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A Message from CEA Executive Director Kaiser

Dear CEA Members,

As a new school year begins and the first signs of fall appear, we are reminded that this season carries with it renewal, growth, and opportunity. It is a time to reflect on our shared purpose as educators in correctional settings and to embrace learning experiences that strengthen both our practice and our community. CEA is here to walk alongside you in that journey. This year, we invite you to take advantage of opportunities designed to inspire, connect, and equip you for the important work ahead:

- **Lunch and Learn Sessions** – brief yet impactful opportunities to expand your knowledge.
- **Exhibitor Webinars** – fresh insights into resources and innovations that support your work.
- **Networking Opportunities** – meaningful conversations that spark collaboration and new ideas.

Together, let us make this season one of growth—for ourselves, for one another, and for the students and communities we serve.

With gratitude and excitement for what's ahead,

Peggy

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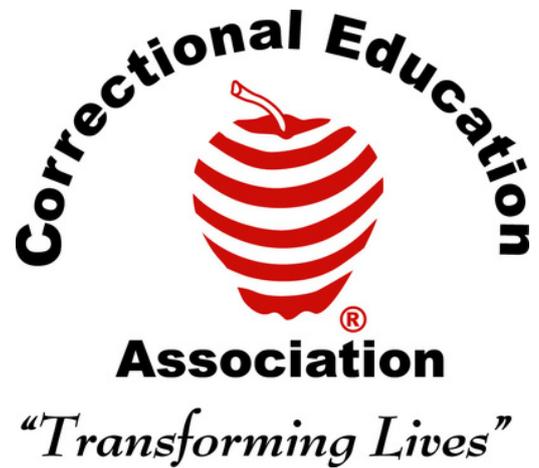
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September 15, 2025: Region 1 Lunch & Learn

May 3 - 5, 2026: CEA Forum

August 9 - 12, 2026: 80th CEA International
Conference and Training Event



Correctional Education Association Conference 2025: Paving the Bridge to Success in Pittsburgh, PA

By: Kammy Hoover, Conference Co-chair

From August 10–13, 2025, the city of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, played host to the 79th Annual Correctional Education Association (CEA) International Conference and Training Event and the 63rd Annual CEA Region I Conference. Held at the Sheraton Pittsburgh Hotel at Station Square, this pivotal event brought together educators, corrections professionals, policymakers, and advocates from across the country to explore innovative strategies for transforming lives through education behind bars.

The conference theme “Paving the Bridge to Success,” emphasizing the critical role of education in preparing incarcerated individuals for reintegration back into their communities. The event opened with the presentation of the colors by the SCI Mercer Honor Guard who returned on the final day to retire the colors.

Sessions focused on building effective pathways from correctional institutions to post-release opportunities, with a spotlight on postsecondary education in prison, educational technology and digital access, trauma-informed teaching practices, and reentry support and workforce development to name a few.



Attendees included persons from 41 states and two (2) from Barbados, who work as correctional education administrators, teachers and instructors, representatives from nonprofit organizations and advocacy groups, and educational technology providers and curriculum developers. The diverse mix of participants fostered rich dialogue and collaboration, with many sharing successes, challenges, and new research findings.



*Above: Teachers of the Year Recognition
Right: Lifetime Achievement Honoree Connie Nealon
with CEA Secretary Jody Burt.*



Keynote speakers for the event included Dr. Laurel Harry, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections, Kelly Evans, Executive Deputy Secretary for Community Corrections and Reentry, and Melvin Williams, a reentrant from the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections. All three spoke of the impact of education in success beyond incarceration from each of their lenses. There was a celebration Monday evening to celebrate the six outstanding Regional Teachers for the Year.

Beyond the formal sessions, the conference offered ample opportunities for networking. Attendees connected over shared goals, forged new partnerships, and explored ways to advocate for policy changes that support educational equity in correctional settings.

Correctional education has been shown to significantly reduce recidivism and improve post-release outcomes. Events like the CEA Conference are vital for advancing best practices, promoting innovation, and ensuring incarcerated learners receive the tools they need to thrive.

The event opened with the presentation of the colors by the SCI Mercer Honor guard who returned to retire the colors to close the event.

Meet the Lifetime Achievement Award

WINNER

We're so excited to recognize the outstanding contributions of our CEA members.



