Alternative Strategies
For Educating Students At-Risk

A Summit for Educators in Alternative Settings
Presented by the
Kentucky Educational Collaborative
for State Agency Children

July 26-27
Perkins Conference Center \ Richmond, KY
AGENDA

Tuesday, July 26
8:00 am - 9:00 am  Registration (breakfast provided)
9:00 am - 10:30 am Opening General Session
   Keynote Speaker: Aric Bostick
10:45 am - 12:00 pm  Concurrent Sessions
12:00 pm - 1:15 pm  Lunch General Session (lunch provided)
   Presentation of SACSAA Awards
1:15 pm - 2:30 pm  Concurrent Sessions
2:45 pm - 4:00 pm  Featured Session
   Featured Trainer: Hasan Davis, J.D.

Wednesday, July 27
8:00 am - 9:00 am  Breakfast (provided)
9:00 am - 10:15 am  General Session
   KET “Dropping Back In” Screening & Panel
10:30 am - 11:45 am  Concurrent Sessions
11:45 am - 12:45 pm  Lunch (provided)
12:45 pm - 2:00 pm  Concurrent Sessions
2:15 pm - 3:30 pm  Closing General Session
   Keynote Speaker: Cea Cohen Elliott

PERKINS CONFERENCE CENTER

Registration Desk

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DEAR PARTICIPANTS,

As Director of the Kentucky Educational Collaborative for State Agency Children, it is my sincere pleasure to welcome you to the 15th Annual Alternative Strategies for Educating Students At-Risk Summit!

Our community partners, including the Kentucky Departments of Education; Juvenile Justice; Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities; and Community Based Services in collaboration with school district personnel and other local educational leaders are pleased to join me in this welcome.

Alternative educators from across the Commonwealth are coming together on the campus of Eastern Kentucky University to address educational services for our most at-risk student populations. Through our collaborative efforts, our children are receiving much attention from our state and local policy makers. Your participation in this summit illustrates the value our teachers and administrators, who have chosen a life of service to our kids, have placed on this important population. We continue to commend you for your dedication and service while encouraging you to continue working for the welfare of our students.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the state agencies and their leadership who provide care for our students. Each year, we are fortunate to garner the support of these agencies through their representation on our Interagency Advisory Group and our planning committee.

Our agenda is packed with exciting opportunities and has attracted participants from every facet of our students’ lives, as well as phenomenal speakers including Aric Bostick, Hasan Davis, and Cea Cohen Elliott, all of whom will share their experience and philosophy on educating at-risk students. Speakers representing alternative education agencies, government policy makers, as well as academic scholars and researchers will present and discuss the current topics in alternative education, focusing on strategies, experiences and techniques for positive development.

This event is an excellent opportunity for you to meet with other educators, share your experience in working with at-risk youth, and create an opportunity for networking, collaborating, sharing of technical information, and building trusting relationships. As always, we extend a warm welcome to all of our colleagues who share our interest in providing a quality, equitable education for all of Kentucky’s children.

KECSAC would like to thank the planning committee, whose participants contributed their time and great ideas to make this conference possible! The committee was composed of representatives from:

- Kentucky Department of Education
- Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice
- Kentucky Department for Community Based Services
- Kentucky Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities
- KECSAC Funded Programs
- KECSAC Central Office Staff

I look forward to meeting you during these two days and hope you will take a few moments to introduce yourself to those who are equally committed to our at-risk student population in Kentucky.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ronnie Nolan, Director
2016 AT-RISK SUMMIT AGENDA

Tuesday, July 26

Registration & Breakfast 8:00 am - 9:00 am

Quads A - D General Session 9:00 am - 10:30 am
- Welcome Remarks Dr. Ronnie Nolan, KECSAC Director
- Keynote Speaker Aric Bostick
- Closing Remarks Dr. Ronnie Nolan, KECSAC Director

