

This has been my third semester as a member of the Special Education Leadership Cohort. I have continued to gain some invaluable learning experiences this semester that would not have been possible had I not been a part of this cohort. I have enjoyed the opportunity to continue my involvement as a member of the research team. This semester we changed the site in which we conducted our intervention. We continued to work with middle school students with EBD, however this year we worked with students in a less restrictive environment than the previous year. This year I helped with the writing of the lesson plans for the intervention, and I was also able to work with a group of students through the whole intervention process. I continued to be responsible for organizing the schedule for the research as well as maintain the master attendance schedule and I oversaw the completion of fidelity of treatment for each teacher.

This semester we were able to go the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) headquarters in Ballston, VA for a field trip. It was great to be able to spend some time hearing about all the different aspects of the organization. I was especially interested in the policy work in which CEC is involved.

An additional experience I had as a member of the research team was attending a talk given by Dr. Margo Mastropieri on job searches and dissertation planning. This session was very helpful as I look towards completing my coursework and move on to the dissertation planning stage and searching for a job. I am slightly apprehensive with both of these aspects, because I still do not know what I would like to do or where I would like to work once I finish this program. I also need to decide what I would like to do as far as my dissertation is concerned, however at this time I do not have any clear ideas.

Artifact:

- Fall 2009 Cohort Reflection