Constance Nealon

Connie Nealon is a CEA Standards Commissioner and past Commission Chair. A graduate of Wellesley College with a Latin major, she earned an MS in Education from the Syracuse University Urban Teacher Preparation Program. She taught elementary subjects in inner-city, suburban, and rural schools but turned to adult and correctional education in 1977 when she began her correctional education career as a Teacher and Supervisor of Volunteer Tutors for the New York State Department of Corrections.

A CEA member since 1985, Connie has been a leader in CEA New York Chapter (CEANY) and the CEA Region I Board as Secretary, Conference Chair, and Representative-at Large. She became a certified CEA Accreditation Auditor in 1999 and a Standards Commissioner in 2015. She advocates for teachers and programs that serve incarcerated students. She has participated in the American Library Association's national conference "Hearing on Library Standards for People Who Are Incarcerated". She firmly believes in the value of the CEA Accreditation process of providing benchmark standards, evaluation, and recognition of quality programs that specifically focus on the needs of incarcerated students and the demands of society.

Connie has been pleased to lead advances in the Standards Commission operating procedures, advocacy for accreditation, and Accreditation and auditor training. She has especially enjoyed engaging several new accreditation participants and providing the training and support leading to their programs earning their first CEA Accreditation. As she completes her term as Standards Commissioner and she and her husband move from east coast to west coast, she looks forward to continuing Accreditation auditing, mentoring new auditors, and connecting with Region 7 CEA.

Meet the President Award
WINNER

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Michelle Pfaff

Michelle Pfaff is the Director of Education for the North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, where she leads initiatives to enhance educational opportunities for incarcerated individuals across the state. With a strong commitment to rehabilitation through education, Michelle has dedicated her career to improving access to learning within correctional settings.

She began her journey in correctional education as a GED instructor at the North Dakota State Penitentiary, where she worked directly with adult learners to help them achieve academic success. Her leadership skills and passion for education soon led her to the role of Principal at the North Dakota Youth Correctional Center, where she focused on creating supportive learning environments for justice-involved youth.

Michelle holds a Bachelor of Science in History Education from North Dakota State University and a Master of Education from the University of North Dakota. In addition to her state leadership role, she serves as the Region IV Director for the Correctional Education Association (CEA), where she advocates for best practices and professional development in correctional education nationwide. Her outstanding contributions in this capacity earned her the prestigious CEA President's Award, recognizing her steadfast leadership and dedication to advancing the field.

Meet the Executive Director Award

WINNER

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Susanna Spaulding

Drawn to social justice and civic engagement, Susanna became a member of the Correctional Education Association in 2006. Currently, she serves as Treasurer of CEA Region 7 and contributes to the planning committees for the spring Leadership Forums and summer Conferences. Susanna's research and practice focus on the experience of teaching college curriculum for incarcerated populations and on the role of civic engagement for college students. She has taught entrepreneurship and social responsibility at the post-secondary level for incarcerated students at the Buena Vista (Colorado) Correctional Complex.

As a professor at Colorado Mountain College, Susanna collaborated with a correctional educator to develop a college certificate for incarcerated students in entrepreneurial leadership. In addition to CEA, Susanna's professional associations include the Colorado Education Association, the Council for the Study of Community Colleges, and the American Association of University Professors.

Prior to her second career in college teaching Susanna worked for 15 years in financial analysis and budgeting in New York City for General Electric, Scholastic Inc, and the New York City Police Department. Then she joined the U.S. Peace Corps to serve in Botswana and Bulgaria. Susanna has a bachelor of arts in French language and literature, a master's in business administration, and a PhD in Community College Leadership.

Meet the Advocate Award

WINNER

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Michael Shaffer

Michael Shaffer, a dedicated educator and leader, graduated from Glenville State College in 1994 and began his teaching career in 1996, working with Adult Education classes in Braxton County, West Virginia. His passion for education and helping others led him to a position in February 2000 with the Office of Institutional Education Programs (OIEP), where he began teaching in a correctional facility. During his time with the agency, Mike not only taught but also provided training and ongoing support to Adult Education instructors across the state, establishing himself as a knowledgeable and committed mentor.