Concurrent Sessions 10:45 am - 12:00 pm
- Quads A - B Conscious Leadership, Aric Bostick
  Room 209 Mindfulness & Purposeful Concentration for Student Success, Dr. Sherwood Thompson
  Room 211 School Based Therapeutic Collaboration-How to Effectively Make it Work, Courtney Potts
  Room 221 Blended Learning for Graduation, Jeremy Kidd
  Room 229 Derby Days: Racing Towards Collaboration, Justin Hubbard
  Parking Lot KHEAA College Info Road Show, Steven Held

Quads A - D General Session 12:00 pm - 1:15 pm
- Lunch Provided
- Introduction Dr. Ronnie Nolan, KECSAC Director
- Presentation of SACSAA Awards Sue Buley, Adair Youth Development Center, SACSAA President
  Outstanding Administrator of the Year Angela Austin, Owensboro Treatment Center & Day Treatment
  Outstanding Support Staff of the Year Naomi Coogle, Lincoln Village Juvenile Detention Center
  Outstanding Support Staff of the Year Ben Wilson, Adair Youth Development Center
  Outstanding Teacher of the Year Erica Goins-Brooks, Western Day Treatment
  Outstanding Teacher of the Year David Sullivan, Mercer County Day Treatment
  Outstanding Student of the Year Gage Ramage, Lake Cumberland Youth Development Center

Concurrent Sessions 1:15 pm - 2:30 pm
- Quads A - B Build a Championship TEAM!, Aric Bostic
  Room 209 Stop, Collaborate & Listen, Matthew Compton & Stephanie Turner
  Room 211 Do You Differentiate? Strategies for Elementary Math, Erica Goins-Brooks
  Room 221 Unjamming Technology, Angela Austin, Stephen McKenzie & Amanda Miller
  Room 229 Helping Students to Thrive Rather than Just Survive, Steve Hutton
  Parking Lot KHEAA College Info Road Show, Steven Held

Quads A - D Featured Session 2:45 pm - 4:00 pm
- Introduction Dr. Ronnie Nolan, KECSAC Director
- Featured Trainer Hasan Davis, J.D.
**Wednesday, July 27**

**Breakfast** 8:00 am - 9:00 am

**Quads A - D  Featured Session** 9:00 am - 10:15 am

- **Introduction** Dr. Ronnie Nolan, KECSAC Director
- **Panel Moderator** Renee Shaw, KET
- **Panel Members** Kellie Blair Hardt, Logan Collins & Christopher Salyers

**Concurrent Sessions** 10:30 am - 11:45 am

- **Quad A** Strategies for Managing Behaviors, Kristin Humphrey
- **Quad B** Mean Girls, Beware the Pack is Back!!!, Karen McCuiston
- **Quad C** Fast Forward to Success, Dr. Sarah Wilkins
- **Quad D** KECSAC School Administrator Sharing Session, Dan Belding
- **Room 229** Clear Creek Academy: Collaborating for Results!, Jeff Pharis
- **Parking Lot** KHEAA College Info Road Show, Steven Held

**Quads A - D  General Session** 11:45 am - 12:45 pm

- **Lunch** Provided

**Concurrent Sessions** 12:45 pm - 2:00 pm

- **Quad A** Fiber Optics: Vocational Training for the Future!, David Gideon & Bradley Jones
- **Quad B** We’re Not all the Same!, Dan Belding, Ann Brewster & Sue Buley
- **Quad C** Elevate Student Engagement with PBS LearningMedia, Brian Spellman
- **Quad D** Trauma-Informed Care Basics for School Staff, Diane Gruen-Kidd
- **Parking Lot** KHEAA College Info Road Show, Steven Held

**Quads A - D  General Session** 2:15 pm - 3:30 pm

- **Introduction** Paula Saenz, Cabinet for Health & Family Services
- **Keynote Speaker** Cea Cohen Elliott
- **Closing Remarks** Dr. Ronnie Nolan, KECSAC Director
THINGS TO REMEMBER

• Don’t miss the College Info Road Show from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority! The mobile classroom will be available in the parking lot during the concurrent session times both days and KHEAA staff will be on hand to tell you how this resource can help your students get ready for the next step in their educational journey.

