Invited Speaker: Jennifer Beagan

"Focusing on the ELL in the NCLB Age"

Jennifer Beagan from the Allegheny Intermediate Unit will discuss the No Child Left Behind Act and its implications for K-12 ESL students.

The talk will include the state and federal mandates, especially regarding the Basic Education Circular: Educating Students with Limited English Proficiency and the English Language Learner and how it is impacted by NCLB. In addition, the highlights will focus on the responsibilities of the program, educators, and students and how through the accountability factor we can focus on the outcome of helping the ELL to be successful.

Jennifer R. Beagan is the Program Director of the K-12 English as a Second Language Program with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit. This program is designed to provide language acquisition instruction, academic support, professional development and cultural appreciation in a positive nurturing environment in order to foster ongoing success and independence in all Allegheny County school districts and within the community. The K-12 ESL Staff works in 29 school districts in two different counties with 600 students through all stages of acquisition and monitoring. Jennifer relocated to the Pittsburgh area four years ago from Michigan. She has been an educator as well as an administrator for over 15 years. She holds a Masters of Education in the area of Curriculum, Instruction, and Leadership from Oakland University, Rochester, Michigan. She is currently enrolled in the Administrative and Policy Studies Program at the University of Pittsburgh.

Also, elections of board members will be held. If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming the 3RTESOL VP, please contact Peter Kolenich at vp@3rtesol.org for more information, or simply attend our Spring Meeting on April 9.

Date: Saturday, April 9, 2005
Time: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Place: Carnegie Mellon University
       Rooms 1000 and 1002, Hamburgh Hall
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