate pile by themselves away from other materials.

Items put out after Thursday will not be picked up free.

CORRECTION

Last week the Modern News incorrectly named Parker Jones as the pitcher of the Hornets game against Brookland. Zach Biggers was in fact the winning pitcher in this game striking out eight and giving up just one run. We deeply apologize for this error.

Harrisburg Rotary meets every Thursday at noon
Monthly Harrisburg City Council 2nd Tuesday

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HHS to serve as a pilot school for CIRCLES

by Curtis Sanders
The Modern News

Harrisburg High School is venturing into another new program to benefit students and this one is designed to assist youth with disabilities.

The program is called CIRCLES and that stands for "Communicating Interagency Relationships and Collaborative Linkages for Exceptional Students" and Harrisburg will be a pilot school in Arkansas for this program.

The program in general will assist youth with disabilities in the transition from school to adult life and the services will target three areas; employment, post high school education or training, and independant living.

CIRCLES will be a new way of planning and delivering these services to the students.

Last Wednesday, the first School-Level Team (SLT) meeting was held at the school. In this meeting, students presented their interests and options to different local agencies that can possibly provide assistance to both the student and the agency during and after high school. Besides the students and their parent(s), several representatives of state and local agencies were on hand; Jennifer Williams and Bonnie Boaz from AR Transition Services, Teri Nelson from Methodist Family Health, Michael Lloyd from AR Rehabilitation Services, Missy Clairday is the ASUN Career Counselor at HHS, Daren Kneeling from the Department of Workforce Services, Nacole Sweeney from the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce, Julie Rye from the AR Department of Health, Katie Baker and Angie Parish from Friendship Community Services, Carolyn McNeely fromm the Crowley's Ridge Educational Cooperative-Career and Technical Education Coordinator, Crissie Parks-Special Education LEA for the Harrisburg School District, Brandon Craig-HHS Principal, Kelly Mack-HHS Business Teacher, Chastan Carpino, Sharon Oberg and Fran Ennis-HHS Special Education Teachers and Chrystal Lindsey-HHS Para-

See CIRCLES page 4

TRANSITION TEAM-The first meeting of the CIRCLES School Level Team was last week at Harrisburg High School. Members of this team are, in no particular order, Jennifer Williams, Bonnie Boaz, Teri Nelson, Michael Lloyd, Missy Clairday, Daren Kneeling, Nacole Sweeney, Julie Rye, Katie Baker, Angie Parish, Carolyn McNeely, Crissie Parks, Brandon Craig, Kelly Mack, Chastan Carpino, Sharon Oberg, Fran Enni, and Chrystal Lindsey. (Titles for these members are listed in the story). Modern News photo/Curtis Sanders

Arkansas Game & Fish meeting concerning Lake Poinsett is May 1st

The Lake Poinsett Community Association will host a meeting on May 1, 2017 at 6 pm, at Shiloh Baptist Church. Representatives from the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission will be on hand to discuss progress of the talks about concerns of erosion on the lake.

Eveyone concerned is invited to attend.

Harrisburg

CIRCLES fostered great partnerships with local businesses and people in the community and opened a doorway for post-secondary opportunities for students.

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Selection Guide

Post-Secondary Outcomes: At Risk Rubric
CIRCLES Student Selection Guide 11th Graders

	4	3	2	1
GPA 9th	3.0 to 4.0	2.0 to 2.9	1.0 to 1.9	0.0 to 0.9
GPA 10th	3.0 to 4.0	2.0 to 2.9	1.0 to 1.9	0.0 to 0.9
Attendance 9th	Up to 4 absences per semester	5 to 7 absences per semester	8 to 10 absences per semester	Over 10 absences per semester
Attendance 10th	Up to 4 absences per semester	5 to 7 absences per semester	8 to 10 absences per semester	Over 10 absences per semester
Credits 9th	7 credits	5 or 6 credits	4 credits	3 credits or less
Credits 10th	14 credits	10 to 13 credits	9 credits	8 credits or less
After School Job	Held "a" job for at least one year.	Held "a" job for 3 to 11 months.	Has applied for a job(s).	Never applied or held a job.
Family Support *see student survey	Regular attendance at IEP meetings, extracurricular activities, support post-secondary goals through discussion/ exploration/ assistance.	Often attends IEP meetings, extracurricular activities, support post-secondary goals through discussion/ exploration/ assistance.	Occasional attendance at IEP meetings, extracurricular activities, support post-secondary goals through discussion/ exploration/ assistance.	No attendance at IEP meetings, extracurricular activities, support post-secondary goals through discussion/ exploration/ assistance.
Discipline Record *If unsure on scoring, show the trend of most recent year	No documented discipline referrals 9th-11th grade.	1-3 documented discipline referrals per year.	4-8 documented discipline referrals per year.	9 or more documented referrals per year.
Consecutive CTE Courses	3 (or more) concentrated CTE courses (same field)	2 concentrated CTE courses from the same field	Random selection of CTE courses	No CTE courses
Transition Class	Student has/is taking the transition class.	N/A	N/A	Student has not taken the transition class.
Work Study Class	Student has/is taking the general education Work Study class or is in the School to Work program.	N/A	N/A	Student has NOT taken the general education Work Study class or is in the School to Work program.