• In order to best meet your training needs, we ask that you fill out your breakout evaluation forms at the end of each session and overall evaluation following the summit before you leave. Overall evaluation forms are in the bag you received; please bring it with you on day two of the summit and turn it in to KECSAC staff or in the registration area after the last keynote speaker.

• Breakfast and lunch options will be provided each day. Please note that if you have food allergies or any specific dietary needs, Richmond has many dining options near the conference center. Meals will be catered, and we may not be able to ensure that the food does not contain gluten, MSG or other ingredients to which you may be allergic.

• Certificates will be handed out at the end of the summit at the registration table in the lobby. All workshops and general sessions are eligible for Effective Instructional Leadership Act credits granted by the Kentucky Department of Education.

• As part of an effort to be environmentally conscious, handouts and materials for breakout sessions will be posted on the KECSAC website (www.kecsac.eku.edu).

SPONSORS

Special thanks to this year’s sponsors for making the 2016 At-Risk Summit possible:
Kentucky Department of Education
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SAVE THE DATE

New Educators’ Training
August 24, 2016
Perkins Conference Center
Richmond, KY

Join us to learn what it means to work with state agency children and network with new colleagues! This training is required for teachers and administrators new to a KECSAC program this year.
KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Aric Bostick

Aric Bostick is the child of an 8th grade dropout alcoholic father who divorced his mother at age 6 and an abusive bi-polar mother who can barely read and write who would threaten to take her life own life many times throughout his childhood. He eventually had to run away to live with his father in 9th grade. Though a good student, he scored poorly on standardized tests and SAT’s. But through the inspiration of a caring basketball coach, thoughtful high school counselor and an inspirational English teacher who believed in him more than he believed in himself, he became a first generation college student, a high school teacher and coach and ultimately started an after school club to help at risk youth which eventually led to his speaking career.

Aric has now spoken to nearly half a million students, teachers and parents over the last 16 years. He has presented at universities, public, private, inner city, rural, charter, alternative schools, and Juvenile Detention Centers from New York to California and from the top of the Texas Panhandle down to the border of Mexico. He has spoken at National and State Conferences, and the People to People Ambassador Program, to students from over 60 countries at universities like Harvard, Stanford, Johns Hopkins, George Washington and UCLA. His travels have even taken him to the Bahamas where he spoke to 100 Bahamian girls at an All Girl Leadership Conference who have endured some of the worst life circumstances imaginable.

Aric believes that telling his story and what helped him change his life is the only way a blonde haired, blue-eyed middle-aged white guy from central Texas can successfully relate to so many students from so many backgrounds. It helped him in the classroom and hallways and now in auditoriums, gymnasiums, cafeterias, and ballrooms across the country.

Cea Cohen Elliott

Cea Cohen Elliott is a professional motivational speaker, wellness and fitness coach, and seminar and workshop leader. Her humor-filled motivational presentations as a keynote speaker and seminar leader have been experienced by thousands whose lives have been changed forever...for the better. She has spoken to hundreds of groups in the private and public sector...including health care groups of all kinds, schools and every conceivable type of corporation.

Cea’s mission is to help others laugh more and live better. As a motivational speaker, workshop leader and stress management consultant, she brings a wonderful sense of humor and imagination to diverse audiences.

Cea obtained her B.A. degree in secondary English education from Otterbein College in Westerville, Ohio and her M.A. degree in guidance from the Ohio State University. She also holds certifications as a fitness and wellness instructor from the internationally known Kenneth Cooper Institute for Aerobic Research, Dallas, Texas. She is also a certified Pilates instructor.

