making a difference

KALAMAZOO RESA
2015 - 2016
Our Mission

The Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency exists to transform lives by inspiring educational excellence. We provide cradle-to-career services and support through highly talented professionals, successful partnerships and innovative practices.

Public Schools
Climax-Scotts Community Schools
Comstock Public Schools
Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools
Gull Lake Community Schools
Kalamazoo Public Schools
Parchment School District
Portage Public Schools
Schoolcraft Community Schools
Vicksburg Community Schools

Public School Academies
Youth Advancement Academy
Oakland Academy
Paramount Charter Academy
Forest Academy
Evergreen Academy
Lakeside Academy

18 non-public schools
Why Intermediate School Districts?

56 ISDs or RESAs
Established in 1962

- Special Education
- Career & Technical Education
- Collaboration
- Connection with MDE
Board of Education

Gary Brown
Secretary

David Webster
Vice-President

Lynne Cowart
Trustee

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President
Our programs serve educators and families from cradle to career. Through collaboration and countywide partnerships, we provide cost-effective programs and services in several categories, such as:

- Early childhood
- Special education
- Career and technical education
- Professional development
- Business and technology services

We do all that, and more! The next slides provide an overview of our programs. Numbers and statistics are based on information from the 2014-15 school year.

For additional information, go to www.kresa.org
Cradle to Career Pipeline

K-12 School Districts & Other Schools

EARLY ON
HEAD START
GREAT START
YAP
EFA
EFE
CACAN

SPECIAL EDUCATION
INSTRUCTIONAL CENTER
MICHIGAN WORKS!

GSC
GSRP
Y.O.U.
EMC
Great Start

Home visits for at-risk families
103

Referrals for 0-3 year olds
264

Playgroups
77

Monthly home or mail visits
104

Great Start Plus
Children ages 0-3
At-risk families
Home visits
Developmental screenings
Playgroups
Information and referrals

Ready, Set, Succeed!
Playgroups, developmental screenings and monthly contacts from a parent educator.

Fund by local agency grants, state aid, local districts fees, Kalamazoo RESA general fund
Early Childhood

Preprimary Evaluation Team (PET)
- Developmental assessment
- Ages 0-6
- For children who may have a significant developmental delay

400 evaluations

Early On and FIT
- Coordinates services for children with developmental delays
- Home visits
- Teacher consultants and therapists

500 families served

Funded by Kalamazoo RESA special education budget
Great Start Readiness Program

1,300 children

70 classrooms

- Kalamazoo RESA acts as program facilitator, monitor and fiduciary agency
- Operated by and located within schools and private providers
- Preschool program for 4-year-olds
- Ensuring low-income families have access to high-quality pre-K

Funded by the State of Michigan
Kalamazoo RESA Head Start

- High quality pre-K
- 644 children
- 13 locations
- 10 family advocates doing home visits
- 72% of 4 year olds are enter kindergarten ready to read

- 720 physicals
- 730 hearing and vision screenings
- 644 dental screenings
- 140 children received dental treatment

Funded by federal grants
Special Education

Deaf/Hard of Hearing Program
- Teachers, consultants and interpreters
- Implement services for students with hearing impairments

20 classroom students
150 students served

Visually Impaired Program
- Teacher consultants, mobility and Braille specialists
- Support and adaptive equipment

105 students served
WoodsEdge Learning Center

- Serves students between the ages of 3 – 26
- Autism program
- Students with severe cognitive and physical disabilities

Preschool
90 students

Elementary - High School
180 students

Post-secondary
44 students
Special Education

Autism Program
- Serves grades K-12
- Training and support for parents
- Classrooms in local districts and WoodsEdge

70 students in Schoolcraft, Parchment and Portage

Young Adult Program
- Serves 18-26 year olds
- Transition services

120 students

Funded by Kalamazoo RESA special education budget
Project Search

- Competitive employment opportunities
- We partner with Michigan Rehabilitation and Community Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Services
- For nine months, Bronson hosts internships for youth with significant disabilities
- Providing real-life training that leads to employment
- Launched locally in 2012
- 87% of students are employed
  - Bronson
  - KVCC
  - Head Start
  - Borgess
Special Education

Juvenile Home Schools: **100 students**
Valley Center School: **37 students**

**Juvenile Home Schools**
- Intensive Learning Center
- Youth Center School
- Adjudicated Youth
- 6 students earned their GED in the ILC last year

**Valley Center School**
- Students with emotional impairments or unique behavioral needs

Funded by Kalamazoo RESA special education budget
Lakeside Charter School

- Kalamazoo RESA is the authorizer
- A public school operated by an independent board of education
- Residential-based
- Strict discipline academy
- Peer driven model teaches respect, responsibility, trust and giving

Funded by the State of Michigan per pupil foundation allowance, and other state and federal funding. Kalamazoo RESA retains 3 percent of per pupil funding for chartering agency expenses.
Youth Advancement Academy

- Kalamazoo RESA is the authorizer
- A public school operated by an independent board of education
- A strict discipline academy
- Serves students from Kalamazoo County in grades 9-12

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Youth Opportunities Unlimited (YOU) & Michigan Works!

