

Meet CEC's Newest Team Members



Jay Marino

Jay received his Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from the University of Northern Iowa; a Master's Degree in Educational Administration from Arizona State University and Educational Specialists and Doctorate Degrees from Western Illinois University. He has held a variety of positions in education. These include being an Elementary and Middle School Teacher, Elementary School Administrator, Special Education Coordinator, Director of Technology, Director of Instruction, Assistant Superintendent and Superintendent of Schools. Jay's most rewarding experience as an educator was being a Superintendent of Schools and leading out continuous improvement efforts and bringing about systemic change.

Jay has also served as an international consultant assisting American and European school organizations in their continuous improvement efforts. His primary work was focused in the Netherlands where he made 22 visits since 2009 working with over 200 schools in the implementation of continuous improvement practices. He has published three books on the topic of systemic educational continuous improvement and has made numerous keynote presentations in multiple states and countries.

Jay was asked why he wanted to become a CEC team member. He replied, "I had been a client of CEC in the last three school districts where I worked and had much respect for the work and the people. He adds, "I am honored and humbled to be a part of the CEC team and look forward to making positive contributions with an organization that represents my values." Jay's work will primarily be focused in the areas of continuous improvement, systems assessments and strategic planning. He is also looking forward to working in other areas that match his strengths.

On the personal side, Jay lives in Antioch. When he is not working, Jay spends time with his two children and also goes camping in his motorhome. You can learn more about Jay on his [website](#), [LinkedIn](#) or [Twitter](#).



Marc Wigler

Marc graduated from Ithaca College with a degree in Communications Management. He earned his Master of Arts in Education and Administrative Certification from DePaul University. Upon graduating from Ithaca, Marc spent several years in the New York television and radio market working in various capacities from on-air talent to doing sales, promotions and marketing for such companies as the Home Shopping Network, Hot 97 radio, and *Everyday with Joan Lunden*. Mr. Wigler also hosted a monthly educational television talk show in Chicago for ten years for PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) where his work was recognized for support, education, and advocacy.

Marc has held various positions as an educator. He was a Kindergarten teacher, a national trainer for *Success for All* where he instructed other educators how to teach reading, a *Fresh Start* Program Manager (a labor-management collaborative school reform effort to turn around struggling schools), a Program Improvement Specialist, and a Special Education teacher.

One of the reasons Marc wanted to join the CEC family was because of its mission and vision and dedication to the Labor-Management Collaboration that the organization prides itself upon. He worked with both Jo Anderson and Mary McDonald prior to joining CEC through the Great Lakes TURN and Illinois Federation of Teachers. The areas that he will be focusing on with CEC include Special Education, Early Childhood, School Reform/Labor Management Collaboration as well as School Site Visits.

Marc has traveled the world extensively and has studied abroad in England, Iceland, Israel, and New Zealand. In his free time Marc likes to read, practice piano, knit, perform IMPROV, as well as spend time with his dog, Oreo, and his partner, Allen. The one thing he wants people to take away and know as an educator, is that no matter the background, socio-economic conditions, or racial disparities that our students/scholars face – all children want to learn and be cared for no matter their circumstances; AND it is OUR job to do the best that we can so that ALL children are capable of success – NO exceptions!

Welcome to the CEC team, Jay and Marc!