**Tuesday, October 5, 2021**

**“Poverty” - Considerations for the School Environment**

**Presenter:** Judith Petruzzi, PSEA Director of Education Services

This professional development opportunity shares information regarding the impact of poverty upon the students we educate. An overview of poverty in the United States is followed by information on how to put research-based practices to use in supporting this population of at-risk learners.

If you work in Mercer, Lawrence, Butler, Clarion, or Beaver County, you should attend the ESP Midwestern Division Meetings.
Wednesday, December 7, 2021

Legal Issues for ESP Members

Presenter: Leslie Kitsko, Staff Attorney

This presentation will address legal issues affecting ESP employees. Topics may include overtime issues, the protection of bargaining unit work, child abuse reporting obligations and investigations, dealing with administration, and other legal issues pertaining to public school employees.

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“Hot Topics - A Round Table Discussion”

Presenter: Jeff Grinaway, UniServ Rep

This program is an open discussion on current and trending issues pertaining to Education Support Professionals. Topics may include, but are not limited to: motivating members, running efficient meetings, mobilizing, local elections, Special Education, healthcare, pension, and more. If there is a particular topic not on the list, please indicate the topic you wish to discuss when you call to RSVP.

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

“Getting By” - A Game on Scarcity

Presenters: Nathan Greenawalt, Director of Special Field Programs
            Jeff Grinaway, PSEA UniServ Representative

What if you couldn’t pay your heat in winter? What if your car breaks down and you’re fired for being late? Do you pay your bills or feed your children? This hands-on workshop will explore the challenges of living in poverty. You will experience firsthand how poverty changes the way the brain works and the decisions people make. The game will focus on real-life situations and force participants to make decisions quickly.

Flyers containing specific details and registration information will be sent to all local presidents three weeks prior to the workshops and will also be posted on:

- MW Region Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/pseamidwesternregion
- MW Region website at https://www.psea.org/regions/midwestern-region

Questions? Call the Midwestern Region Office at 1-800-942-8025.