

## **Kristen S. Lewald, Ed.D.**

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### **Professional Experience:**

1999-Present

Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13, Lancaster, PA

#### *Statewide Project Director, Pennsylvania Value-Added Assessment System (PVAAS)*

Serve as statewide Project Director for the statewide Pennsylvania Value Added Assessment System under the leadership of the Pennsylvania Department of Education(PDE); Responsible for communication with PDE, liaison with school districts across Pennsylvania, program evaluation, budget administration and supervision of staff assigned to the PVAAS Project; Coordinate professional development, technical assistance and consultation services to districts across Pennsylvania during a multi-year statewide implementation plan including coordination of statewide training teams, providing support to 500 districts, and developing support structures to train and support 29 intermediate units in PVAAS project implementation within their respective region. Serve on statewide School Improvement Leadership Team; Serve on statewide Response to Intervention team. Coordinate data analyses/reporting for Pennsylvania's \$66 million Educational Assistance Program(EAP).

#### *Program Director, Data Management Services*

Developed an array of data management services for component school districts and other clients in the area of data access, integrity and use. Provided professional development and consultation on data management to local district administrative teams lead by the Superintendent. Served on state-level information management committee.

#### *Staff Development and Training Specialist*

Coordinated regional mathematics and science consortiums including a range of professional development supports and services for content area leaders and classroom teachers. Co-coordinated regional benchmark assessment project with 22 local school districts. Co-developed regional consortium for virtual high school course development and implementation. Coordinated instructional management system consortium. Awarded numerous competitive grants for regional instructional programs including 2 Educate America Act Grants and 2 Technology Literacy Challenge Fund Grants. Provided regional professional development sessions on standards-based curriculum, assessment and instructional practices.

*Educational Consultant*

Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network, Harrisburg, PA  
Planned collaboratively with K-12 school district administrators to establish customized plans for professional development and consultation on standards-based curriculum, assessment and instruction for regular and special education. Responded to technical assistance requests from the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Conducted needs assessments to identify training needs for regional service agencies and school districts. Facilitated systemic change to reflect educational practices. Coordinated technical assistance team in the development and implementation of technical assistance and training plans. Developed and provided training on a range of topics for service providers, parents and administrators. Applied techniques of adult learning in staff development. Initiated and developed structure and content for agency web site. Topics for professional development and consultation listed below.

*Regional Consultant*

Prentke Romich Company, Wooster, OH  
Provided multi-state(MD, DE, WV) professional development, consultation and technical assistance on technology for individuals with disabilities. Located statewide funding sources. Provided consultative services and supplied consumers/professionals with local, state and national resources for technology. Consulted with schools, hospitals and state agencies to provide information for program initiation/expansion.

*Speech-Language Clinician*

Rehab Hospital of York, York, PA  
Developed departmental strategies for increased productivity, performance and census building. Served adolescent and adults with disabilities in a team context. Conducted training/consultation with physicians, administrators, direct care staff and families.

*Speech-Language Clinician*

Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13, Lancaster, PA  
Served K-12 students with disabilities. Teamed with K-12 school administrators, educational staff and parents to implement individual education programs.

*Speech-Language Clinician*

Easter Seal Society of York, York, PA  
Provided direct services to preschool students with disabilities. Provided services primarily in the areas of language disorders and disorders of phonological processing.

**Professional Affiliations and Accomplishments:**

- PAIU Gary Miller Award (2010)
- International Society for Performance Improvement
- American Society for Training and Development
- Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development

- Pennsylvania Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development
- National Staff Development Council
- Lancaster-Lebanon IU13 Annual Administrator Employee of Distinction Award (2002)
- PDE Statewide School Improvement Leadership team
- PDE Statewide Response to Intervention (RtI) Workgroup
- PDE PSSA Statewide Advisory Committee

**Professional Attainment:**

Ed. D., Educational Leadership, Immaculata University, April 2008

M.Ed., Adult and Organization Development, Temple University, 2000

M.S., Speech Language Pathology, Bloomsburg University, 1987

B.S., Communication Disorders, Bloomsburg University, 1986

Certifications:

Pennsylvania Superintendent Letter of Eligibility

Instructional II, Speech-Language Impaired

Developed and Administered Statewide and Regional Innovative Programs:

