



# 2020-2021 RESOURCE DIRECTORY



The Resource Directory (aka Yellow Pages) is intended to provide area teachers, administrators, board members and others with the information needed to access Northwest AEA services.

The Yellow Pages list many, many agency programs and services, including brief summaries. Contact persons, e-mail addresses and phone numbers are also listed. Unless otherwise indicated, phone numbers can be dialed direct. Use (712) 222- and the extension number (if calling from Sioux City) or (800) 352-9040 (toll-free from anywhere in Iowa), and then the extension number.

A version of this directory is available on the Northwest AEA website at [www.nwaea.org](http://www.nwaea.org). An online staff directory also allows searching by program name, keyword or contact person.

Your suggestions for additions to this directory are invited. If you find a program not listed, contact the Communications Office to recommend it be included next year. Contact Liz Determan, <[ldeterman@nwaea.org](mailto:ldeterman@nwaea.org)>, (800) 352-9040, ext. 6003 or 7(12) 222-6003.

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## Academic Consultation

General education consultants are available to assist superintendents, principals and teachers with improving instruction and curriculum planning in the areas of English, science, mathematics, instructional technology, social studies, gifted education, language arts, early childhood education, guidance and counseling, and many other areas.

Educational Consultants .....6019

## Acceleration/Enrichment

Sue Chartier <[schartier@nwaea.org](mailto:schartier@nwaea.org)>.....6309

## Accommodations (Special Education and/or Section 504)

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Mona Yanacheak <[myanacheak@nwaea.org](mailto:myanacheak@nwaea.org)>.....6095

## Accounting (Financial) Assistance

Jodi Ryan <[jjryan@nwaea.org](mailto:jjryan@nwaea.org)> .....6304

## Accreditation

Chapter 12 issues or information about AEA accreditation.

Lisa Wiese <[lwiese@nwaea.org](mailto:lwiese@nwaea.org)> .....6080

Katy Evenson <[kevenson@nwaea.org](mailto:kevenson@nwaea.org)> .....6019

Dr. Dan Cox (AEA accreditation) <[dcox@nwaea.org](mailto:dcox@nwaea.org)> .....6001

## Administration Office

Activities include financial and budget matters, building maintenance and operation, communications and Board of Directors.

Administration Office ..... (712) 222-6000

Toll-free (within Iowa)..... (800) 352-9040

Fax ..... (712) 222-6123

Business Office ..... (712) 222-6005

## Administrator

The chief administrator of Northwest AEA is responsible to the agency's board of directors for development and delivery of programs and services to students and staff in public and accredited private schools in the area.

Dr. Dan Cox, Chief Administrator <[dcox@nwaea.org](mailto:dcox@nwaea.org)> .....6001

## Administrator Licensure/Renewal

Information regarding licensure renewal procedures, forms and courses available.

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Joyce VanderWilt <[jvanderwilt@nwaea.org](mailto:jvanderwilt@nwaea.org)> .....6105

## Adolescent Reading

Carla Lee <[clee@nwaea.org](mailto:clee@nwaea.org)> .....6322

Sara Youngers <[syoungers@nwaea.org](mailto:syoungers@nwaea.org)> .....6298

## AEA Online Courses

Professional development online courses offered throughout Iowa <<https://www.aealearningonline.org/>>.

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Eván Abbey <[eabbey@aeapdonline.org](mailto:eabbey@aeapdonline.org)> ..... (515) 270-9030

## AEA Purchasing

A state AEA-sponsored entity that offers a variety of statewide purchasing programs for Iowa K-12 schools. (See Cooperative Purchasing, too.)

Web ..... <[www.aeapurchasing.com](http://www.aeapurchasing.com)>

Dr. Dan Cox <[dcox@nwaea.org](mailto:dcox@nwaea.org)> .....6001

**Agriculture Science Education**  
Mona Yanacheak <myanacheak@nwaea.org>.....6095

**Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)**  
Jerome Schaefer <jschaefer@nwaea.org> .....6114

**APL Instructional Skills**  
This instructional skills workshop, provided by APL Associates, features strategies for improving classroom organization, management, student motivation and student performance. The training program provides an immediate and positive impact on both student and teacher performance.  
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Joyce VanderWilt <jvanderwilt@nwaea.org> .....6105

**Art Education**  
Judy Sweetman <jsweetman@nwaea.org> .....6088

**Asbestos Training**  
Ron Derochie <rderochie@nwaea.org> .....6112

**Assessment for Learning**  
Katy Evenson <kevenson@nwaea.org> .....6019

**Assessment, Universal Screening**  
Universal screening requirement in reading K-3.  
Reann Jaminet <rjaminet@nwaea.org> .....6073  
Paula Harding <pharding@nwaea.org> .....6341

**Assistive Technology**  
Use of devices and services by individuals with disabilities.  
Patty Kann <pkann@nwaea.org> .....6086

**Authentic Intellectual Work (AIW)**  
Professional development initiative is to increase student learning.  
Katy Evenson <kevenson@nwaea.org> ..... 6019  
Janelle Schorg <jschorg@nwaea.org> .....6085

**Autism**  
Information, resources, consultation.  
Cathy Heizelman <cheizelman@nwaea.org> .....6246  
Jan Turbes <jturbes@nwaea.org> .....6041  
Jessica Niles (birth to age 5) <jniles@nwaea.org> .....6380

**Behavioral Health**  
Assistance to school based teams for behavior supports, challenging behaviors, and mental health.  
Cathy Heizelman <cheizelman@nwaea.org> .....6246

**Board of Directors**  
Northwest AEA is governed by a nine-member citizen board of directors elected by local school district boards. Each director represents a geographic portion of the area comprised of about the same population. Regular Board meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the AEA in Le Mars.  
Sherri Wing, Board Secretary <swing@nwaea.org> .....6002

**Book Kit Reservations**  
(See Media Center Lending Library.)

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(See Media Center Lending Library.)