In 2010, Mike earned his Master's degree in Leadership, Superintendent, and Curriculum, which propelled him into a leadership role as Supervising Principal of Adult Programs for The West Virginia Schools of Diversion and Transition (formerly OIEP). In this capacity, he has played a crucial role in implementing innovative strategies and programs, while continually offering support and guidance to staff. His work has contributed significantly to the advancement of adult education within the correctional system, and his leadership continues to positively impact both educators and learners throughout West Virginia.

Meet the Teacher of the Year
REGION 1

We're so excited to recognize the outstanding contributions of our CEA members.



Colleen Gilmartin

Colleen Gilmartin is currently a GED teacher at George W. Hill Correctional Facility in Delaware County, Pennsylvania. She earned her BA from University of Maryland and then went on to earn her MA in Education from Trinity Washington University in the District of Columbia. Her teaching career started in Baltimore, Maryland inner city schools over 20 years ago. Colleen also served in the Peace Corps in post-Apartheid Namibia where she trained teachers in classroom management and curriculum development in rural African schools. She earned the name Ms. G while working with court adjudicated teenage boys at a minimum-security facility in Pennsylvania until it closed its doors due to the pandemic.

Mrs. G has helped over 103 incarcerated students achieve their GED since she began working at George W. Hill in 2021. She spearheaded a community outreach program to provide leisure books for the incarcerated population by working with local libraries and book clubs. As a result, she can fulfill requests and personally select reading materials for her students. Teaching the incarcerated population is incredibly fulfilling. She loves the process from the day her students sign up to the day they obtain their GED. New students are often reluctant and lack confidence, but their confidence slowly builds with each test they pass. Grown men often cry and express their excitement to tell their family members when they acquire their GED. It is truly an honor to help them achieve their goal.

Meet the Teacher of the Year
REGION 2

We're so excited to recognize the outstanding contributions of our CEA members.



Lisa Elliott

Lisa Elliott graduated from Wilmington University with a bachelor's in business management and a Master's in Elementary Education with a Graduate Certificate in Special Education for Autism/Severe Intellectual Disabilities. Before becoming a teacher, Lisa first visited Sussex Correctional Institution in her work as a seasonal police officer and that sparked an interest that would later alter the track of her career. She decided she could make a larger impact by becoming an educator and helping guide students to make better choices. She taught Special Education in Delaware and Louisiana for over 15 years in a middle or high school setting before becoming a correctional educator. She served on school crisis teams, numerous high school committees, coached hockey and softball, became the advisor for numerous school activities, and worked as a homebound teacher for several years. As Lisa saw some of her high school students making choices that landed them in the prison pipeline, she decided to answer the calling to be a correctional educator. Lisa has a strong passion for teaching in adult correctional education as the Educational Diagnostician/Special Education Teacher for Sussex Correctional Institution in Georgetown, Delaware. She balances trust and honest communication with a genuine interest in every student to help engage students to want to pursue their education. Lisa has helped students earn their High School Diploma and GED® credential over the past few years. Lisa's strong connections with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation has helped students bridge the gap from school inside the prison to potential vocational training and opportunities upon release. Her firm belief that the first day in class is the right time to begin re-entry planning ensures that all students have the information to build connections for a more successful life beyond the bars.

Meet the Teacher of the Year
REGION 3

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Greg Hauck

With 18 years of teaching experience, Greg Hauck is passionate about empowering adult learners through education. He currently teaches Employment Readiness—focusing on reentry and Computer Literacy—at the Richard Handlon Correctional Facility in Ionia, Michigan. Greg believes in a student-centered approach to learning, where collaboration, critical thinking, and the use of technology help students discover solutions and build confidence in their abilities.

Greg holds a Bachelors Degree in Business from Davenport University and a Masters Degree in Career and Technical Education from Western Michigan University. His dedication to creating a positive and supportive learning environment reflects his deep commitment to helping students succeed and build a better future.

Outside the classroom, Greg is a proud only parent of two amazing children and cherishes every moment with them. He's an avid world traveler, marathon runner, and enjoys snowboarding and skiing in the mountains out West.

