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Greetings and Salutations: Advocacy Never Sleeps – Resolve

by Leslie S. Hall, President, FRYSCy, Inc.

Hardin County (KY) • Welcome 2018!!!! Last winter I wrote to you about how **ADVOCACY NEVER SLEEPS** and that we must be Relentless. This year, I will reiterate that **ADVOCACY NEVER SLEEPS**, but I will pair it with the word **Resolve** - uncompromisingly persistent. This is comparable to being Relentless; however, I love the connotation of the word uncompromising. In a world of cynicism and defeat it is easy to worry instead of having faith. It is easy to stop, stay, and wonder instead of persisting on. I choose to have **Resolve** in the FRYSC vision and mission, to push forward, and not settle to stay where I am. My thought for FRYSCs is that we will continue to be strong in numbers and voices. We will not apologize or be compromised as we rise to our purpose. We will continue to advocate fiercely for children and families in our great Commonwealth. We will stand in our **Resolve** to empower families and remove barriers, unyielding. For if we yield, who will bridge the barriers, who will broker the services, who will do whatever it takes?

I hope that each of you can feel the strength of our numbers and our **Resolve** as I do. We have all heard that this is going to be a tough budget session in Frankfort. I will have **Resolve** and be uncompromisingly persistent, will you join me? Join me in making sure that our legislators not only hear from us but hear from our schools and communities about the effective changes we make in the lives of children and families in order to empower them and strengthen them. Join me to help legislators see how FRYSCs cultivate Workforce Development, College and Career Readiness, and Whole Child Learning (to name a few things☺). Please everyone, get to know your legislators and if you already know them, nurture that relationship. Invite them to school functions, send newsletters, and keep them in your loop. Many may feel as though my message during my time as Coalition President has been a broken record. I contend that it is not broken, but steadfast, determined, **Resolved** to continue advocacy until there is no one left in Kentucky that would ever ask, “Now just what is it that you do?”

ADVOCACY NEVER SLEEPS – RESOLVE!

Prayers for happiness, strength, blessings and favor! God be with you all!

FRYSC Legislative Reception

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

6:00-8:00 pm

Capital Plaza Hotel • Frankfort

Start the day by attending the workshop “KDE Early Warning System and Understanding the New Accountability System” from 2:00-4:00 pm.

Email Michael Jones at frysckycoalition@me.com if you have not reserved your seat yet. Space is limited.

PRESS RELEASE – National Education Association

Kentuckian Named to National Task Force on Community Schools

Washington (DC) • Recently Lakilia Bedeau was asked to join a National Education Association (NEA) Task Force on Community Schools. Ms. Bedeau is the Coordinator of the Tornado Alley YSC in Paducah. The charge of the NEA Task Force is:

To review the current landscape and NEA’s positions or policies on community schools in the context of our mission, and bring any recommended changes or a proposed policy statement to the NEA Board of Directors at its May 2018 meeting.



As educators across the nation struggle with providing a quality education for each student and meeting the needs of families and communities, the leaders and members of the NEA, in collaboration with their districts, have come to see the Community Schools model as a comprehensive school improvement model that is adaptable to different contexts. In meeting the charge the Task Force will:

1. Define the principles and components of a Community School after analyzing and synthesizing current research and examining how NEA, its’ partners and the education field are approaching community schools.
2. Make recommendations on what policies and practices should be implemented. These recommendations will be delivered to the NEA Board of Directors in May and the Representative Assembly in June/July.

To date the Task Force has met twice virtually and once face to face on Dec 15th and 16th. We will meet several more times virtually and once more in Washington DC on March 2-3.

We know that the Kentucky **Family Resource** and Youth Services Centers are recognized as the nation's largest family support service and we believe that the FRYSC have much to offer in the way of models and advice to the Task Force; which is why we believe Lakilia's advice and experiences are invaluable to the Task Force making the right recommendations. Since we visited Kentucky year before last and interviewed Melissa Goins, we have continued to follow the work in this area being carried out in Kentucky.

