

# Ty Ankrom's Here's What I Think ...

**A**s educators become accustomed to our new normal, they are adapting with a creativity that is not only impressive but also a source of pride. Pickaway County ESC staff members continue to provide programming and services, a number of which are highlighted below.



ESC Early Intervention staff members are making virtual family visits using FaceTime or Zoom and holding weekly team meetings through Microsoft Office.

Preschool Disabilities staff members are using technology to send information, such as sharing video links, activities and recorded reading of stories. Staff members also are using technology to let parents learn about accessing activities that can be done at home, and are distributing printed learning and practice packets to homes.

Staff members are collaborating remotely with preschool teachers to determine how to better meet needs of students and families; communicating with parents privately about specific IEP goals and objectives and the progress being made; and tracking parent communication.

Occupational therapists have created a folder of school-based occupational therapy

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resources with ideas that address many areas and PK-12 activities. Therapists are making weekly contact with students and are continuing to work on documentation, IEPs and evaluations. They also are collaborating with the Adapted Physical Education team.

Behavior specialists have completed assessments that were in progress; interviewed teachers for assessments; are collaborating with teachers to address parent concerns; writing behavior goals for IEPs due this year; developing standardized trainings for staff members; researching and collaborating with each other on peer-reviewed articles, podcasts and webinars; collaborating with the Brooks Yates travel team weekly; and providing contact information for parents.

Please follow our Facebook (@PickawayCountyESC) and Twitter (@PickawayESC) social media pages for posts that provide links to educational sites and fun activities for educators and parents.

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*"Intelligence is the ability  
to adapt to change."*

*~ Stephen Hawking ~*

