

Enhancing  
Teacher Candidates and  
Cooperating Teachers' Skills Using  
the Talents Unlimited Model  
C-TEN Grant - 2014

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“Collaboration, it turns out, is not a gift from the gods but a skill that requires effort and practice.”

Douglas B. Reeves, *Transforming Professional Development Into Student Results*



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# C-TEN Grant

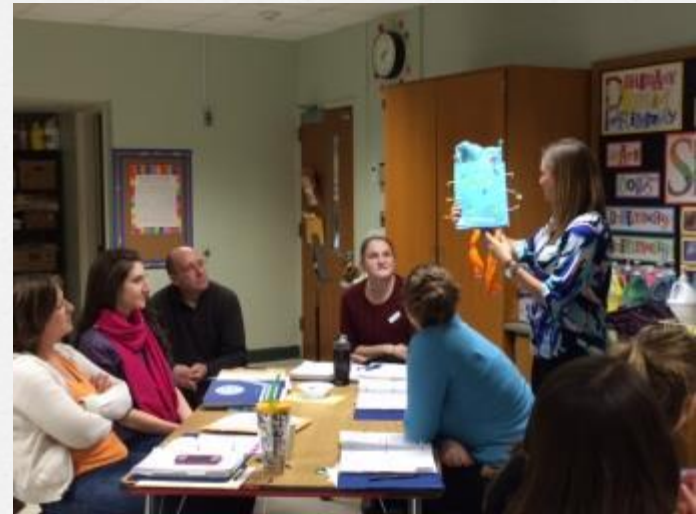
- Grant provided money for Talents Unlimited materials for professional educators and teacher candidates
- Paid for substitutes for ALL professional educators for full two days
- Included grade level and resource teachers

- o Talents Unlimited Training provided by Dr. Gwen Frank, National Certified Trainer for the model
- o Training held on one Friday in January and one February



# Professional Development Spring, 2014

- o Professional educators were paired and trained side by side with teacher candidates.
- o Teacher candidates “literally” listened to every word the professional educators shared with them.
- o Professional educators felt that they were sharing the craft of being an educator and saw themselves as mentors.



# Into the classroom

- o Professional educators and teacher candidates collaborated on creating and delivering Talents Unlimited lessons as well as other lessons in the classrooms





# Sustainability

## Fall, 2014 and beyond

- o C-TEN Grant money provided for additional materials to train new teacher candidates in Talents Unlimited
- o Teacher candidates continue to use in field experiences at Riverside Elementary School
- o Professional Development School Partnership Annual Conference, 2015 – proposal submission to send a team (principal, teacher, two teacher candidates and Dr. Frank) to share this experience

# C-TEN Grant Outcomes:

- o Shared professional development
  - o worked as a conduit for collaboration between veteran professional educators and teacher candidates
  - o opened lines for better collaboration between SUNY Oneonta and Riverside Elementary School and
  - o Created opportunities for more collaboration with planning, consistency and purposefulness.

# Reciprocation

- o Riverside Elementary School professional educators sharing expertise
  - o Mrs. Murdock – Adjunct professor for ELA methods course - Fall, 2014
  - o Ms. Johnson – Adjunct professor for ELA course – Spring, 2015

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# Q and A