Scoring Key: **12 = Severe risk**
13-24 = High risk
25-36 = Low risk
37-48 = Very low risk

CIRCLES Student Selection Data Summary

CIRCLES Student Selection Data

3/29/2018

Scoring Key:		
15	=	Severe Risk
16 - 30	=	High Risk
31 - 45	=	Low Risk
46 - 60	=	Very Low Risk

BLDG	ID #	STUDENT	TOTAL SCORE	GPA 9th	GAP 10th	GAP 11th	Attendance 9th	Attendance 10th	Attendance 11th	Credits 9th	Credits 10th	Credits 11th	After School Job	Family Support	Discipline Record	Consecutive CTE Courses	Transition Class	Work Study Class	TEACHER	GRD	DSBL	MIN
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RHS	000000	BBBB	45	4	3	3	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	1	1	KKKK	11	SLD	750
RHS	000000	CCCC	33	2	2	3	2	2	3	2	2	3	3	2	3	2	1	1	KKKK	11	AU	1000
RHS	000000	DDDD	25	1	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	KKKK	11	SLD	240
RHS	000000	EEEE	23	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	3	2	2	2	1	1	KKKK	11	AU	750
RHS	000000	FFFF	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	1	1	KKKK	11	ED	1250
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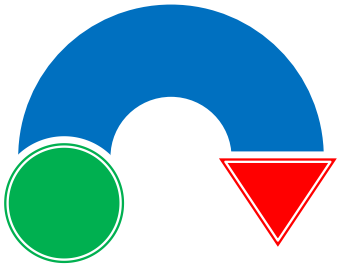

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Community Level Team (CLT)

School Leadership, Community Businesses, Community Agencies

The Connectors

School Level Team (SLT)

Student, Parent, Special Education Teacher, Friend, Community Connections

The Connections

IEP Team

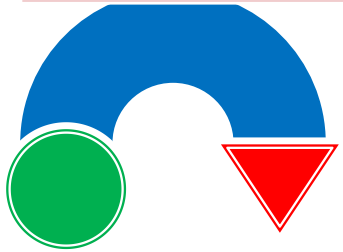
Parent, Student, General Education Teacher, Special Education Teacher, Designee/Principal, Therapist, Support Agency

The Core

School Level Team

District Comparison

	Harrisburg	Rogers
Students Served per year	16.17= 6 17.18= 10 18.19 = 8 19.20= 8 20.21= X 21.22= X	18.19 = 18 19.20 = 19 20.21 = X 21.22 = 11
CLT/SLT members	Several members of the CLT also serve on the SLT.	The majority of our CLT members do not participate in the SLT.



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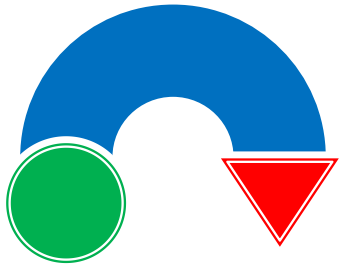
How to Choose CLT Members

Aspects of Life that Matter Most

- Health – Hospitals, Mental Health Agencies
- Family
- Work – Agencies, Businesses
- Home – Housing
- Friendship
- Spirituality – Church
- Recreation – Chamber of Commerce
- Personal Growth – Education, ARS
- Community – Transportation, Agencies
- Finance – Bank



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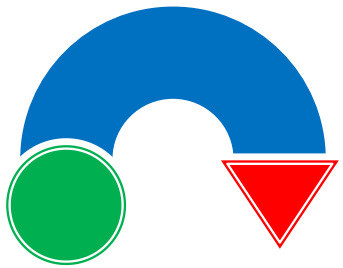
CIRCLES over time…

- Our District Leadership Teams have all been trained and begun implementation.
- Participated in Cadre meetings and CORE Team meetings.
- Developed great tools for others
- Many successes
- Now serving as co-presenters to continue scaling up – 12 interested schools



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Are you interested in implementing CIRCLES?

https://circles.charlotte.edu/

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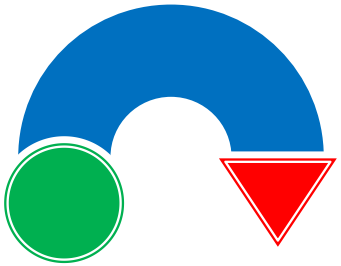

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