

Who's Who?

Meet the Ohio Leadership Team



**Applied
Behavioral
Services**



THE LEARNING SPECTRUM


NewStory
Schools



DR. JILL BLANCHARD

Senior Vice President of Operations
& State Superintendent

HOW I CAN SUPPORT

- Overall Operations for all three businesses in Ohio.
- Oversight of HR, Education and Instruction, Special Education, Behavior, Therapies, Maintenance, Student Services, Outreach and Inclusion Programming.

FAVORITE QUOTE

"Courage is not the absence of fear, it is the belief that something is more important."

WHY I LOVE MY TEAM

In my 26 years of education, this has, by far, been my favorite group of people to work with. I would put any of our staff up against any other clinical, educational, or therapy staff anywhere. We have the most dedicated, caring, smart, all-around amazing staff and we can have nothing less for the very special students we get the chance to support. Our kids melt my heart every time I'm in a building. It is absolutely impossible to not fall in love with our students and want to do our best every day for their families.

EMILY BLEWITT

Regional Vice President of Operations,
Applied Behavioral Services and New Story Schools Ohio
ABS Cincinnati, West Chester, Dayton & NSS Columbus



HOW I CAN SUPPORT YOU

I'm happy to help with anything operational you may need from HR questions, policies and procedures, or to bounce ideas off of for culture, employee appreciation, etc. If you are not sure who to go to in the company to answer questions you have I can usually point you in the right direction and if I don't know I will find out for you! In general I can be a sounding board for most issues, concerns, or anything might need!

WHY I LOVE TEAM OHIO

I love (and so will you 😊) the camaraderie and support that I receive. No question is too big or too small and everyone is happy to support!

FAVORITE QUOTE

"If they can't learn the way we teach, we teach the way they learn"

-O. Ivar Lovaas



PAUL COWAN

Regional Vice President of Operations,
New Story Schools Ohio

NSS Toledo, Sandusky, Independence, Circleville

WHY I LOVE MY TEAM

I love being a part of the Ohio team for several reasons. Firstly, I appreciate how the team complements each other's strengths and weaknesses. This collaborative dynamic allows us to tackle challenges effectively and capitalize on our collective talents. Additionally, I value the strong sense of support that exists within our team, both personally and professionally. Knowing that I have the backing of my colleagues enables me to approach tasks with confidence and reassurance. Finally, I find great comfort in the fact that I never feel like I'm making difficult decisions in isolation. The open communication and teamwork within our team ensure that decisions are made collaboratively, drawing on the diverse perspectives and expertise of our members. Overall, being a part of the Ohio team fosters a sense of camaraderie and empowerment that I deeply appreciate.

FAVORITE QUOTE

"It always seems impossible
until it's done."

-Nelson Mandela

HOW I CAN SUPPORT

Within my role, I am tasked with overseeing various aspects across all five New Story school buildings in Ohio. It is essential for me to maintain a comprehensive understanding of operations within each school to ensure the smooth running of day-to-day activities. I work diligently to be accessible and responsive to any inquiries and provide guidance when needed.

While I aim to address a broad range of concerns, my primary focus areas include school safety, building management, operational efficiency, and supporting our team members in ensuring we meet both short-term and long-term goals. I also ensure that our Ohio team has the resources and support to implement and track school-wide initiatives, staffing, training, and compliance with state regulations. Should you have any questions or require assistance in these areas, please don't hesitate to reach out. If I am unable to provide an immediate answer, I am committed to directing you to the appropriate resources or individuals who can assist you promptly.



SAMANTHA ANGELAS

Senior Director of Operations,
TLS Central, Johnstown, Canal Winchester & NSS Athens

HOW I CAN SUPPORT

In the dynamic world of educational leadership, I oversee the every day operations and the future of TLS and its role in Ohio. By supporting the Senior Vice President and Regional Vice President, I help steer and collaborate regional strategies towards success. In addition, I am responsible for assisting the Ohio Leadership Support Team by enacting the organizational mission and vision, oversight of educational program goals and outcomes, managing human resources, and building and guiding professional culture. I also toward developing evidence-based frameworks and practices which best support the needs of the students and staff we serve.