Region 1 (Graves County) ~ The Fancy Tots Club

by Stacy Harris, Coordinator, Lowes/Fancy Farm FRC



Hickory (KY) • Lowes/Fancy Farm Family Resource Center hosted their monthly **Fancy Tots Club** at Fancy Farm Elementary. This club is for parents and toddlers. **Fancy Tots Club** takes place once a month from 10:00-11:00 am. Fancy Farm Elementary has half-day preschool. Each day I noticed several parents waiting to either pick up their child from the morning session or dropping off their child for the afternoon session. Most of these parents had younger children with them. So in collaboration with the preschool teacher the idea came about to take advantage of this time when the parents are already coming to the school to offer **Fancy Tots Club**. During this time, we read books, do crafts, play, sing songs, and have snacks. Recently, families enjoyed playing with “Snow Slime”.

Region 3 (Jefferson County) ~ Two Successful Family Nights That Work Year after Year

by Sue Wagner, Coordinator, The Link FRYSC

Louisville (KY) • Many years ago I recognized that many parents and guardians just don't know how to help/work with their kids. While I pondered that I also recognized that attendance at "informational" meetings was extremely low. So how could I get families to come to an event, have fun and allow me to model how to work with their kiddos?

I came up with two events, Family Art Night and Family Game Night.

Family Art Night usually occurs three nights a year. On the first get together, I select an art-and-crafts project that each individual can do and parents don't have to help their kids a whole lot. At the second event, I pick something where they have to take turns helping each other. Maybe it is holding pieces being put together or some other activity that takes more than two hands. The third event, the family makes one thing as a family unit. Everyone can do something to contribute and the whole family has to work together.

All three evenings work on following instructions and patience. The best part is everyone really has a good time and get to take what they have created. We have done things like stepping stones, ghosts from cheesecloth, wind- socks, and cute turkeys. Normally at least 20 families that attend.

Family Board Game Night is another hit. Families are invited to come and try out some "old-fashioned" board and card games. They are welcome to bring a favorite game of theirs to share. I have multiple games that I set up.

I provide milk and cookies and have families travel from game to game about every 20 minutes. I strongly suggest they try something new.

Game Night triggers all kinds of conversations. I love hearing the kids telling parents how to play and then progress into all kinds of conversations. I also like watching the parents interact with each other. They talk to each other, often lamenting over their children jokingly and offering ideas and encouragement to each other. It's a great opportunity to show parents that "old-fashioned" games are a great way to get their kids to talk to them and vice versa.

At least 20 families also attend this event each time it is offered. I usually do this in January or February when there are not as many athletic and other extracurricular events going on. At the end of the evening, I give away a few board games as door prizes.

Kids and parents alike request both of these events. They do not take much prep (usually) and the outcome is well worth the time.

Region 3 (Jefferson County) ~ Holiday Hope at Kenwood Elementary

by Sallye Pence, Coordinator, Kenwood Elementary FRC

Louisville (KY) • For the last 7 years the Kenwood Kubs Count Family Resource Center has conducted a program called “Holiday Hope”. There are many programs around the community offering Holiday Assistance but Holiday Hope is a little different. The purpose of Holiday Hope is to teach students kindness and generosity. Sallye Pence, the FRC Coordinator, collects new and very gently used items for adults all year long. She wants those items that can be “re-gifted” but are in like-new condition.



Students have lessons in the classroom about holiday traditions around the world and they talk about gift giving. As a school we are collecting can goods for a local food bank the same week we open Holiday Hope. Our whole school is focused on giving and at the end of the week we have a “Day of Giving” celebration. We also recognize that parents and guardians go out of their way to provide gifts for their children and rarely are given any thing themselves. The students spend time thinking about the special adult to whom they want to give a gift.

Holiday Hope is set up like a store in a classroom at Kenwood. It is operated by Ms. Pence and some community volunteers. The “store” has items in sections; 1 for moms/grandmothers, 1 for dads/granddads, and 1 for household items and decorations. Since these are mostly one of kind items, Ms. Pence works hard to make sure the some of the good items are held back so that even the last class coming through has a good selection of items. This is not always an easy task. Students know when they enter the store who the recipient is going to be. Most of the students make thoughtful decisions about the item they chose.