**Brain Injury Resource Team**  
Assist building level teams in working with hospital/rehabilitation staff in preparing for the student's return to school.  
Dana Oas <doas@nwaea.org> .....6137

**Bridges**  
West-Central Iowa Libraries Building Online Resources is a service that offers ebooks & audiobooks from Overdrive to download to your PC.  
Pam Buysman <pbuysman@nwaea.org> .....6289

**Business Education**  
Mona Yanacheak <myanacheak@nwaea.org> .....6095

**Business Office**  
All Northwest AEA financial and budget matters, as well as information and guidance on school budget questions.  
Jodi Ryan, CFO <jryan@nwaea.org> .....6304  
Steve Schermann, Business Mgr.  
<sschermann@nwaea.org> .....6006

**Career and Technical Education**  
Information, resources, consultation.  
Mona Yanacheak <myanacheak@nwaea.org> .....6095

**Career/College Fairs**  
Coordination of Tri-State College Fair and assistance with career and technical education fairs at the secondary and postsecondary levels.  
Mona Yanacheak <myanacheak@nwaea.org> .....6095

**Certification**  
(See Licensure Renewal.)

**CHAMPS**  
Proactive and Positive Classroom Management training. (See also Learning Supports and Classroom Management.)  
Katy Evenson <kevenson@nwaea.org> .....6019

**Character Education**  
Amy Benson <abenson@nwaea.org> .....6078  
Katy Evenson <kevenson@nwaea.org> .....6019

**Chemical Right to Know**  
Resources for administering federal requirements.  
Ron Derochie <rderochie@nwaea.org> .....6112

**Cherokee Regional Office**  
Offices Northwest AEA special education staff members who serve that area. The Lily of the Valley School #5, a one-room schoolhouse, is also located here.  
Toll-free ..... (800) 352-9040  
Fax ..... (712) 222-6275  
Kelly Hoak, Regional Administrator <khoak@nwaea.org>...6306  
Robin Bennett, Secretary <rbennett@nwaea.org> .....6104

**Child Abuse**  
Information and assistance.  
Seth Piro <spiro@nwaea.org> .....6011

**Child/Dependent Abuse Reporter Training**  
(See Mandatory Reporter Training.)

## Children's Choice Award

(See Iowa Children's Choice Award.)

## Choices

Computer software application for assisting students to make educational/vocational choices.

Mona Yanacheak <myanacheak@nwaea.org>.....6095

## Classroom Management

(See also CHAMPS.)

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Amy Benson <abenson@nwaea.org>.....6078

## Climate Surveys

(See also Assessment.)

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## Coaching Certification

Judy Sweetman <jsweetman@nwaea.org>.....6088

Joyce Vander Wilt <jvanderwilt@nwaea.org>.....6105

## College Fair

(See Career/College Fairs.)

## Comprehensive Intervention Model (CIM)

Emily Koson <ekoson@nwaea.org>.....6331

Teresa Murray <tmurray@nwaea.org>.....6271

## Computing—Instructional

(See also Special Education Consultants, Educational Services or Media and Information Technology.)

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Jeff Sypersma <jsypersma@nwaea.org>.....6091

Judy Sweetman <jsweetman@nwaea.org>.....6088

Tyler Youngers <tyoungers@nwaea.org>.....6300

## Consultants or Consultation

(See also Academic Consultation, Special Education Consultants, Educational Services or Media and Information Technology.)

Educational Services .....6083

Media and Information Technology .....6070

Special Education .....6326

## Cooperative

(See Northwest Iowa AEA Cooperative and IAEP.)

## Cooperative Purchasing

Statewide cooperative purchasing programs sponsored by Iowa AEAs through the Iowa Association of Educational Purchasing and Iowa Educators' Consortium. Programs include audiovisual equipment, computer-related products, online databases, software, food, furniture, health and first aid supplies, janitorial products, art supplies, paper and office supplies. Contact information is available at the AEA purchasing website. Molly Gilmore, an employee at AEA Purchasing, works from the Sioux Center regional office of Northwest AEA.

Web .....< <http://www.aeapurchasing.org/>>

Pam Buysman <pbuysman@nwaea.org>.....6289

Molly Gilmore <molly@aeapurchasing.org>.....

## Counseling

Mona Yanacheak <myanacheak@nwaea.org> 6095

## Creative Services

Creative Services offers a wide range of printing and production services. In our production area, we do printing of large format banners, canvases, vinyl decals, sensory floors, vinyl wall art, static window clings, PBIS materials and posters. Also available is lamination, magnets, yard signs and buttons. Seasonal catalogs can be found on the website. Premade designs can be found on our Estore. The Print Shop can print report cards, student handbooks, certificates, graduation or concert programs, letterhead, envelopes, purchase order forms, etc.

