

Profile of Services

Several agency staff members are assigned specifically to the Vinton-Shellsburg Community School District and work individually with children and staff. They include:

John Aarni	Audiologist
Linda Atkins	Audiometrist
Claudia Carlson	Speech-Lang. Pathologist
Kris Donnelly	Special Education Consultant
Monique Flannery	Speech-Lang. Pathologist
Bruce Frana	Curriculum Consultant
Bob Furino	Media/Tech Liaison
Claudia Carlson	Speech-Lang. Pathologist (EC)
Cheryl Gibney	Vision Screener
Janet Gillam	Speech-Lang. Pathologist (EC)
Kathy Hilton	Occupational Therapist
Paula Kovalan	School Psychologist
Janet Kovarik	School Social Worker (EC)
Janet Lamm	Physical Therapist (EC)
Peg Maher	Audiologist
Laura McGraw	Itinerant Hearing Teacher
Carla McMillan	Occupational Therapist (EC)
Barb Newport	School Psychologist (EC)
Susie Poulton	Special Education Nurse
Barbara Roberts	School Psychologist
Janice Sewell	Adapted PE Consultant
Katie Soukup	Speech-Lang. Pathologist
Emily Thomson	Physical Therapist
Carey Trantham	Speech-Lang. Pathologist
Nancy Veldhuizen	School Social Worker
Belinda Voelschow	Itinerant Vision Teacher
Pam Watkins	Work Experience Coordinator
Karen Weltzin	Physical Therapist (EC)
Christina Zebuhr	Parent-Child Educator

Phyllis Bradley Regional Facilitator



School Technology Services

- The district participated in the **Audio Visual Coop** and **participated in software buys** sponsored by Grant Wood AEA.
- The district uses Grant Wood AEA as an **Internet provider**.
- Vinton-Shellsburg staff participated in **Edutrac** programming during the 1998-99 year. Edutrac is an interactive series of programs designed for educators delivered via the Iowa Communications Network (ICN.)
- GWAEA assistive technology consultants provided **technology inservices as well as consultation** to early childhood, elementary, and high school students with special needs.
- GWAEA technology consultants provided Vinton-Shellsburg staff **consultation support** for the Universal Service Funds application (USF), Web page design, and Pagemill training.

Management Services

- The Vinton-Shellsburg Community School District purchased audiovisual items, totaling \$15,900.84 through the **GWAEA Cooperative Purchasing Program**. All schools have an opportunity to save up to 40 percent depending on the purchase.
- Grant Wood AEA provides support for district statistical information through the **Annual Statistical Report**.
- The district receives support from Grant Wood AEA's Administrative Technology department for **student scheduling and grade reporting for grades K-12**.
- The district is a member of the **Area 10 Eisenhower Funding Consortium**.
- The Vinton-Shellsburg Community School District participates in **Carl Perkins Funding**.

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Vinton-Shellsburg Community School District

Grant Wood Area Education Agency provides educational services and leadership for 33 public school districts and 23 approved non-public schools in seven East Central Iowa counties, including the Vinton-Shellsburg Community School District in Benton County.

Services and resources from the agency are available to the Vinton-Shellsburg Community School District and its staff without charge, except in cases of some non-mandated services such as printing or administrative data processing, or for individualized district requests.

Nearly 60 percent of the agency's staff members are assigned to specific school districts and work directly with children as an integral part of the local school staff. Other staff serve children through inservice and consultation with teachers and administrators, offer courses and workshops, and link schools with other resources that meet their needs.

The AEA's have specific responsibilities assigned by the Code of Iowa. To provide funding for these services, the state comptroller notifies each Area 10 school district of the divisional per pupil cost for Grant Wood AEA services. The school district then includes those costs, multiplied by its enrollment, in its budget calculations and collects the AEA funding for the state. The state, in turn, provides monthly payments to the agency. The 1998-99 costs for Grant Wood AEA services are as follows:

Educational Services	\$ 37.40 per pupil
Media Services	\$ 34.12 per pupil
Special Education Services	\$ 182.54 per pupil

This report will give you a brief look at specific services and projects currently taking place in the Vinton-Shellsburg Community School District. Together with you, we hope to make a difference in the educational programs for the children in your community.