Every one of the approximately 600 students comes in to “shop”. They are allowed to pick out one item to be given to an adult parent, guardian, grandparent, etc., but it must be for an adult! It is then taken to a volunteer who will wrap the gift. They all leave with a beautifully wrapped gift and a smile on their faces! Students then take the gifts home to be given to their selected recipient. There is NO Charge for the items. This is a FREE store for all students!. We often have parents and other adults calling us to thank us for this program. Many of them will tell us that this was the only gift they received all year and how meaningful it was. If you would like more information about this program please call Sallye Pence at 502 313-4487.

Region 1 (Marshall County) ~ Interact Clubs

by Glenda Byers, Marshall County



Calvert City (KY) • The Marshall County Middle Youth Service Center and the Marshall County Rotary Club collaborate to sponsor Interact (Junior Rotary) Clubs at North Marshall Middle School and South Marshall Middle School.

The clubs are open to all students in grades 6-8, and there is no cost to participate. Clubs meet once a week for 30 minutes before school to coordinate community service projects. Students create, organize, implement, and evaluate service projects.

The club members have participated in many projects this year. The students have packaged snack packs for the YSC, painted kindness rocks, shopped for kids at Christmas, collected food at a Christmas light display, and made fidget blankets for a local memory care facility. The biggest undertaking so far has been the angel tree project. Each club decorated a Christmas tree with ornaments of needed items for the school Christmas project. Over 400 items were collected from the angel tree project during the first year!

The clubs are student driven, and the YSC coordinator serves as the advisor. The students held elections to choose officers, and one student from each club met to create the club t-shirt. Students have also been given the chance to attend Rotary Club meetings when school is not in session.

The goal of the clubs is to promote interest in community service at a young age. Interact is an international organization that promotes leadership and responsible citizenship.

Region 8 (Lee County) ~ Parent/Child Science and Education Program

by Sherry Lanham, Coordinator, Lee County FRC

Beattyville (KY) • KET and Lee Co. FRC did a 4-session parent/child science and education training. The program was based on KET character Ruff Ruffman and included science projects, building projects, reading, and learning. KET staff came each week, provided a meal, books and games for parents and children. Each week the families had to design items for Ruff, be it clothing, a playground, safety equipment, housing and many other items. Parents and children ate together, then there was parent time with KET Staff, while the children had reading time, then they came back together as a group and did the project. Each week they received items to take home, including books. For those who attended all sessions the children were given Android devices with games, videos and educational tools pre-loaded on the device. In all approximately 50 people attended the sessions and had a wonderful time.



Region 8 (Floyd County) ~ The “Odd Squad” Science Camp

by Sharon Collins, Coordinator, May Valley FRC

Martin (KY) • During Floyd County’s Fall Break, the Floyd County Early Childhood Council, Floyd County Family Resource Centers, and KET held the “Be the Agent Camp” at the East Kentucky Science Center. This camp is a spin-off of the PBS KIDS show “The Odd Squad”. Students were made honorary Odd Squad Agents complete with a badge. They were given a case from Ms. O to solve. After the case was read out loud to the agents, the campers defined the problem, imagined and planned, created, tested and improved their gadgets and shared with the other agents. The students used the Gadget Labs to authentically engage in the Engineering Design Process as the campers collaboratively solved the cases. The cases that were given were; The Case of the Doobles, Snoobles and Oobles, The Tidal Wave of Tens, The Case of the Centigurps That Keep Escaping and Who’s the Patternista?. In the Gadget Labs they designed catapults, parachutes, and ways to look for patterns. At the end of each case, the students did a video of the case and how it was solved to be sent back to Ms. O. This camp was for ages 3 to 6 years of age. Several people volunteered to make this camp a success. Parents were invited to stay with their campers and at the end of the camp were invited to a closing ceremony.