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Georganne Welding <gwelding@nwaea.org>.....6071

Beth Love <blove@nwaea.org>.....6067

Caitlin Kounkel <ckounkel@nwaea.org>.....6074

Noelle Vondrak <nvondrak@nwaea.org>.....6139

Rebekah Fiechtner <rfiechtner@nwaea.org>.....6284

## Creative Writing

Judy Sweetman <jsweetman@nwaea.org>.....6088

## Crisis Plans

(Supporting schools when a crisis occurs.)

Jerome Schaefer <jschaefer@nwaea.org>.....6114

Jennifer Collins <jcollins@nwaea.org>.....6036

## Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI)

Learn how to reduce, if not eliminate, workplace violence by learning how to support people, not just their behaviors.

Cathy Heizelman <cheizelman@nwaea.org>.....6246

## CRISS

Creating Independence through Student-Owned Strategies.

Judy Sweetman <jsweetman@nwaea.org>.....6088

## Critical Thinking Skills

Sue Chartier <schartier@nwaea.org>.....6309

## Cultural Competency

Developing the capacity to function effectively in other cultural contexts.

Jerome Schaefer <jschaefer@nwaea.org>.....6114

## Curriculum Development

General assistance with designing and modifying curriculum.

Amy Benson <abenson@nwaea.org>.....6078

Educational Services .....6083

## Curriculum Lab

Provides educators with a centralized collection of new curriculum materials and textbooks for examination or trial use for purchase consideration.

Debbie Gibson <dgibson@nwaea.org>.....6106

## Data Collection and Analysis

Katy Evenson <kevenson@nwaea.org>.....6019

Erin Vander Velde <evandervelde@nwaea.org>.....6141

## Data Team Training

Sue Chartier <schartier@nwaea.org>.....6309

## Death

(See Student Death or Counseling.)

## Delivery Services

Educational materials, equipment and communications are carried by the Media Center vans between all area school buildings and Northwest AEA twice a week during regular school months.  
Ann Derochie (Sioux City) <aderochie@nwaea.org> .....6065

## Denison Regional Office

Offices Northwest AEA staff who serve that area.  
Toll-free ..... (800) 352-9040  
Fax ..... (712) 222-6275  
Cathy Heizelman <cheizelman@nwaea.org> .....6246

## Discipline

(See also Learning Supports and Classroom Management)

## Drama Education

Judy Sweetman <jsweetman@nwaea.org> .....6088

## Drug Abuse Education

Information and assistance with various programs stressing effective life-coping skills centering on decision-making, communication skills, values clarification and enhancement of self-esteem.  
Jerome Schaefer <jschaefer@nwaea.org> .....6114

## Early ACCESS Services

Interagency health and social services for children under 3 years of age with special needs.  
Sue Moran <smoran@nwaea.org> .....6381  
Teresa Hobbs <thobbs@nwaea.org> .....6343

## Early Childhood Curriculum

Information regarding Iowa Primary Program.  
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Brenda Jenkins <bjenkins@nwaea.org> .....6122  
Joyce Vermeer <jvermeer@nwaea.org> .....6150

## Early Childhood Local Councils

Local school district collaboration among agencies.  
Joyce Vermeer <jvermeer@nwaea.org> .....6150

## Early Childhood Programs

Information and assistance with programs and legislative requirements for review of developmentally appropriate programs for general and special education children through age 8.  
Early Childhood Dept .....6050  
Joyce Vermeer <jvermeer@nwaea.org> .....6150

## Early Childhood Special Education

Screening and instructional programs for preschool-aged children (birth through age 5). Family services available. Services provided in the home, group sessions or preschool classrooms.  
Early Childhood Special Education Dept .....6050  
Sue Moran <smoran@nwaea.org> .....6381

## Economics Education

Tyler Youngers <tyoungers@nwaea.org> .....6300  
Mona Yanacheak <myanacheak@nwaea.org> .....6095

## Ed Insight

Statewide data system  
Erin Vander Velde <evandervelde@nwaea.org> .....6141

## Educational Consultants

Consultants trained in specific educational areas who provide support to schools.  
Katy Evenson <kevenson@nwaea.org> .....6019  
Lisa Wiese <lwiese@nwaea.org> .....6080

## Educational Services Programs

Curriculum/instruction assistance, consulting, inservice and professional development.  
Administration .....6083  
Fax ..... (712) 222-6108  
Katy Evenson <kevenson@nwaea.org> .....6019

## Educational Television

(See Instructional Television.)

## Effective Teaching Strategies

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Sue Chartier <schartier@nwaea.org> .....6309

## Electronic Portfolios

Templates and teaching provided for electronic portfolios for teachers and principals.  
Jeff Sypersma <jsypersma@nwaea.org> .....6091

## Elementary Education

Teresa Murray <tmurray@nwaea.org> .....6271  
Judy Sweetman <jsweetman@nwaea.org> .....6088

## Employee Assistance Program

Mercy Behavioral Care provides an employee assistance program for Northwest AEA and several area schools.  
Kim Jorgensen ..... (712) 274-4300 or (800) 369-8800

## Endorsements

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Joyce Vander Wilt <jvanderwilt@nwaea.org> .....6105

## English as a Second Language (ESL)

Sherri Anderson <sanderson@nwaea.org> .....6264  
Sara Youngers <syoungers@nwaea.org> .....6298  
Steve McHugh <smchugh@nwaea.org> .....6162