In the last ten to forty years (give or take a few in between) Cea has been a belly dancer, a Montessori teacher, junior high English teacher, guidance counselor and fitness instructor on the college level. She currently works with students in middle and high school promoting: Conflict resolution; How to make a difference in the world; Say NO to bullying. As a fitness specialist, she conducts Pilates and Fusion classes and teaches wellness and healing workshops. She has lived her entire life trying to figure out what she wants to be when she grows up!
FEATURED GROUP SESSIONS

Hasan Davis, J.D.

Hasan Davis is committed to improving the lives of our nation’s children and youth. Hasan’s deep beliefs in the impact of committed adults on a child’s success are based on his own early experience as a youth in the system.

From 2008 to May 2014, Hasan provided executive leadership to the Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice, serving as Deputy Commissioner for Facilities and Operations and then as Commissioner. As Hasan says, “I entered public service to create systems where youth have the ability to recover from tragic missteps. We must reverse the trend of marginalizing children who have made mistakes.”

Throughout his childhood, from his first arrest at eleven to his expulsion from an alternative high school, Hasan made mistakes. Hasan says, “My blessing was that I was surrounded by family and support systems that provided me with opportunities to get back on the path. Unfortunately, my circumstances are the exception and not the rule.”

Hasan is committed to ensuring systems are in place to ensure all youth are safe, supported and provided a path to success in school, work and life. He travels the country providing technical assistance to youth serving organizations, motivating youth and those committed to youth and tirelessly serving as a voice for juvenile justice reform.

Hasan provides technical assistance to youth serving organizations, professional development to educators and keynote presentations at state and national gatherings. Through his Chautauqua programs, Hasan brings history alive, a reminder to audiences that a diverse academy of heroes has been instrumental throughout this nation’s great history.

KET Dropping Back In Viewing & Panel Discussion with Kellie Blair Hardt & Renee Shaw

Nearly 40 million adults in America -1 in 5 -lack a high school diploma or GED® credential.

KECSAC is pleased to partner with Kentucky Educational Television to highlight America’s dropout crisis. KET produced Dropping Back In, a series focusing on this critical issue and featuring some outstanding success stories from Kentucky and all across the nation. Through a partnership with the Kentucky Department of Education, KECSAC was able to meet with KET staff and formulate a plan to bring these stories directly to you. A screening of part of the series will be featured and a panel discussion will be moderated by KET’s own Renee Shaw.

The panel will include Kellie Blair Hardt, one of the inspirational individuals from Dropping Back In, as well as those involved with the production of the series. Also included are Logan Collins, former KECSAC student, and Chris Salyers, Principal of The Learning Center at Linlee in Fayette County. This interactive panel discussion will bring the dropout problem to life for attendees and encourage these talented educators to continue in their efforts to keep Kentucky’s most vulnerable population of students in the classroom.

Renee Shaw, KET

Kellie Blair Hardt, Dropping Back In
Quads A - B
Conscious Leadership: Engaging, Energizing and Empowering Everyone You Serve!
Your students, colleagues and parents you work with won’t remember everything that you do, but they will remember how you made them feel! Cultivating a climate and culture of togetherness among your students, staff and parents is the single most important thing you do to improve morale and cohesiveness! It starts with Conscious Leadership and the Three L’s to building any successful lasting relationship and thriving organization. We must LISTEN, LEARN AND LEAVE LASTING IMPRESSIONS! As leaders, you have to model the principle that what we do and how we do it matters!
Presented by Aric Bostick, Keynote Speaker

Room 209
Mindfulness & Purposeful Concentration for Student Success
Mindfulness and purposeful concentration for students is a session that focuses on strategies that enhance student learning. This discussion will explore how teaching mindfulness helps students to gain beneficial control over emotional stress, promoting emotional balance, improving attention, concentration and acquiring habits of motivated learning.
Presented by Dr. Sherwood Thompson, Eastern Kentucky University

Room 211
School Based Therapeutic Collaboration-How to Effectively Make it Work
Join Courtney Potts of Western Day Treatment, a KDE Alternative Program of Distinction, as she shares how her program is able to collaborate with community mental health providers to give students high quality therapeutic interventions in a team environment.
Presented by Courtney Potts, Western Day Treatment