Region 8 (Floyd County) ~ Adam Middle School YSC Unite Club Receives Award

by Michelle Keathley, Coordinator, Adams Middle YSC



Prestonsburg (KY) • In November, the Adams Middle School Unite Club sponsored by the school YSC and Coordinator Michelle Keathley, received the “Unite Club of the Year” award. It is the 4th time the club has received the award. The award was presented by Unite Representative, Tonia Fugate in an assembly held in front of the school. The students were also addressed by Senator Johnny Ray Turner

and Representative Larry Brown who presented the club with a special certificate and talked with all students about the importance of remaining drug and alcohol free as well as becoming involved in their communities in a positive way. The club and guests enjoyed Cake after the ceremony provided by the local “Communities Against Drug Addiction” group.

Some of the projects that the students participated in last school year included: Red Ribbon Week Activities, making Christmas Cards for those in recovery, Drug Prevention Fact Week Activities, and collecting Personal Hygiene Items for the Spouse Abuse Center.

Region 8 (Floyd County) ~ Floyd County Retired Teachers Give to Betsy Layne Elementary

by Brian H. Akers, Coordinator, Betsy Layne Elementary FRYSC

Betsy Layne (KY) • The Floyd County Retired Teachers Association recently donated over 600 items that made up 60 individual packs for their weekly Back Packs for Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Services Center. The retired teachers were able to assist by taking advantage of a match grant funded by AARP-Ky and KRTA. The items donated will help with the Back Pack Program at the school that send home food on the weekend for forty students. Brian H. Akers-Coordinator accepted the items from Kelly Duncan, Glenda Fraley and Beth Jones who represented the retired teachers association.



Betsy Layne Elementary currently distributes 45 Back Packs with food every week. The FRYSC is able to do this program with the help of local churches that include: Betsy Layne Methodist, Betsy Layne Freewill Baptist, Boldman Freewill Baptist Church and one anonymous donor.

The FRYSC is so thankful for the Floyd County Retired Teachers Association and the local churches that help make the Back Pack Program an important part of the student's weekend. Our students are always excited to receive the Back Packs on Friday that include drinks, snacks and breakfast items.

Brian H. Akers has been the Coordinator for Betsy Layne Elementary for the past twenty-one years and is the Immediate Past President for the Family Resource Youth Services Center Coalition of Kentucky. He now serves as the Public Policy Chair for the Coalition.



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Region 8 (Floyd County) ~ Tiny Bobcat Academy

by *Brian H. Akers, Coordinator, Betsy Layne Elementary FRYSC*

Betsy Layne (KY) • Betsy Layne Elementary hosted their first Tiny Bobcat Academy on September 12, 2017. This program was made possible through a Quality Improvement Grant. Betsy Layne Elementary FRYSC, Betsy Layne Head Start and Kindergarten education team all collaborated with this event to prepare preschool children to enter kindergarten.

The event hosted preschool age student ages 3-5 years old and their parents and guardians. After a brief orientation and refreshments the students were taken by the Preschool/Headstart teachers and para educators to have their learning experience in the classroom. The parents had a training that was given by our Kindergarten teachers on Translating Research into Fun, Easy to do activities. We also had *Andrea S. Johnson* who is an Extension Agent and demonstrated the Block Party for our Parents. This also gave them an opportunity to have parent and children time together to play with the blocks.

The parent filled out surveys about the program and then door prizes were awarded for the evening. We were very pleased and hope more parents and student take advantage of this opportunity to get their child ready to enter kindergarten. Betsy Layne Elementary will be hosting 5 more Tiny Bobcats on the following dates: October 9, November 14, and December 12th, March 13, 2018 and April 9, 2018.