## English Language Learners (ELL)

Support and professional development for educators in ELL/ Title III processes and learning strategies.  
Katy Evenson <kevenson@nwaea.org> .....6019  
Sherri Anderson <sanderson@nwaea.org> .....6264  
Sara Youngers <syoungers@nwaea.org> .....6298  
Steve McHugh <smchugh@nwaea.org> .....6162

## Equity Issues

Northwest AEA nondiscrimination compliance program, as well as consulting for schools dealing with equity issues.  
Equity Coordinator <jschaefer@nwaea.org> .....6114  
Seth Piro, Special Education <spiro@nwaea.org> .....6011  
Katy Evenson, Multi-Cultural Gender-Fair, <kevenson@nwaea.org> .....6363  
Mona Yanacheak (504) <myanacheak@nwaea.org> .....6095

## Ethics Education

Kristi Wilshire <kwilshire@nwaea.org> .....6066

## Evaluator Approval Training

Comprehensive training for administrators.

Katy Evenson <kevenson@nwaea.org> .....6019  
Joyce Vander Wilt <jvanderwilt@nwaea.org> .....6105

## Every Child Reads—Ages 3 to 5

Initiative to expand the capacity of early care and education systems to enhance language, reading and writing skills of children ages 3 through 5.

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## Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

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Katy Evenson <kevenson@nwaea.org> .....6019  
Carla Lee <clee@nwaea.org> .....6322

## Family Education Partnership (FEP) (Formerly Parent-Educator Connection)

Assists parents and educators with special education questions and concerns. Services include resource library, publications, workshops, referral and support group information.

Pam Woelber <pwoelber@nwaea.org> .....6037

## Families in Transition (FIT)

Support for families who are bringing home an infant child from the intensive care nursery.

Sue Moran <smoran@nwaea.org> .....6381

## Family and Consumer Science

Assistance, information and workshops.

Mona Yanacheak <myanacheak@nwaea.org> .....6095

## Fine Arts

Judy Sweetman <jsweetman@nwaea.org> .....6088

## FOSS/Science

Research-based science materials for K-8 students..

Adam Moss <amoss@nwaea.org> .....6278  
Jody Herbold <jherbold@nwaea.org> .....6213

## Fusion Reading

Carla Lee <clee@nwaea.org> .....6322  
Sara Youngers <syoungers@nwaea.org> .....6298

## Future Ready

Jordan Menning <clee@nwaea.org> .....6146

## Geography

Judy Sweetman <jsweetman@nwaea.org> .....6088  
Tyler Youngers <tyoungers@nwaea.org> .....6300

## Gifted/Talented Education

(See Talented and Gifted Education.)

## Global Studies

Judy Sweetman <jsweetman@nwaea.org> .....6088  
Tyler Youngers <tyoungers@nwaea.org> .....6300

## Google Apps Training

Google Apps for educators in the classroom or Business Office.

Jeff Sypersma <jsypersma@nwaea.org> .....6091  
Tyler Youngers <tyoungers@nwaea.org> .....6300

## Grant Writing

Assistance with applications for state and federal grants.

Katy Evenson <kevenson@nwaea.org> .....6019

## Graphic Design Services

Design and preparation of printed materials.

Beth Love <blove@nwaea.org> .....6067  
Caitlin Kounkel <ckounkel@nwaea.org> .....6074

## Guidance and Counseling

Mona Yanacheak <myanacheak@nwaea.org> .....6095

## Harvest

K-12 students whose writing or artwork is submitted for publication by their classroom teachers.

Judy Sweetman <jsweetman@nwaea.org> .....6088

## Health Concerns

Information, resources and support for area school nurses.

Sheila Finch <sfinch@nwaea.org> .....6295  
Jennifer Mars <jmars@nwaea.org> .....6145

## Health Science Education

Curriculum development, evaluation of materials, information on health issues and nurses' meetings.

Mona Yanacheak <myanacheak@nwaea.org> .....6095

## Hearing

Specialists work to prevent and identify hearing losses in children. Screening, testing, counseling, medical referral, academic and nonacademic programs.

Hearing Dept .....6020  
Cindy Baird <cbaird@nwaea.org> .....6021

## High Scope Training

Joyce Vermeer <jvermeer@nwaea.org> .....6150

## Higher Order Thinking Skills

Assistance with integrating across curriculum.

Sue Chartier <schartier@nwaea.org> .....6309

## History

(See Social Studies Education.)

## History Day

Students in grades four through twelve who are interested in exploring events in history.

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## Home Schooling

Janelle Schorg <jschorg@nwaea.org> .....6085  
Paula Harding <pharding@nwaea.org> .....6341

## Human Resources

Jerome Schaefer <jschaefer@nwaea.org> .....6114

## Individualized Education Programs (IEPs)

Basic training on how to use the Web-based program and information on improving student achievement through the IEP process, data collection, and progress monitoring.

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Cheryl Aberson <caberson@nwaea.org> .....6015  
Seth Piro <spiro@nwaea.org> .....6011

## Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP)

Plans covering educational, and, if necessary, medical and social services, developed for families of disabled infants/toddlers in the 0 to 3 age range.