Meet the Teacher of the Year

REGION 4

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Sherry Yancey

Sherry took on the role of teaching medium and max female population, which is two hours away and in a different time zone, energetically in January 2023. Teaching math while being beamed onto a whiteboard and trying to watch your students definitely has its challenges. Sherry teaches all subjects of the GED content and a reading intervention class called STAR. Not only is she teaching but she is cheerleading and supporting good choices along the way. She has changed people's lives and fully embodies our mission of transforming lives, influencing change, and strengthening community.

Sherry has demonstrated that she is a problem solver and an innovative teacher in her ability to teach an entire population of students at DWCRC remotely via Zoom. She obviously is doing something right because 23% of the students who finished out their time at DWCRC graduated with their GED diploma! 17 graduates are the second highest amount of all our adult facilities, only coming in behind NDSP where there were twice as many students.

Sherry attended Bismarck State College and University of Mary, both in Bismarck, ND. She earned bachelor's degrees in both Athletic Training and Physical Education. Sherry taught 32 years in public school in Idaho, Colorado, and North Dakotas, and has been teaching ABE for the ND Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for two- and one-half years.

Sherry is married with one son and three dogs. She enjoys Bible studies, outdoor walks, and doing one new thing every year since she turned 50.

Meet the Teacher of the Year **REGION 5**

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Marcia Rogers

Mrs. Rogers began her career with the Arkansas Correctional School District in August of 2017. From day one, she has purposefully worked to blend genuine compassion, innovation, and dedication to transform her students' lives through education. Mrs. Rogers earned a Master of Arts in Teaching and a BA in Spanish from Henderson State University. These achievements prepared her for the exciting journey that would lead her to become a correctional educator. Her path would take her through the traditional classroom setting to serving as a correctional officer, unit trainer, and domestic violence coordinator—all of which contributed to her approach to being a successful correctional educator.

As an educator working in one of the most challenging environments imaginable, she has built genuine, respectful relationships with students, fostering a culture of dignity and growth. Her thoughtful efforts include sourcing custom teaching materials, securing sound-cancelling headphones to aid focus during testing, and capturing cap and gown photos for graduates—gifting students with tangible reminders of their achievements and potential. These contributions, though simple in execution, have profound and lasting effects, helping students believe in themselves and their futures.

Fueled by a philosophy grounded in faith, empathy, and simplicity, she believes every student deserves respect from day one—not because it is earned, but because it is given freely. Her career and personal life are woven together by her God-given purpose: to be a light in the darkness and share the hope and love of Christ with those who are placed in her path.

Meet the Teacher of the Year

REGION 8

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Mary West

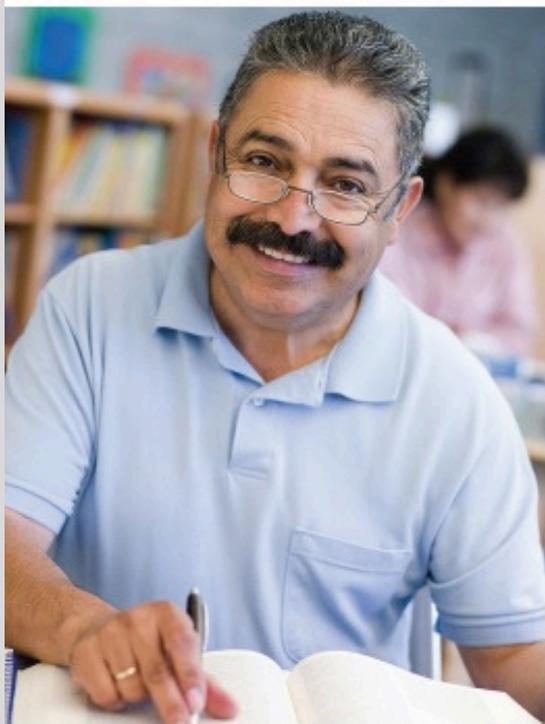
Mary West is a dedicated educator with 11 years of experience in correctional education, currently serving as a Career Development Specialist at Marion Correctional Institution in Florida. Throughout her tenure, Ms. West has made extraordinary contributions in service, significantly impacting the lives and futures of the individuals she serves.

Ms. West's innovative approach includes developing unique learning opportunities, such as connecting inmates with wastewater industry professionals to discuss career paths and linking with a local Reentry Center Owner/Operator who volunteered to teach an "Entrepreneurial Mindset" class. This class, now in its 4th iteration, helps inmates envision and plan for entrepreneurial ventures upon release, fostering a belief in their own potential. Her commitment to creating a supportive and enriched learning environment is evident.