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Region 1 (Hopkins County) ~ Shop with a Firefighter

by Sandy Hunter, Coordinator, Southside FRYSC

Nortonville (KY) • The South Hopkins Fire Department provides the “Shop with a Firefighter” program every year before Christmas for the students at Southside Elementary and South Hopkins Middle Schools. Many fire departments provide similar programs but SHFD goes above and beyond the call of duty. They prepare all year long with fundraisers and seek out donations to be able to make these children’s Christmas a little brighter. The “Shop with a Firefighter” program is for the entire family. Parents along with their children get to participate as well. The Family Resource Youth Service Center (FRYSC) coordinates with the Fire Department by referring families in need and sending invitations for the program. The FRYSC happily joins the families and firefighters on the BIG day.



On the designated day of shopping the Fire Department provides lunch with drinks and dessert to include festively decorated Christmas cookies. The firefighters welcome the children with open arms and sit and talk with them while they are eating. A Christmas movie is playing on the big screen for the younger ones to enjoy. The fire chief blesses the food and a pastor from a local church speaks some encouraging words letting the families know that he is available if they need to talk or would be interested in helping with further needs. Then there is a visit from Santa. The children line up to sit on Santa’s knee and have their picture taken. This year Santa gave them all fidget spinners.

Then the moment they’ve been waiting for. The families are paired with a firefighter and loaded on a charter bus led by fire trucks to Walmart about 10 miles away to spend \$100 on anything they want. Finally they return back to the fire station to meet volunteers waiting to wrap the presents.

This is one of our favorite programs of the year. All of our families are treated so special and are pampered for just this one day. Something both givers and receivers look forward to.

Region 8 (Floyd County) ~ Tiny Mustang Academy

by Angie Martin, Coordinator, Mud Creek FRYSC



Grethel (KY) • The Tiny Mustang Academy is a program that focuses on children birth to five years old and the goal is to have student's kindergarten ready when they enter school. Meeting student's needs is the primary focus at John M. Stumbo Elementary School and The Mud Creek FRYSC. It is understood that reaching children at an early age is necessary

and plays a huge role in their success. Students in our district many times come from low-income families and fail to be exposed to reading, math, and socialization skills. These skills lay the foundations for a child to be ready to learn and effectively participate in kindergarten. Parents many times are lacking skills to properly prepare their child for school. Future students in our district/school need opportunities to be exposed to the school environment, early development activities which include foundation reading and math skills. The Tiny Mustang Academy provide this for families. Our entire community has been invited to participate and many families have taken this opportunity to attend and the kids love it!! Topics for Sessions: Readiness for Math, Early STEM, Readiness for Reading/Dialogic Reading, Physical Activity/Go Noodle, Brain Research and How Children Learn, and Teaching Your Child On The Go. Families are provided with educational books, book bags filled with supplies to utilize to help them work with their child. We will be hosting six academies this school year which are all full of engagement activities. Families will have opportunities to learn about the school setting, learning expectations, and interact with school faculty and staff.



KENTUCKY STATE SENATE INTRODUCES SUNNY PAGE PROGRAM FOR 2017 SESSION

FRANKFORT (KY) • Through a bipartisan effort in the Kentucky State Senate, Senator Danny Carroll (R-Paducah) and Senator Dennis Parrett (D-Elizabethtown) introduced the "Sunny Page" program, to encourage children with disabilities to participate as pages in the Senate.

"The purpose of this program is to ensure that children with disabilities and their families are aware of the opportunity to

serve as a page," Senator Carroll said. "We also want to ensure that there are no barriers preventing a child with disabilities from participating (such as financial resources) in the experience of serving as a daily page in the Senate."

As it stands, The Kentucky Senate and House of Representatives both have established page programs. The Senate's page program is under the leadership of the Senate Clerk, Donna Holiday. Currently, the Senate's page program is divided into either full-time pages or daily pages.

"We believe this program will enhance education for children with disabilities by first-hand participation and exposure to state government/political process, increasing self-confidence, self-esteem and a sense of being a part of the honored tradition of public-service," Senator Parrett said.

"This is a wonderful program that allows our students with disabilities to observe our law-making process and our government in action," Senate Democratic Leader Ray S. Jones said. "I commend Senators Parrett and Carroll for taking the initiative to get this program started."