WHY I LOVE MY TEAM

This Ohio Team exemplifies the spirit of collaboration and mutual growth, setting a remarkable standard for teamwork. Their openness to feedback and diverse perspectives fosters an environment where innovation thrives. It's inspiring to see a group so dedicated to learning from each other, creating a synergy that not only propels the team forward but also enriches each individual's experience. This approach has been so refreshing and is a beacon for what dynamic teamwork can achieve.

FAVORITE QUOTE

"We cannot solve our problems with the same mentality we created them."
-Albert Einstein

SHANNON HUBER

Senior Director of Outreach Services
Outreach, Inclusion, and In-District Services



WHY I LOVE TEAM OHIO

What I love about Team Ohio is that there are such unique experiences and dynamics within the team across the state, but all involved share the same goal of helping our students learn and grow and ultimately access their community in the best way they are able. The team comes with diverse perspectives and out of the box thinking that ultimately create a supportive and collaborative environment that is focused on growth, not only for the students but for staff as well.

HOW I CAN SUPPORT YOU

- Overall Leadership Management
- In-Home Academic and Behavior Support
- Inclusion Services - supporting students in private school settings
- In District Services and Partnerships
- Professional Development

FAVORITE QUOTE

“Stand up for what is right, even if you are standing alone.”



AMY GOULD, BCaBA

Senior Director of Student Services, Ohio

HOW I CAN SUPPORT

- All Transition Service related questions; behavior modification questions when introducing transition programming, Sec 5 of the IEP, parent/community/DDS questions regarding transition planning for our students, deferment of diplomas to grade 23, Intern Cohort program, numbers for enrollment in each building for Transitions, curriculum used in Life Skills Labs A/B/Transitions program, ideas for graduation seals/STEM lab start ups
- PRE-K program questions
- Special Olympics
- After School program questions (suggested programming for early learners, intermediate, and advanced learners, registration, and let Amy know enrollment)

WHY I LOVE MY TEAM

Learning something new EVERYDAY! I love learning what each school across Ohio is working on with their students, we have SO many talented and innovative staff that are truly inspiring.

FAVORITE QUOTE

"All of our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them."
-Walt Disney



JENNIFER JOHNSTON

Senior Director of Special Education

HOW I CAN SUPPORT

- Ensure all programs comply with federal and state special education laws, including IDEA, and all relevant state-specific policies, regulations, and guidelines.
- Develop, revise, and implement special education policies and procedures that reflect current legal requirements and best practices.
- Monitor updates and changes in federal and state special education laws and ensure organizational alignment and compliance.
- Provide relevant and practical Professional Development opportunities for staff, families, and all outside stakeholders.
- Provide direct support and guidance to Special Education staff, building leaders, district partners, and families.
- Mentor, support, and foster collaborative high-performing regional teams to ensure consistent high-quality services for students.
- Provide effective guidance and support to staff, families, districts, and all other stakeholders.
- Leadership Management

WHY I LOVE MY TEAM

I love my team because we work together to achieve a shared mission and vision—to ensure that every student receives the support and the opportunities they deserve. There is a deep sense of purpose in our work, and it's inspiring to collaborate with individuals who are equally committed to educational equity and Inclusivity. We celebrate each other's strengths, push one another to grow, and remain grounded in the belief that what we do what is best for kids!

FAVORITE QUOTES

"Be the change you wish to see in the world."

-Gandhi

"Focus on the ability, not the disability."



TERA MCNUTT

Senior Director of Therapy Services, Ohio

WHY I LOVE MY TEAM

I love being part of Team Ohio because I value the collaborative environment and the diverse expertise that each member contributes.

FAVORITE QUOTE

"Nothing changes if nothing changes."