Mary is known for being firm but fair, maintaining strong relationships while offering support, acceptance, and grace and broadening her students' ideas of what is possible. She excels at reaching struggling students with empathy and professionalism, while also challenging her brightest students through innovative strategies she has mastered. Her colleagues commend her ability to analyze problems, find viable solutions, and handle administrative work accurately and thoroughly.

Mary West's unwavering commitment to correctional education, innovative practices, collaborative spirit, and unending dedication to her students' successful reentry make her an outstanding choice for CEA Region VIII Teacher of the Year.

ONLINE DEGREE PROGRAMS For Formerly Incarcerated Persons



Ashland University believes in the power of a second chance. We've offered higher education programs to justice-involved individuals since 1964. We also want to help people who were formerly incarcerated complete a degree, to help them create a pathway to a brighter future.

PROGRAMS

AU offers associate degrees in business and general studies, along with five bachelor's degrees:

- Business Administration
- Communication Studies
- Interdisciplinary Studies
- Multidisciplinary Studies
- Organizational Leadership & Development

SUPPORT

We provide extra support for these students, from FAFSA assistance to orientation, advising and success coaching to help them succeed.



REACH OUT TODAY

If you'd like to recommend individuals for this program, please contact Chris Schwan in Admissions at 419-207-4580 or cschwan@ashland.edu

From Student to Advocate: Frank Andrews Transforms Education for Marginalized Youth



Frank Andrews, a Penn State graduate and former stutterer, overcame personal challenges to become a lifelong advocate for marginalized students. After receiving therapy at Penn State's stuttering clinic, he earned a scholarship and pursued a career in education, working in inner-city schools and later leading West Virginia's institutional education programs. Under his leadership, the program expanded to 41 schools serving over 6,000 students

annually, focusing on data-driven reforms and educational equity in correctional and care facilities.

Even after retirement, Andrews continued to impact underserved populations, notably through a groundbreaking study on foster youth education. His work led to statewide reforms supporting academic success for children in foster care. Honored with multiple national awards, including the 2025 Alumni Excellence Award, Andrews credits his mentors and upbringing in Masontown, Pennsylvania, for shaping his values. He remains committed to protecting the integrity of education and hopes to stay involved with Penn State's College of Education.

CEA Presents
LUNCH & LEARN

Unlock Access: Tools & Tips for Accessibility Services in Prison Education Programs

While disability accommodations inside prison education settings can be more complex than meeting students' needs for accessibility on the outside, it is not impossible. Join us to find out more about different types of disabilities, the possible accommodations, and how others have made access happen inside.

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Click on the link above to register for the Region 1 Lunch & Learn workshop on Monday, September 15th. The workshop features Jennifer Montag from the National Center for College Students with Disabilities. Jennifer will discuss learning disabilities, accommodations, and provide information on how others have helped meet students' needs inside the walls.

The Journal of Correctional Education Moves to e-Journal Format

The Journal of Correctional Education (JCE) continues to be the leading academic publication in the field of education in corrections. As a publication of the Correctional Education Association (CEA), the JCE is a conduit of research and best practice for education for justice-involved individuals. JCE staff strive to review and publish research for practitioners and policymakers in the field, and toward this end, the JCE will be transitioning to an e-Journal format beginning with the September 2025 issue. JCE Editor John Dowdell stated, "We are pleased to announce the transition of the Journal of Correctional Education to an electronic publication format. This will enable greater reach of the JCE to members and researchers and continue to position the Journal as the foremost publication in the profession."

CEA Executive Director, Peggy Kaiser said, "The JCE will be available to CEA members in the CEA membership portal. Researchers will still be able to access the JCE via online research indices."

Follow the instructions below to access The JCE:

- Navigate to <https://www.ceanational.org>.
- Click "Member login" at the top of the page.
- Click the "Login Name or Email" field and enter the email address on file with the national office.
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- Click "Login".
- Click "Journal of Correctional Education" on the left-side of the page.

Rekindling Purpose: Supporting Justice-Involved Students on the Path to a GED

by Dr. Joyce Walker

For many justice-involved learners, returning to the classroom is not just about education, it's a journey of healing, rebuilding identity, and reclaiming hope. Yet, across correctional institutions nationwide, adult learners are grappling with a silent crisis: the challenge of pursuing a GED in the absence of motivation and support.