“By participating in the Page Programs, it is hoped that students are more likely to actively engage in becoming more educated and aware and also more involved in the political process and democracy as adults,” Senate President Robert Stivers said.

The Senate page program has always been open to students with disabilities and all students; the “Sunny Page” program was designed to teach and further promote the process of state government to children with disabilities.

Both Senator Carroll and Senator Parrett have daughters with special needs and wanted to initiate the “Sunny Page” program to honor their daughters. The senators said they chose the name “Sunny Page” because the presence of these kids is sure to brighten everyone’s day.

Senator Carroll and Senator Parrett also said that they were in the process of planning a press availability with other senators in the near future to further educate the public on the Sunny Day Page Program and encourage children from across the Commonwealth to sign up and be a part of the political process in Frankfort.

For further inquiries regarding the Sunny Day Page Program or to schedule a child as a “Sunny Page,” please contact Senate Clerk Donna Holiday, at Donna.Holiday@LRC.ky.gov.

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Region 2 (Russellville Independent) ~ From Babies to Adults: Stevenson Elementary Programs Empower and Support Everyone

by Carol Kees, Coordinator, Stevenson FRC

Russellville (KY) • Stevenson Elementary Family Resource Center held its Annual Presents for Parents program the first week in December. The FRC collects gift items all year long so that each student, Pre-school through Grade 5, has the opportunity to choose one item to help wrap and take home for their loved one. Once again this year, RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) volunteers, retired teachers, community volunteers, and others helped our young students wrap over 500 presents, one for every student to be able to share proudly. Last year, one of our young volunteer wrappers told us she remembered saving her lunch money every day for weeks just so she could have money to buy her mom a present. For many if not most of our students, this is the only present they will get to pick out and give to a parent/guardian this year. Hats off to Assistant Coordinator [Deborah Elliott](#) for coordinating the volunteers, setting up, and cleaning up after this week long event.



Stevenson Elementary Family Resource Center held its 3rd Annual Parent Shopping Day where parents are allowed to shop for two pairs of pants, two shirts, and a gift item for their child. This year, each parent was also given the opportunity to choose an additional smaller dollar value gift item, several stocking stuffers for each child, and puzzle and a board game for each family. As the clothing and larger gift items were wrapped by several retired teachers, parents wrote their notes of appreciation to be shared with all the sponsors for the event, and then received free books from the Russellville Reads book mobile, who signed up all parents and students not already registered. Parents took their

gifts home in large bags already holding Christmas stockings, caps/hats/toboggans and gloves, Christmas coloring books and crayons, pencils, erasers, pencil bags, journals, other novelty items, and packs of underwear.

This is the 4th year for BornLearning Academies at Stevenson Elementary. We changed our monthly night-time sessions to monthly day-time sessions and have had a wonderful response. We really enjoy having our mothers, fathers, grandparents, and other relatives come with their little ones once a month. We have a lot of fun playing and learning together. We will hold a graduation ceremony in February, which always proves to be the favorite meeting of the year with celebration cake and grand prize drawings.



The SES FRC helps with the RIS Early Childhood teachers and Director for Special Services for the district's Little Panther Academy held monthly at the local public library. We always begin the program with 30 minutes of Musicgarten® and then transition into story-time and snack/craft time.

Each month all participants take home a new book (or two) directly tied to the monthly theme, a parent-child together time activity to do together, and other goodies. The first time a family comes, they receive a metal cookie sheet to use with the magnetic activities that are provided most months. Laminated cards and age appropriate magnet kits have included shapes, colors, letters, and numbers. Each parent has been offered the opportunity to bring their child to our Early Education Building to participate in Brigance testing, just to let the parent know how their child is progressing. One of our main goals with all of the Early Childhood programming is to help ensure our children are Kindergarten Ready, and it is quite a job!