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Teresa Hobbs <thobbs@nwaea.org> .....6343  
Early Childhood Special Education, Secretary,  
Lori Groth <lgroth@nwaea.org> .....6050

## Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

Seth Piro <spiro@nwaea.org> .....6011

## Industrial Technology

Mona Yanacheak <myanacheak@nwaea.org> .....6095

## Information

General information regarding Northwest AEA programs and services.

Liz Determan <ldeterman@nwaea.org> .....6003  
Web .....<www.nwaea.org>

## Instructional Coaching Training

Professional development for teacher leaders who support classroom instruction.

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Amy Benson <abenson@nwaea.org> .....6078

## Instructional Practices Inventory (IPI)

A school-wide picture of student learning.

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## Instructional Strategies

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Sue Chartier <schartier@nwaea.org> .....6309  
Carla Lee <clee@nwaea.org> .....6322  
Judy Sweetman <jsweetman@nwaea.org> .....6088

## Instructional Technology

Information, resources, in-service, standards.

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Pam Buysman <pbuysman@nwaea.org> .....6289  
Judy Sweetman <jsweetman@nwaea.org> .....6088  
Jeff Sypersma <jsypersma@nwaea.org> .....6091  
Tyler Youngers <tyoungers@nwaea.org> .....6300

## Internet Web Site

Assistance with accessing the Northwest AEA website <www.nwaea.org>.

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Pam Buysman <pbuysman@nwaea.org> .....6289  
Jeff Sypersma <jsypersma@nwaea.org> .....6091

## Iowa AEA Online

Iowa AEAs provide several Web databases for student and teacher use at school and home.

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Web .....<http://www.iowaeonline.org/>

## Iowa Assessments

Information and interpretation of results.

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## Iowa Children's Choice Award

Program encourages reading for students in grades 3-6.

Pam Buysman <pbuysman@nwaea.org> .....6289

## Iowa Core Curriculum

Identifies essential concepts and skill sets for literacy, mathematics, science and social studies (as well as civic, financial, technology and health literacy, and employability skills called 21st Century Skills).

Jody Still Herbold <jherbold@nwaea.org> .....6213

## Iowa IDEA (including IMS)

The statewide suite of electronic tools, databases and applications for the special education system. Includes information and access to IEP, IFSP, Child Find, and information management for administrators and practitioners.

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Faye Van Roekel <fvanroekel@nwaea.org> .....6326

## Iowa Teen Award

Program encourages reading for students in grades 6-9.

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## I-Plan

AEA teams work collaboratively with local school districts to improve learning through systematic analysis of data, high quality intervention design and implementation, progress monitoring, and evaluation of intervention effect. A web-based online data collection application is available to assist in the documentation process.

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Faye Van Roekel <fvanroekel@nwaea.org> (Spec. Ed) .....6326  
Penni Kistner <pkistner@nwaea.org> (Gen. Ed) .....6083

## Journal and Magazine Circulation

Over 100 educational journals and magazines are available.

Debbie Gibson <dgbison@nwaea.org> .....6106

## Journalism Education

Judy Sweetman <jsweetman@nwaea.org> .....6088

## Juvenile Home Education Program

Program for youths detained in various centers.

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Lisa Wiese <lwiese@nwaea.org> .....6080

## KU Learning Strategies

Carla Lee <clee@nwaea.org> .....6322  
Sara Youngers <syoungers@nwaea.org> .....6298

## Laminating

Creative Services provides lamination of instructional 27" and 54" wide materials.

Production (Sioux City) .....6284

## Language Arts

Assistance for teachers in the areas of instruction, curriculum development and effective use of materials.

Sara Youngers <syoungers@nwaea.org> .....6298

## Leadership

Offers awareness programs for development of current and potential educational leaders. (See also Northwest Iowa AEA Cooperative.)

Dr. Dan Cox <dcox@nwaea.org> .....6001  
Katy Evenson <kevenson@nwaea.org> .....6019

## Least Restrictive Environment

Early Childhood Dept. <lgroth@nwaea.org> .....6050  
Special Education <spiro@nwaea.org> .....6011

## Le Mars Regional Office

Offices several Northwest AEA special education staff members who serve that area.

Toll-free ..... (800) 352-9040  
Fax ..... (712) 222-6123

## Level I Investigator

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Lisa Wiese <lwiese@nwaea.org> .....6080

## Library Evaluations

Evaluation of holdings and recommendations.  
DE Website: <https://www.educateiowa.gov/pk-12/content-areas/school-library>

## Library Skills

Pam Buysman <pbuysman@nwaea.org> .....6289

## Licensure Renewal

Information regarding license renewal procedures and forms available.

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Joyce VanderWilt <jvanderwilt@nwaea.org> .....6105  
Web .....<http://www.nwaea.org/programs/staffdev/>

## Licensure Renewal Records/Transcripts

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## Life Coaching

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## Literacy (K-12)

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Teresa Murray <tmurray@nwaea.org> .....6271  
Reann Jaminet <rjamenet@nwaea.org> .....6073  
Sara Youngers <syongers@nwaea.org> .....6298  
Paula Harding <pharding@nwaea.org> .....6341

## Magazines

(See Journal and Magazine Circulation.)

## Mandatory Reporter Training

Iowa law requires that all licensed school employees report any incident in which they have reason to believe that a child may have been abused. Training is required as a condition of licensure, as well as a condition of employment. Information and assistance.