HOW I CAN SUPPORT

- Therapeutic Program Oversight: Ongoing supervision of speech therapy, occupational therapy, music therapy, ABA therapy, and mental health/social work services.
- Clinical Staff Support: Guidance and consultation for STs, OTs, COTAs, BCBAAs, and RBTs to ensure high-quality service delivery.
- Available to answer questions related to diagnostic services (ADOS)
- Behavioral Consultation: Support for behavior modification and management strategies, including case-specific guidance.
- Mental Health: Oversee the Mental Health Committee, supporting both state-wide and site-specific mental health initiatives.
- Risk Assessment Team Member: Participate in evaluating complex student cases to support enrollment decisions and ensure appropriate placement.
- Incident Reporting: Monitor and support compliance with incident reporting protocols and systems.
- Provide training and development opportunities focused on behavior and clinical best practices.

STACIE MCCONNELL

Director of Curriculum, Assessment, and Instruction



WHY I LOVE TEAM OHIO

I love the collaboration between all the members and their expertise that comes together to better serve all our students and staff across the state.

HOW I CAN SUPPORT YOU

- Curriculum Questions
- Professional Development Needs
- Assessment Strategies
- Foster Collaboration and Support among staff across the state in Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment
- Education questions
- ODE questions
- Preschool Program Questions
- RESA/ Mentor Questions

FAVORITE QUOTE

"If a child can't learn the way we teach, maybe we should teach the way they learn."

-Ignacio Estrada



DOMINIC PARISI

Human Resources Director, Ohio

WHY I LOVE MY TEAM

Our mission at New Story gives every task purpose, and working alongside people who genuinely care makes that mission even more rewarding. Our leaders model gratitude, candor, and a willingness to dive into the work, creating a space where collaboration thrives and humor keeps us grounded. That shared trust lets HR innovate—blending data, empathy, and creativity to remove friction so educators can stay focused on students.

FAVORITE QUOTE

“It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles... The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena... who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly...”
—Theodore Roosevelt

HOW I CAN SUPPORT

As an accessible HR partner, my door—and inbox—are always open, whether you need a thought partner or a quick answer to a one-off situation. Our team translates complex regulations—FLSA, ADA, and Ohio-specific requirements—into clear, step-by-step guidance that keeps us compliant and consistent. Accuracy and transparency anchor everything we do: we verify each detail, document our decisions, and explain the “why” so no one is left guessing.

Beyond policy, I connect staff with professional-development resources, coach leaders on effective feedback, and make sure every colleague knows where to find the support they need. Together, these efforts foster a culture of trust where wins are celebrated, concerns are resolved quickly, and every voice is heard—freeing educators to focus their energy on helping students succeed.



COLE DUNLEVY

Director, Community Partnerships

HOW I CAN SUPPORT

- Prospective Families looking for a place that can help their student.
- Current families experiencing issues/problems.
- Prospective Districts looking for a place that can help their students.
- Current districts experiencing issues/problems.
- Building leaders looking for consultation on their classroom design and assignment of staff and students.
- Teacher and Aides looking to improve their behavior shaping/management and/or instruction.
- Marketing initiatives and strategy.
- Support new hires in learning what and how we do what we do.

WHY I LOVE MY TEAM

I do love the kids, and I do love the work that goes on in our classrooms, but everyone says that. What I think I actually like just as much, is the people you get to work with. This job attracts and rewards and keeps a very specific type of person, and those are the people I like to be around. I love the people I work with.

FAVORITE QUOTE

"This is the true joy in life, the being used for a purpose recognized by yourself as a mighty one; the being a force of nature instead of a feverish, selfish little clod of ailments and grievances complaining that the world will not devote itself to making you happy."
-George Bernard Shaw



MEREDITH JONES

Lead Data Analyst

HOW I CAN SUPPORT

- All aspects of data management and analysis
- Microsoft Office applications, particularly Excel, with strong skills in data analysis, data management, and data validation techniques
- Advanced organizational skills, especially with tracking and maintaining
- IEP's pertaining to Sections 2, 7, 12, and 13
- High School Transcript management and scheduling procedures
- Instructional coaching and classroom management strategies
- Financial and Billing procedures

WHY I LOVE MY TEAM

I enjoy being apart of the Quality Team and contributing to our commitment to delivering the highest-quality of support to all of our students!

FAVORITE QUOTE

"Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better."
-Maya Angelou

DANA SHELBO

Senior Office Director



WHY I LOVE TEAM OHIO

I love being able to make sure everything is running smooth behind the scenes while collaborating and watching the administrative staff grow as a team.