- IU13 Pennsylvania Virtual Education (PAVE), Initiated in 1999
- IU13 Data Management Services, Initiated in 2002
- Statewide PVAAS Pilot Implementation, 2002-2005
- Statewide PVAAS Implementation, 2005- Present

Professor, Johns Hopkins University, Graduate Course

Environmental Communication Teaching, 1991

Adjunct Professor, Wilkes University, Graduate Course

Educational Assessment Course, 2006-2008

- Taught course in traditional classroom format
- Taught course in full online format via Blackboard

**Other Professional Experience:**

National Conferences • Keynotes • Large Group Sessions • One-on-One -  
 Statewide/National Satellite Teleconferences • Small Group Sessions • Videoconferences  
 • Webinars

Audiences Have Included:

Superintendents • Assistant Superintendents • Special Education Directors •  
 Technology Directors • Principals • Assistant Principals • Content Area leaders •  
 Classroom Teachers (Regular and Special Education) • School Board members •  
 Statewide Organizations/Associations • Higher Education • Policy-Makers •  
 Media/Press

Presentation/Consultation Topics Have Included:

Standards-Based Systems • EAP/Tutoring • Data Informed Decision-Making • Data Quality • Data Integration • Pennsylvania Value-Added Assessment System (PVAAS) • Data Team Meetings • School Improvement Planning • Team Development • Effective Team Meetings • Collaboration • Effective Staff Development Approaches • Comprehensive Systemic Professional Development • Effective Instructional Design • Active Learning • Adult Learning Principles • Communication Processes for Collaboration • Effective Technical Assistance • Technology to Enhance Individual Productivity and Professional Development • Technology to Enhance Leadership and Teamwork • Maximizing the Internet • Accommodations for Diverse Learners • Individuals with Disabilities • Building Local Capacity • Instructional Management Systems • Online Learning for K-12 Students • Virtual High School Effective Technical Assistance •

**Publications:**

Examples include:

Pennsylvania Value-Added Assessment System (PVAAS) Statewide Communication and Professional development materials for Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Bixler-Stoudt, T., Bohan, J., Lewald, K., & McCartney, P. (2005). The pursuit of data-informed school culture in Pennsylvania. *The Pennsylvania Administrator*, 15-17.

Dubble, J., & Lewald, K. S (2002) *Virtual learning: Success through collaboration*. Perspectives Journal, v. 8. Association of Educational Service Agencies.

Fonner, K., & Lewald, K. (1999) *Discovering AAC setups compact disk: A tool for assessment of AAC systems*. Don Johnston, Inc.

Armstrong, J., & Lewald, K. (1999). *Translating Theory into Practice: Forming Parent and Professional Partnerships*. American Speech-Language and Hearing Association Special Interest Division Newsletter.

Procedural Safeguards Train-the Trainer Modules (1998), Instructional Support System of PA, Harrisburg, PA. Training packet- overheads, trainer notes, handouts and support materials.

Handbook of Augmentative and Alternative Communication (1997), Singular Publishing Group Inc.: San Diego. Contributing author-chapter on service delivery.

Framework for Learning Accommodations (1997), Instructional Support System of PA, Harrisburg, PA. Resource guide to serve as a framework for education.

Funding Technology for Programs (1995), Instructional Support System of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, PA. Resource guide including structures for funding acquisition.

Technology for Individuals with Disabilities (1993), California State University at Northridge Conference Proceedings, Los Angeles, CA. Three papers regarding training systems.

**Demonstrated Leadership:**

- Completed in EPLC Education Policy Fellowship Program (2008)
- Completed Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership at Immaculata University (2008)
- Co-established IU13 Virtual Education/Virtual High School Initiative (2000)
- Established IU13 Data Management Services (2004)
- Statewide Project Director for Pennsylvania Value-Added Assessment System (2002-present)
- Lancaster-Lebanon IU13 Annual Administrator Employee of Distinction Award (2002)
- Battelle for Kids National Value-Added Pioneer Award (2006)
- Pennsylvania Department of Education Statewide School Improvement Leadership team (2008-present)
- Pennsylvania Department of Education Statewide Response to Intervention Workgroup (2008-present)
- Pennsylvania Department of Education Pennsylvania Statewide System of Assessment Statewide Advisory Committee (2008-present)
- Lancaster-Lebanon IU13 SY07-08 Team Work Award (2008)
- PAIU Gary Miller Award (2010)