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School District:	
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Have you received a Mini-Grant previously? If so, when?:	
How much are you requesting for this Mini-Grant? <i>(requests may not exceed \$500)</i>	\$
If this Mini-Grant is awarded, please make check payable to: <i>(list name in box to the right)</i>	

Guidelines for FRYSCKy Mini-Grants:

1. Coordinators, who request mini-grants for training from FRYSCKy, Inc., must be an active member of the Coalition.
2. A Coalition member is limited to one mini-grant award per fiscal year.
3. Mini-grants requests must not exceed \$500.00. **Requests must include an itemized listing of how the funds will be used (i.e. airfare, lodging, registration fee, ground transportation, mileage, and/or airport parking). The Coalition does not cover food/meals or other miscellaneous costs.**
4. Mini-Grants are only paid on a reimbursement basis **(no money in advance)**. To receive the payment, mini-grant recipients must submit a one-page report highlighting their experience at the training along with a travel form and original receipts within two weeks after the event.
5. A limited amount of funds is available for mini-grants. Therefore, requests will be prioritized.
6. The training for which a mini-grant is requested must hold to the mission statement of the FRYSC Coalition of Kentucky:
"...to promote a network among those who seek to remove educational barriers of children, network with family support practitioners, other human services providers, and to learn from each other, share resources, collaborate more effectively on behalf of families, children, and youth."
7. The Board of Directors would like a description of the training for which a mini-grant is requested to accompany the request. It should include:
 - I. Name of training
 - II. How the training will benefit you professionally and benefit your children.
 - III. How the project addresses the mission of the FRYSCKy.
8. Mini-grant funds may not be used for Victory Over Violence or Fall Institute attendance. The Coalition and DFRYSC have other opportunities available to help support Coordinators' attendance at these events.

REQUESTS MUST BE SUBMITTED to the FRYSCKy Regional Representative at least 45 days prior to training event. Regional Representatives have 3 days upon submission to forward requests with signature to the FRYSCKy Board for their approval.

Signature ~ Mini-Grant Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____
Signature denotes the applicant has read the guidelines, provided the requested material, and will comply with grant requirements.

Signature ~ Regional Representative: _____ **Date:** _____
Signature denotes application is complete and that it has been forwarded for review.

Signature ~ FRYSCKy Executive Board Approval: _____ **Date:** _____
Signature denotes Mini-Grant has been reviewed and approved for funding by FRYSCKy Executive Board.

Action by FRYSCKy Inc.

Approved Denied Further Action Necessary Date: _____

Comments: _____

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A Tip Sheet for Advocacy – Talking to Elected Officials

1. Meet with elected leaders
 - Be brief and concise. Keep it short and simple
 - Know why you are there, why they should care and what you want.
 - Designate a spokesperson if going in a group. Others can fill in as needed.
 - Go with a short list of points you want to communicate.
 - Always end by restating your reason for visiting and thanking them for their time.
2. Have your facts straight
 - Spend the time necessary to read through materials and make sure you know the issue you want to talk about BEFORE you meet with your legislator.
 - Share how the legislator's constituents will benefit from the action you want.
 - If they ask for something you don't know the answer to, say so and get back to them— don't guess.
3. Make an appointment; be on time, polite, and patient
 - You will lose support for an issue if you are rude to legislators or staff personnel.
 - Don't show up unannounced and expect a visit with your legislator. They may have many committee meetings and just don't have a lot of time to visit.
4. If you go as a group, introduce your group members and note what connection each person may have to the legislator's district
 - Explain your connection to their district, whether you are a constituent living in their district or a person working in their district.
5. Make the issue personal
 - How does this issue affect children in your area?
 - Is there an impact on the community as a whole?
 - Tell stories about how the issue affects the people who live in their district.
6. Be a resource
 - Leave a one page fact sheet with your key message.
 - Make sure to have your contact information on it so they can contact you with questions or a notice of upcoming action.
7. Before you leave, say thank you
 - Be direct and ask if they will support your cause. Their answer will help you in your future communications with them.
8. Continue the relationship
 - When you get home, send a note thanking them for their time and providing any information that they may have given to you.
 - Invite them to an event at your school if you are in a position to do that. Make sure your principal knows when legislators are invited to an event.