Joyce Vander Wilt <jvanderwilt@nwaea.org> .....6105  
Web .....<http://www.aea11.k12.ia.us:16080/prodev/mandatory/>

## Mandatory Training

Multiple trainings are available online. The Iowa AEAPD Online Learning system is available to AEA employees, authorized users and employees of public/private schools. Unauthorized use or distribution of passwords is prohibited.

Joyce Vander Wilt <jvanderwilt@nwaea.org> .....6105

## Mandt Training

Learn how to reduce, if not eliminate, workplace violence by learning how to support people, not just their behaviors.

Cathy Heizelman <cheizelman@nwaea.org> .....6246

## Marketing Education

Mona Yanacheak <myanacheak@nwaea.org> .....6095

## Mathematics Education

Assistance to schools in designing curriculum and instructional strategies.

Janelle Schorg <jschorg@nwaea.org> .....6085  
Sue Chartier <schartier@nwaea.org> .....6309  
Valerie Sitzmann <vsitzmann@nwaea.org> .....6053  
Steve McHugh <smchugh@nwaea.org> .....6162

## Media Catalog Online

Browse the print and audiovisual collections online. Order audiovisual materials online.

Web .....<[www.nwaea.org](http://www.nwaea.org)> & select Media Catalog

## Media Center Lending Library

Contains instructional print and nonprint materials which are circulated to local district educators. Materials include DVDs, books, book kits, play aways, kits, models and toys for preschoolers. Materials may be searched and reserved online or catalogs are available in each building.

Online Media Catalog ... <[www.nwaea.org](http://www.nwaea.org)> & click Media Catalog  
Local Reservations (Non-Print/Print Materials) .....6064

## Medicaid Reimbursement

Northwest AEA is required to bill and collect reimbursement for eligible agency services.

Vonnie Ross <vross@nwaea.org> .....6013

## Mentoring and Induction

New teacher mentoring and induction programs.

Kristi Wilshire <kwilshire@nwaea.org> .....6066

## Multicultural/Gender-Fair Education

Resources, information and lesson planning.

Katy Evenson <kevenson@nwaea.org> .....6019

## Multimedia

(See Media Center Lending Library.)

## Multi-Tiered System of Supports

A Response to Intervention decision-making framework, including behavior.

Jennifer Collins <jcollins@nwaea.org> .....6036  
Katy Evenson <kevenson@nwaea.org> .....6019  
Seth Piro <spiro@nwaea.org> .....6011  
Sue Chartier <schartier@nwaea.org> .....6309  
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## Northwest AEA

One of Iowa's nine Area Education Agencies offering educational services for students and educators in local school districts. Northwest AEA is made up of 35 public school districts in Lyon, Osceola, O'Brien, Sioux, Cherokee, Crawford, Ida, Monona, Plymouth and Woodbury counties.

Administration ..... (712) 222-6000  
Toll-free (Sioux City) ..... (800) 352-9040  
Web ..... <www.nwaea.org>

## Nurses, Early Childhood

Information, assistance and support for instructional staff and parents of disabled preschool children.

Sheila Finch <sfinch@nwaea.org> .....6295  
Jennifer Mars <jmars@nwaea.org> .....6145

## Nurses, School

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Jennifer Mars <jmars@nwaea.org> .....6145

## Occupational Therapy

Services for students from birth to 21 in developing gross/fine motor skills, visual perception and daily living skills.

Cindy Baird <cbaird@nwaea.org> .....6021

## Onawa Regional Office

Offices several Northwest AEA special education staff members who serve that area.

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Cathy Heizelman <cheizelman@nwaea.org> .....6246  
Pam Dunning, Secretary <pdunning@nwaea.org> .....6262

## Online Database Searching

Assistance and training to search electronic databases, including Internet Web resources.

Debbie Gibson (assistance) <dgibson@nwaea.org> .....6106  
Pam Buysman <pbuysman@nwaea.org> .....6289

## Open Enrollment

Eric Heitz <eric.heitz@iowa.gov> ..... 515/281-4726

## Orientation and Mobility Services

Consultant provides services to severely visually impaired and blind students.

Cindy Baird <cbaird@nwaea.org> .....6021

## Paraeducator Training and Certification

Training for paraeducators for certification and/or to assist paraeducators and teachers in working effectively in the classroom to promote student growth.

Judy Sweetman <jsweetman@nwaea.org> .....6088  
Joyce VanderWilt <jvanderwilt@nwaea.org> .....6105

## Parent Rights

Brochures available which explain rights of parents in the special education process.

Seth Piro <spiro@nwaea.org> .....6011

## Parent Support

Support, resources and group facilitation for parents of special needs preschool children.

Pam Woelber <pwoelber@nwaea.org> .....6037

## Perkins

Information and consultation on programs and requirements.  
Mona Yanacheak <myanacheak@nwaea.org> .....6095

## Physical Therapy

Therapists assess specific areas of physical development and provide therapy, consultation or advisory services to help disabled children reach maximum independence.

Cindy Baird <cbaird@nwaea.org> .....6021

## Planetarium

(See Starlab.)

## Positive Behavioral Intervention Support (PBIS)

An initiative of the Iowa Department of Education that recognizes the importance of positive relationships among all members of a school community for the purpose of enhancing learning. PBS emphasizes prevention, active instruction, and research-validated practices.

Theresa Dehn <tdehn@nwaea.org> .....6269

## Preschool Services

(See Early Childhood Special Education.)