Room 221
Blended Learning for Graduation
Join a KDE Alternative Program of Distinction to learn how they are using direct instruction along with technology based resources, and finding a successful balance, in order to better meet the needs of their students. Blended learning can be a useful tool in steering students toward graduation!
Presented by Jeremy Kidd, McDaniel Learning Center

Room 229
Derby Days: Racing Towards Collaboration
Join the staff of Mayfield Youth Development Center as they demonstrate how they are using box car racing to teach math and engage their students at the same time. You’ll see the cars and the teaching in action!
Presented by Justin Hubbard, Mayfield Youth Development Center

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KHEAA College Info Road Show
Visiting middle schools, high schools, adult education centers, public libraries and other sites, KHEAA's mobile classroom provides a host of critical services directly to students and families in their own communities. Equipped with satellite internet access, laptop computers, an instructor’s podium and screen and an outdoor projection unit, the Road Show uses state-of-the art technology to connect students with the information they need to research, pursue and succeed in their educational future beyond high school. Join us outside to find out how to get the bus to visit your program!
Presented by Steven Held, KY Higher Education Assistance Authority
brought the school from the brink of dissolving in 2008 to being named a 2016 Alternative Program of Distinction. The Regional School Programs is located in Northern Kentucky, and serves eleven northern Kentucky districts in the alternative school programs. The Regional School Programs is a service of the Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Education Services.

Presented by Matthew Compton & Stephanie Turner, Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Education Services

Room 211
Do You Differentiate? Strategies for Elementary Math When Teaching Multiple Grades
Erica Goins-Brooks, one of this year’s Outstanding Teachers of the Year, will present her strategies for teaching math to multiple grade and ability levels sharing a classroom. Come find out how differentiation can help all of our students!

Presented by Erica Goins-Brooks, Western Day Treatment

Room 221
Unjamming Technology
This presentation highlights our involvement in the CEEAS, Center for Educational Excellence in Alternative Settings, technology conference we were a part of in July of 2015 in Seattle, a year’s long technology push in the secure care world, and the technology conference in July of 2016 in Baltimore. This is an overview of what we learned and utilized in our classrooms to create a learning environment that is suitable for the 21st century learners we have in our classrooms. This technology push has been such a great accomplishment for our schools, and it has made teaching enjoyable again. Knowing that our students need a quality education and being able to offer that with more technological opportunities has been very rewarding and an overwhelming success.

Presented by Hasan Davis, J.D.

Room 229
Helping Students to Thrive Rather than Just Survive in a Positive, Proactive and Instructional Environment for Student Success
Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports is a positive, proactive and instructional behavior management framework. PBIS allows teachers to teach and students to learn. A safe, positive and learning environment will help students persist through to graduation. Participants will learn about three critical elements for ensuring student success, learn about the importance of teaching expected student behaviors, learn about the power of acknowledging appropriate student behaviors, and discover the importance of data based decision making

Presented by Dr. Steve Hutton, Kentucky Center for Instructional Discipline

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KHEAA College Info Road Show
This is a repeat of the session described on page 8.

Tuesday 2:45 - 4:00

Featured Session
Quads A-D
Using Bio Poems to Engage Students in their Success
In this interactive workshop, Mr. Davis shares impactful strategies for building a culture of accountability in a classroom or any small group (good for students, parents, supports). He will share a new twist on an old favorite, the Bio Poem, as a tool for understanding students and planning with them for success. Bring your imagination and your tools (paper and pens) because the best way to understand is by experiencing the possibilities.

Presented by Hasan Davis, J.D.

Wednesday 9:00 - 10:15

Featured Session
Quads A-D
KET Dropping Back In Viewing & Panel Discussion
See page 7 for description of this session.