GWAEA Board of Directors

Local district school boards are represented through the nine members of the Grant Wood AEA Board of Directors. The AEA Board meets monthly and sets policy and budget for the agency. The Grant Wood AEA board member representing the Vinton-Shellsburg Community School District is William Rainbow.

Please feel free to contact him with your questions, concerns or appreciation for services.

Our Mission

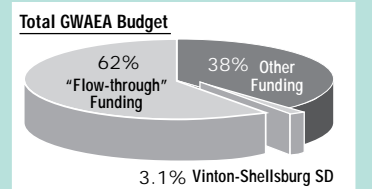
As a partner, we provide exemplary leadership and service to support learning in schools and communities.

Grant Wood AEA Administration

Board President	Lynne Cannon
Chief Administrator	Ron Fielder
Executive Directors	Clifford Ehlinger Jeananne Hagen
Associate Directors	Bonnie Boothroy Leslee Sandberg
Asst. to Admin.	Robert McNiel
Board Secretary/ Treasurer	Ron Bowers

"Flow-through" Funding

Vinton-Shellsburg SD	\$554,602
Total GWAEA Budget	\$28,843,792
Total GWAEA "Flow-through" Funding	\$17,745,360



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Services for Vinton-Shellsburg Students and Families

The agency's most direct student contact occurs with students who have disabilities. Through district and agency cooperative efforts, each child has an Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) and receives instruction and therapy to meet his/her needs.

Screening Services

Catching difficulties early is the goal of Grant Wood AEA's various screening programs. Student services include the following:

- CHILD CHECK**, a screening of all three-year-olds for hearing, vision, speech, coordination and ability to learn, is held in the district yearly. Last year, 83 children from the district participated in the screening.
- Students in kindergarten, first, second and fifth grades, as well as new students to the buildings, are **tested annually for hearing impairments**. Last year in the Vinton-Shellsburg School District:
 - 389 students were screened
 - 197 students received a diagnostic hearing evaluation
 - 57 students were referred for medical follow-up.
 In addition to the annual testing, many hearing evaluations are conducted throughout the year in response to medical or educational referrals.
- Vinton-Shellsburg pre-kindergarten through 12th-grade students receive **vision screening** annually. A total of 1,247 students were screened and 88 were referred to a physician for further testing.
- Eight Vinton-Shellsburg students were evaluated in the **Child Evaluation Clinic**. Referrals are made through a school's Child Study Team.

Student Services

The agency sponsors various student educational activities. The following activities do not represent the only contact that Grant Wood AEA staff have had with Vinton-Shellsburg students and families, but rather highlight recent efforts.

- Grant Wood AEA staff provide **direct student services** in the areas of speech and language, occupational therapy, physical therapy, hearing and vision, work experience, assistive technology, adapted physical education, counseling, and social and cognitive skill development.
- Two Vinton-Shellsburg students participated in the Grant Wood AEA **College for Kids** program, which is a two-week tuition summer school for high-ability students in sixth, seventh, or eighth grade.
- Kids on the Block puppeteers** presented puppet shows to students at East Intermediate and Shellsburg Elementary during the 1998-99 school year. These puppet shows and classroom activities are designed to promote positive attitudes and increase understanding between students with and without disabilities.
- One Vinton-Shellsburg student participated in the **Invent, Iowa! Invention Convention**.
- The Kids Doing Science Project** helps students develop thinking skills while learning scientific concepts. Vinton-Shellsburg is one of 23 area school districts and one parochial school that currently participates in this program.

Family Resources

- Vinton-Shellsburg parents have access to the **Grant Wood AEA Parent Educator Partnership (PEP) Library**, materials and services.
- The **Grant Wood AEA Work Experience and School-To-Work** staff support parents in linking with community resources in the areas of health and human services, vocational assessment and training, and transition to adulthood.
- Grant Wood AEA's Specialty Resource Teams** (Autism, Brain Injury, Health, and Inclusion) provide educational consultation, information, and coordination for students with special needs and their families.