## Principals' Meetings

Lisa Wiese <lwiese@nwaea.org> .....6080

## Printing (Also See Creative Services)

Print jobs from short-run copying to larger publications available to area schools in black and white or color. Examples include report cards, purchase order forms, student handbooks, certificates, graduation programs and activity tickets.

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Patti Bryan <pbryan@nwaea.org> .....6072  
Noelle Vondrak <nvondrak@nwaea.org> .....6139  
Rebekah Fiechtner <rfiechtner@nwaea.org> .....6284

## Production Services (See Creative Services)

Including laminating, graphics, printing, finishing, banners, large format posters, vinyl, canvases, sensory floors, yard signs, PBIS materials, buttons, magnets, envelopes and clings.

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Georganne Welding <gwelding@nwaea.org> .....6071  
Beth Love <blove@nwaea.org> .....6067  
Caitlin Kounkel <ckounkel@nwaea.org> .....6074  
Noelle Vondrak <nvondrak@nwaea.org> .....6139  
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## Professional Development

(See also Licensure Renewal.)

Judy Sweetman <jsweetman@nwaea.org> .....6088  
Joyce Vander Wilt (registrar) <jvanderwilt@nwaea.org> .....6105

## Professional Learning Communities

Katy Evenson <kevenson@nwaea.org> .....6019

## Professional Library (See Media Center Lending Library)

Houses the Curriculum Lab, educational journals and print materials for professional growth and curriculum development. Educators may browse and/or checkout items.

Debbie Gibson <dgibson@nwaea.org> .....6106  
Media Catalog .....<www.nwaea.org> & select Media Catalog

## Professional Periodicals

(See Journal and Magazine Circulation.)

## Psychological Services

(See School Psychology.)

## Reading Education

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Reann Jaminet <rjamine@nwaea.org>.....	6073
Teresa Murray <tmurray@nwaea.org>.....	6271
Paula Harding <pharding@nwaea.org>.....	6341
Carla Lee <clee@nwaea.org>.....	6322
Sara Youngers <syoungers@nwaea.org>.....	6298
Shari Hansen <shansen@nwaea.org>.....	6107
Jodi Kerns <jkerns@nwaea.org>.....	6093

## Read Naturally

Program that develops and supports the five essential components of reading, which are phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension.

Teresa Murray <tmurray@nwaea.org>.....	6271
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## Reading Recovery

First-grade reading intervention program.

Shari Hansen <shansen@nwaea.org>.....	6107
Jodi Kerns <jkerns@nwaea.org>.....	6093
Lisa Wiese <lwiese@nwaea.org>.....	6080

## Recertification/Renewal Units

(See Licensure Renewal.)

## Records Room (Students)

Maintains records of special education students.

Teresa Emge <temge@nwaea.org>.....	6018
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## Regional Offices

Several Northwest AEA staff members are officed in service centers in Le Mars, Cherokee, Denison, Sioux Center and Onawa. See individual listings

## Registrar

Registration for staff development courses.

Joyce Vander Wilt <jvanderwilt@nwaea.org>.....	6105
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## Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Sec. 504)

(See Section 504.)

## Reorganization Studies

Completes studies required by state law or by request.

Dr. Dan Cox <dcox@nwaea.org>.....	6001
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## Reporting Progress to Community

Liz Determan <ldeterman@nwaea.org>.....	6003
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## School Improvement Planning

(See Comprehensive School Improvement Plans.)

## School Psychology

Services include evaluation and consultation to assist students with educational development and personal adjustment. Psychologists work with multidisciplinary teams to recommend specific educational strategies for each disabled student.

Dana Oas <doas@nwaea.org>.....	6137
Seth Piro <spiro@nwaea.org>.....	6268

## School Wide Information System (SWIS)

A computerized program to track office referrals.

Jennifer Collins <jcollins@nwaea.org>.....	6036
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## Science/STEM Education

Assistance in curriculum planning.

Jody Still Herbold <jherbold@nwaea.org>.....	6213
Adam Moss <amoss@nwaea.org>.....	6278

## Screening (Early Childhood)

Early childhood screening to detect developmental problems in 2-, 3- and 4-year-old children.

Lori Groth <lgroth@nwaea.org>.....	6050
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## Screening (Hearing)

Hearing screening for grades Pre-K-5 and 8 and others upon request.

Hearing Dept .....	6020
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## Second Chance Reading

Carla Lee <clee@nwaea.org>.....	6322
Sara Youngers <syoungers@nwaea.org>.....	6298

## Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

Mona Yanacheak <myanacheak@nwaea.org>.....	6095
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## Service Learning

Mona Yanacheak <myanacheak@nwaea.org>.....	6095
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## SIM Content Enhancement & Learning Strategies

Carla Lee <clee@nwaea.org>.....	6322
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## Sioux Center Service Center

Toll-Free .....	(800) 352-9040
Fax .....	(712) 222-6123

## Six Traits of Writing

Judy Sweetman <jsweetman@nwaea.org> (Elem/Middle).....	6088
Sara Youngers <syoungers@nwaea.org> (Middle/HS).....	6298

## SMART Board Training

Amanda Beyer <abeyer@nwaea.org>.....	6097
Tyler Youngers <tyoungers@nwaea.org>.....	6300

## Social Skills

Theresa Dehn <tdehn@nwaea.org>.....	6269
Amy Benson <abenson@nwaea.org>.....	6078

## Social Studies Education

Assistance with curriculum development, text adoption and special programs.