- Employment and training services
- Serves in-school and out-of-school youth
- Five locations in Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, Branch and Calhoun counties

Customer visits to offices: **96,135**
Job Search Planning services provided: **2,736**
Workshop Attendance: **570**
Employer of the Day events: **308**
Job Fairs: **13**

* Data from January 1 – July 1, 2015
Education for the Arts
K-12 arts education in film, digital media, dance, theatre and more

- 400 students taking classes
- 161 scholarships
- 31,000 students attending art events

Funded by local district fees, local agency grants, Kalamazoo RESA general fund
Education for Employment
Practical work experience and hands-on career preparation training

181 classes in 38 areas of study
Graduation Rate 96.8%
3,500 Students Enrolled

Funded by local district fees, state aid, federal aid, local agency grants, Kalamazoo RESA general fund
Early Middle College

Programs of Study

**Associate of Arts**
62-63 credit hours
Transfer to WMU

**Associate of Applied Design**
Graphic Design
63-64 credit hours

**Associate of Applied Science**
Machine Tool Technology
62 credit hours

**Graphic Design Certificate**
30 credit hours

**Machinist Certificate**
32 credit hours

**Certificate of Achievement**
PC Support Technician
18 credit hours

**Certificate of Achievement**
Welding Technologies
10 credit hours
Attendance Office

- Helps families and children struggling with regular school attendance
- The attendance officer, a deputy sheriff, provides support and links families to community resources

460 truancy referrals
Instructional Center

As a professional development center, we strive to provide the very best and most current training, coaching and technical assistance as identified through scientific research.

Coaching & Training
2011-2012: 67 days
2014-2015: 597 days

Funded by state aid, state grants, federal grants, local district fees, Kalamazoo RESA general fund
Regional Educational Media Center (REMC12)

- One of 22 REMCs in the state
- Offers the Teacher Materials Center, cooperative purchasing and other services
- Printing services are available to districts throughout Michigan

16,000 education and non-profit print jobs

$1.9 million REMC Bid savings

35,500 videos streamed

Counties served by REMC12:
- Calhoun
- Kalamazoo
- St. Joseph
- Van Buren
- Allegan
- Barry
- Branch

Offering connecting service to REMC7 & REMC11.
Southwest MiTech

MiTech shared technology services and staffing is provided to Kalamazoo RESA and the following schools and districts:

Galesburg-Augusta  
Gull Lake  
Delton-Kellogg

KAMSC  
Portage  
Mattawan

Van Buren ISD  
Allegan AESA  
Paw Paw

Fennville  
Hastings  
Glenn

Outlook Academy  
Lakeside Academy  
Gobles

Funded by local district fees, state grants, Kalamazoo RESA general fund
MiCase provides financial accounting, human resources, payroll, student information and special education software.

In 2007, we joined with several area ISDs to form a consortium called Michigan Collaborative Administrative Solutions for Education (MiCase).

- 59 districts use MiCase human resources and financial accounting software
- 41 districts use Student Information System
- 4,500 Help Desk support calls
- $1.5M saved in discounted software and other technology offerings

Kalamazoo RESA serves as fiscal agent and houses the majority of development and support staff.

Funded by local district fees
Transportation Services

- Serves districts in nine counties
- Bus driver training and management
- Auto, trucking and motorcycle skills testing

98 drivers trained in evasive maneuvers
220 commercial driver's license skills tests performed
1,150 bus drivers trained
58 districts use MiCase human resources and financial accounting software

Funded by local district fees, state aid, fee for services – non-district
Additional Services

- LEA Maintenance Services
- Facilities Control & Energy Management
- Instructional Technology
- Human Resources
- Communications
- Substitute Teachers
- Pupil Accounting

Funded by local district fees, state aid, federal aid, local agency grants, Kalamazoo RESA general fund
Local Educational Agency (LEA) Business Services

Assisting school districts with business office support.

Services include:

- Budget development and monitoring
- Processing Payroll, Accounts Payable and Cash receipts
- Reconcile bank accounts and adjust books for yearend audits along with other accounting needs
- Prepare and submit necessary state and federal financial reporting as required
- Provide Business Manager services

Serving:

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Collaborative Partnerships
Leadership . Coordination . Development

Kalamazoo RESA convenes gatherings of all county school leaders for collaboration and professional development.

We hold monthly meetings for:
- superintendents
- business managers
- curriculum directors
- high school principals
- technology directors
- special education administrators
- transportation supervisors
- board members (quarterly)
Collaborative Partnerships/Community Alliances

The Learning Network
Western Michigan University
Kalamazoo Valley Community College
Kalamazoo Air Zoo
Kalamazoo Valley Habitat for Humanity
Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety
Kalamazoo County Great Start Collaborative
Greenleaf Hospitality Group
Stryker Instruments
Flowserve Corp.

W.E. Upjohn Institute
Arts Schools Network
Southwest Michigan First
Kalamazoo Community Foundation
Bronson Methodist Hospital
Michigan Rehabilitation Services
Kalamazoo Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
Bureau of Services for Blind Persons

Disability Network of Southwest Michigan
Humphrey Products
Southern Mich. Autism Resource Team
Kalamazoo County Ready 4s
Kalamazoo County Human Services
Kalamazoo Promise
Irving S. Gilmore Foundation
United Way /United4Change

And more . . .
### Kalamazoo RESA Strategic Plan

#### Why do we exist?
To transform lives by inspiring educational excellence

#### What do we do?
Provide educational services and support for students, families, schools and community.

#### How do we behave?
- We work together
- Collaboration
- Innovation
- Compassion
- Trustworthy
- Respect
- We find a better way
- We lead with heart
- We act with integrity
- We value all people

#### How will we succeed?
Through highly talented professionals, successful multi-sector partnerships, innovative practices and a relentless drive to improve.

#### What are we focused on?
- All learners supported through strong collaborative relationships
- Highly effective employees
- Positive, safe and inclusive organizational culture
- All children ready for kindergarten
- All students transition ready for college, career, or life
- Leaders in educational excellence
- Data driven organizational practices
- Quality and sustainable infrastructure
- Research-based instructional practices
- A continuum of professional development to support high-quality instruction and leadership
- Visibility and understanding of Kalamazoo RESA programs and services
Helping all learners thrive

Student scholarships

YOU participant grants

Employee enrichment grants

$38,000
awarded in 2015

Francis “Max” Smith, Named Scholarship Donor
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