Moderated by Renee Shaw, KET

Wednesday 10:30 - 11:45

Quad A
Strategies for Managing Behaviors
Join Kristin Humphrey of Bullitt Alternative Center, a KDE Alternative Program of Distinction, as she shares her proven tips and tricks for managing student behavior in the classroom in order to help them achieve success.

Presented by Kristin Humphrey, Bullitt Alternative Center

Quad B
Mean Girls, Beware the Pack is Back!!!
Mean girls use relational aggression which is a kind of social torment (bullying) that often exists without parents and teachers even noticing. Mean girls develop cliques and use ostracizing, rumor spreading, name-calling and manipulation to inflict psychological harm on their targets/victims. There are various reasons why girls
engage in relational aggression including everything from popularity to peer pressure, and yet adults often don’t view this type of bullying as a major issue. The effects of this behavior can range from upsetting to devastating for both the targets and the mean girls. 

Presented by Karen McCuiston, Kentucky Center for School Safety

Quad C
Fast Forward to Success
KET has a history of providing high quality instructional resources in early childhood through adult ed/GED® prep. One of our newest resources is Fast Forward, KET’s high school equivalency online prep system. In this session, you’ll get an overview of the many features that make Fast Forward appealing to teachers and students alike, such as diagnostic and prescriptive pretests, video instruction, interactive activities, immediate feedback, online grade book, and more!

Presented by Dr. Sarah Wilkins, KET

Quad D
KECSAC School Administrator Sharing Session
Current leadership of the State Agency Children School Administrators Association (SACSAA) will host a sharing session. School administrators will be given the opportunity to gather and discuss what is going on in their programs and their ideas for collaboration.

Presented by Dan Belding, College Street Campus

Room 229
Clear Creek Academy: Collaborating for Results!
Clear Creek Academy is an example of an educational program in a small school district that successfully collaborates with surrounding schools to gain high value results with their students. Join them to learn how working with different groups has enhanced the quality of education in their school.

Presented by Jeff Pharis, Clear Creek Academy

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This is a repeat of the session described on page 8.

Wednesday 12:45 - 2:00

Quad A
Fiber Optics: Vocational Training for the Future!
Find out about a new and significant vocational offering begun in two pilot sites this year. The instructors currently teaching fiber optic installation in two DJJ facilities will give their perspective on the course and its impact on students. Join them to learn more about providing exciting opportunities for future employment in a fast growing field.

Presented by David Gideon, Northern Kentucky Youth Development Center & Bradley Jones, Adair Youth Development Center

Quad B
We’re Not All the Same! Networking with Programs like Yours!
This interactive session will give you the opportunity to meet with other educators in order to discuss challenges unique to your type of setting. The group will be broken into DJJ Day Treatment, DJJ Residential, and DCBS programs in order to network, share, and learn from one another.

Presented by Dan Belding, College Street Campus; Sue Buley, Adair Youth Development Center & Ann Brewster, Ramey-Estep High School

Quad C
Elevate Student Engagement with PBS LearningMedia
PBS LearningMedia offers teachers more than 100,000 media-rich resources drawn from critically acclaimed PBS programs such as NOVA, Frontline, American Experience, and Sid the Science Kid, and expert content contributors like The National Archives and NASA. Productivity tools including a Lesson Builder, Storyboard, and Quiz Maker enable deeper engagement with content and allow educators to create personalized, interactive activities for students that can be used both in, and outside, the classroom.

Presented by Brian Spellman, KET

Quad D
Trauma-Informed Basics for School Staff
Participants will learn definitions, prevalence, and effects of trauma, will learn about the ACE (Adverse Childhood Experiences) Study, and will be presented with specific strategies for use in making schools more trauma-informed.

Presented by Diane Gruen-Kidd, Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental & Intellectual Disabilities

Perkins Conference Center Parking Lot
KHEAA College Info Road Show
This is a repeat of the session described on page 8.
Thank you for attending & continuing to serve the youth of Kentucky.

We hope to see you next year!