Many incarcerated individuals began their educational journeys long before incarceration, often within systems that failed to meet their needs. This prior disengagement, combined with the psychological weight of incarceration, makes the road back to academic success steep and uncertain. A significant number of students express a desire to earn their GED yet struggle to believe they can. "I already messed up once," said one student. "Why would a diploma matter now?"

The Challenges They Face

The hurdles are numerous. A lack of consistent encouragement, few peer mentors, and minimal individualized academic support leave many students feeling lost. Some face literacy gaps or undiagnosed learning difficulties. Others carry emotional trauma or negative experiences tied to previous schooling. Without strong support systems, motivation fades quickly.

Even those who once thrived in school before incarceration can find it difficult to adapt. One average student shared, "School used to be my thing, but in here, it feels like I'm back at square one."

Why Support Matters

The presence of just one educator who believes in a student can be transformative. Research consistently shows personal encouragement, and relationships foster educational persistence and increase the chances of GED attainment. Programs that integrate trauma-informed practices and social-emotional learning offer promising models.

Building a New Narrative

To reverse the trend, correctional education programs must go beyond curriculum delivery. Motivation-building needs to be intentional, woven into instruction, reinforced through reflection, and supported by peers. Education must be reintroduced not only as a requirement but as a right and a bridge to future opportunities.

Justice-involved learners don't lack intelligence or ability; they often lack affirmation. Restoring their belief in their capacity to succeed is essential to reducing recidivism and improving reintegration outcomes.

A Call to Educators

Correctional educators are uniquely positioned to reignite the spark. By fostering community in the classroom, celebrating small wins, and personalizing academic pathways, we can transform disengagement into achievement. Our justice-involved students deserve more than a second chance; they deserve a champion in every classroom.

As one student recently wrote after passing his final official GED test, "The GED process didn't just give me a diploma, it gave me back my thoughts."





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Blackboard by Anthology
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2026 CEA Forum

May 3-5, 2026
Hyatt Regency Baltimore
300 Light St., Baltimore, MD 21202

80th CEA International Conference & Training Event

August 9 - 12, 2026
Hyatt Regency Bellevue
900 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue, Washington 98004

Financial Report

Correctional Education Association
Annual Report FY 24-25
From the Period Oct. 1, 2024 through June, 30, 2025

	<u>Oct '24-Jun'25</u>
Income	
Audit Standards	75,900.00
Audit Training	0.00
Advertising	500.00
Conference Income	76,508.43
Membership	74,642.69
Publications	20,000.00
Royalties	5,477.10
Donations	8,000.00
Total Income	<u>261,028.22</u>
Expenses	
Program Expenses	
Audit Travel	11,689.36
Audit Training Travel	5,150.19
Audit Fees	7,750.00
Audit Training Fees	0.00
Juvenile Justice Advocate	0.00
Standards Commission Meeting	2,290.77
CEA Conference	1,000.00
CEA Forum	7,516.56
Program Supplies	0.00
Membership Rebates	6,645.00
Publications Expense	12,894.39
Scholarship	750.00
Total Program Expenses	<u>55,686.27</u>
Salaries & Related Expenses	
Admin Salary	38,847.03
Admin Stipend	4,022.10
Admin Travel	2,247.05
ED Salary ED	50,240.37
Travel Payroll	4,570.18
Taxes	2,971.79
Total Salaries & Related Expenses	<u>102,898.52</u>
Overhead Expenses	
Advertising	13,950.00
Bank Charges	659.55
Board Meetings	1,282.40
Credit Card Fees	2,226.58
Depreciation Expense	1,140.39
Dues & Memberships	2,450.00
Insurance	5,379.12
Internet & IT	8,768.86
Office Supplies	893.73
Postage	1,102.26
Rent	0.00
Software	5,751.26
Telephone	2,096.91
Travel	1,004.18
Total Overhead Expenses	<u>46,705.24</u>
Professional Services	
Accounting	37,396.14
Total Professional Services	<u>37,396.14</u>
Total Expense	<u>242,686.17</u>
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Assets	<u><u>18,342.05</u></u>

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