Judy Sweetman <jsweetman@nwaea.org>.....	6088
Mona Yanacheak <myanacheak@nwaea.org>.....	6095
Tyler Youngers <tyoungers@nwaea.org>.....	6300

## Software Agreements

Instructional computing distribution rights and volume purchase.

Pam Buysman <pbuysman@nwaea.org>.....	6289
Jeff Sypersma <jsypersma@nwaea.org>.....	6091

## Special Education Programs

Provides services to eligible students, birth to age 21, through such areas as special education consultants, school psychology, speech, hearing, school social work, early childhood special education, occupational and physical therapy, school nurse, work experience, Parent-Educator Program and transitioning. See individual listings.

Administration .....6004  
Fax ..... (712) 222-6115  
Seth Piro <spiro@nwaea.org> .....6011

## Special Education Student Records

(See Records Room.)

## Speech-Language Services

Speech-language pathologists identify speech and language disabled students and develop programs for remediation of language, articulation and fluency problems. Participate in development of education plans and placement decisions.

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Dana Oas <doas@nwaea.org> .....6137

## Staff Development

See Licensure Renewal.

## Staff Development Records/Transcripts

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## Staffings/IEPs

Educational planning sessions for special education students with multidisciplinary team, parents and local school personnel.

Seth Piro <spiro@nwaea.org> .....6011

## Starlab Planetarium

Inflatable planetarium dome, projection system and curriculum. Accommodates about 20 students. Two systems loaned to schools on rotating basis. Reserve through Media Center Lending Library.

Ann Derochie <aderochie@nwaea.org> .....6065  
Jordan Menning <jmenning@nwaea.org> .....6146

## Student Achievement Data

(See Assessment.)

## Student Death/Crisis Intervention

Assistance to schools in dealing with sudden death of a student.

Jerome Schaefer <jschaefer@nwaea.org> .....6114

## Student Support Services

Amy Benson <abenson@nwaea.org> .....6078

## Substance Abuse

(See Drug Education.)

## Substitute Authorization

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Joyce Vander Wilt <jvanderwilt@nwaea.org> .....6105

## Suicide Prevention

Information, resources, consultation. Assistance with follow-up in the event of sudden student death.

Jennifer Collins <jcollins@nwaea.org> .....6036

## Superintendents' Meetings

Dr. Dan Cox <dcox@nwaea.org> .....6001

## Talented and Gifted

In-service and assistance on instructional models, materials and programs for teaching gifted/talented students.

Sue Chartier <schartier@nwaea.org> .....6309

## Teacher Leader and Compensation Act

Katy Evenson <kevenson@nwaea.org> .....6019

## Teacher Licensure/Renewal

Information regarding license renewal procedures, forms and courses available.

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Joyce Vander Wilt <jvanderwilt@nwaea.org> .....6105

## Teacher Mentoring

(See Mentoring.)

## Tech Prep

Information, resources and consultation on career and technical education programs meeting the requirements of the Iowa Tech Prep model.

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## Tech Support Services

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Jeff Stokes <jstokes@nwaea.org> .....6366

## Technology Planning

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Judy Sweetman <jsweetman@nwaea.org> .....6088

## Teen Award

(See Iowa Teen Award.)

## Textbooks

Sample copies of recently published educational materials. May check out for review. (See also Curriculum Lab.)

Debbie Gibson <dgibson@nwaea.org> .....6106

## Thinking Skills

(See Higher Order Thinking Skills.)

## Title I

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## Title II

Katy Evenson <kevenson@nwaea.org> .....6019

## Title III Professional Development

(See English Language Learners.)

## Title III Grant Coordination

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Sherri Anderson <sanderson@nwaea.org> .....6264

## Toys

Toys for use in the development of preschool students are available for checkout. (See Media Center Lending Library.)

## Training

(See individual entries, including Software Training, Mandatory Reporter Training, High Scope Training, APL, Evaluator Approval, Least Restrictive Environment, Staff Development, Professional Growth and others.)

## Transition Project

Assists special needs high school students in making the transition from school to a job.

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## Twice Exceptional Program

High ability students who have learning disabilities.

Sue Chartier <schartier@nwaea.org>.....6309

## Van Delivery (See Delivery Services.)

## Video Reservations

(See Media Center Lending Library.)

## Vinyl/Signage Consultation (See Creative Services)

Contact us to come to your school for design ideas to brighten up your hallways, classrooms and offices.

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Beth Love <blove@nwaea.org>.....6067

Patti Bryan <pbryan@nwaea.org> .....6072

## Vision Services

Information, consultation, resources, referrals for visually-impaired children to enhance development of skills for the classroom.

Cindy Baird <cbaird@nwaea.org>.....6021

## Vocational Education

Mona Yanacheak <myanacheak@nwaea.org>.....6095

## Wellness (Employee Programs)

Wellmark BlueCross BlueShield is the provider of programs for Northwest AEA and some area schools to help improve staff member health and well-being. Go to myhealth@wellmark at <www.wellmark.com> to find valuable health and wellness tools to help you on your journey to a healthier you.

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## Writing

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Sara Youngers <syongers@nwaea.org> .....6298

## Writing Across the Curriculum

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