Services for Vinton-Shellsburg Staff

Grant Wood AEA provides a variety of services for teachers and administrators. It is difficult to assess the importance of any one activity. Sometimes a single phone call will give the information to solve a problem; at other times, a consultant and teacher may spend an entire year working together on a regular basis.

The following activities do not represent the only contact that Grant Wood AEA staff have had with Vinton-Shellsburg staff, but rather highlight recent efforts.

Curriculum Development, Instruction and Assessment

- Vinton-Shellsburg staff, parents, and Grant Wood AEA support staff work together through **The Solutions Focused Approach** to bring ideas, strategies, and resources to diverse learners in the Vinton-Shellsburg Schools.
- Agency staff consult with teachers on **instructional design and classroom management**.
- Vinton-Shellsburg parents and administrators can receive answers to **home school questions** from Grant Wood AEA staff.
- Agency consultants provide **curriculum assistance** and serve as classroom resources for Vinton-Shellsburg staff. A GWAEA curriculum consultant met with the district science committee on district science standards, and consulted with department chair Kris Howes-Vonstein on how to progress in organizing the team for standards development.
- Early Childhood staff work with parents, local preschools, in-home care givers, health providers, and the elementary staff to **address the needs of infants and young children**.

Instructional Media Services

- Grant Wood AEA's **Traveling Production Lab** visited the district during 1998-99. The lab provides teachers with the equipment for making buttons, books, bulletin board letters/shapes and for laminating materials.
- Vinton-Shellsburg received a \$716.30 allotment of **enrollment-based credit** from Grant Wood AEA Graphics and Printing Services during the 1998-99 school year.

Professional Development

- Fifty-four Vinton-Shellsburg staff attended courses through the **Grant Wood AEA Staff Development Program**. Twenty-seven individuals received recertification credit; 19 received graduate credit, and eight received other credit.
- Sixteen Vinton-Shellsburg staff participated in **Grant Wood AEA Professional Development** workshops during 1998-99.
- Twenty-four Vinton-Shellsburg staff attended **Grant Wood AEA Media & Technology** workshops and events.

School-Community Planning and Support

- Grant Wood AEA and Vinton-Shellsburg staff have worked together to maintain and expand **inclusive education models** to serve students in their home community.
- Vinton-Shellsburg staff and administrators have been involved in the **Comprehensive School Improvement Seminars** provided by Grant Wood AEA during the 1999-2000 school year.

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for 1998-1999 school year

Use of GWAEA Media Center Materials by Vinton-Shellsburg

Collection	No. of Items
Books	56
Films, Videos, Laser Discs, CD's	2221
Nonprint (kits, microcomputer software)	0

Use of GWAEA Media Center Classroom Materials by Area 10 Schools

Collection	No. of Items
Books	20,244
Films, Videos, Laser Discs, CD's	132,630
Nonprint (kits, microcomputer software)	379

Use of GWAEA Professional Library Support for Information Needs

	Vinton-Shellsburg	AEA 10
Information Searches	0	100
Retrieval Requests	6	313
Reference Support	0	25
ProQuest Resource	821	50,351

Use of GWAEA Professional Materials by Vinton-Shellsburg

Collection	No. of Items
Prof. Books/Journals	217
Prof. Classroom Materials	81
Prof. Nonprint Materials	131

Use of GWAEA Professional Materials by Area 10 Schools

Collection	No. of Items
Prof. Books/Journals	5,143
Prof. Classroom Materials	3,395
Prof. Nonprint Materials	2,932

Use of GWAEA Technical Services by Vinton-Shellsburg

Service	Amount
Equipment Repair	16
Laminating	5,937.36
Printing Impressions	163,574
Video Curriculum (No Charge)	49

Use of GWAEA Technical Services by Area 10 Schools

Service	Amount
Equipment Repair	194
Laminating	186, 873.19 (sq. ft.)
Printing Impressions	16,442,664
Video Curriculum (No Charge)	3,065