HOW I CAN SUPPORT YOU

I support the Ohio Leadership Support Team and administrative teams across the state.

FAVORITE QUOTE

“Kindness is the highest form of intelligence.”
-Wayne Teasdale



GINGER BRADY

Human Resources Manager

HOW I CAN SUPPORT

As an HR Manager my role is to be a resource and an advocate for our team. I support my team by being present, proactive, and approachable. I believe HR should not be a department that only reacts to problems, but one that anticipates needs and builds trust. Whether it's helping to resolve conflicts, offering support, or simply showing appreciation, I strive to create a space where everyone feels valued. When staff are supported, they are better equipped to support our students—which is the ultimate goal.

WHY I LOVE MY TEAM

I love my team because of the support and genuine collaboration that exists among each member. Everyone brings a shared passion for serving our students with autism, which creates a sense of unity and purpose. It's inspiring to work alongside talented professionals who are not only dedicated to their roles, but also deeply committed to making a difference in the lives of the children we serve.

FAVORITE QUOTE

"We all have different gifts, so we all have different ways of telling the world who we are."

-Fred Rogers

TIFFANI STINESPRING

Human Resources Coordinator



HOW I CAN SUPPORT YOU

- Payroll (timecards)
- HR inquiries
- Worker's Compensation
- Onboarding
- HR processes

WHY I LOVE TEAM OHIO

I enjoy supporting our staff with all aspects of HR so they can focus on serving students. It's rewarding to work alongside a team that is supportive and dedicated to making a positive impact.

FAVORITE QUOTE

"Be the reason someone feels welcomed, seen, and valued"
-Unknown



SEAN HYLAND

School Counselor, New Story Schools Ohio
Quality Team member supporting NSS, TLS & ABS

HOW I CAN SUPPORT

- State Testing
 - Identify and organize all NSSO students statewide for appropriate state tests (3GRG, OELPA, AASCD, OST, EOC)
 - Register all NSSO students and staff in TIDE – state testing/assessment platform
 - Administer state tests to students as needed
 - Help maintain statewide state testing document that houses and organizes all things state testing
 - Keeper of NSSO test results: pull and house all state test scores for students across the state
- Graduation Requirements
 - Track and maintain High School course credits
 - Track and maintain High School End of Course State Testing
 - Track and maintain High School Graduation Seals
- Transcripts/Scheduling
 - Analyze student transcripts for graduation requirements – update student transcript tracker
 - Perform NSSO high school student transcript audits statewide
 - Assist in creating high school student course schedules with HOS
 - Conduct student life cycle analysis
- Assist in developing and creating NSSO High School Course Sequence & Course Catalog
- Assist in creating the statewide testing calendar
- Assist in Freshman Orientation planning
- Maintain updated list of Transition Program enrollment statewide

WHY I LOVE MY TEAM

I value my team because of the unique backgrounds and diverse experiences each member contributes. This diversity not only distinguishes us but also strengthens the quality of our work. We are a group of dedicated, hardworking, and passionate individuals who share a common purpose: making the greatest possible impact on our students and families.

What I find most inspiring is the opportunity to collaborate with such talented and driven people. Each day, I get the chance to benefit from their insights, learn from their expertise, and grow through our shared commitment to excellence. It is a privilege to be part of a team that consistently supports one another while striving toward meaningful outcomes.

FAVORITE QUOTE

“Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game.”

- Babe Ruth

“A little consideration, a little thought for others, makes all the difference.”

- Eeyore

LAUREN DOUGLAS

Marketing Specialist



WHY I LOVE TEAM OHIO

I love learning from such an intelligent and dedicated group of people. The collaborative nature of this team truly sets it apart. I always feel empowered working with Team Ohio!

HOW I CAN SUPPORT YOU

- Help with drafting communications to staff, families, and district partners
- Design collateral/templates such as brochures, posters, and flyers
- Feature staff, students, events, and resources across all platforms
- Manage websites and social media pages

FAVORITE QUOTE

“Believe you can and you're halfway there.”
-Theodore Roosevelt

ASHLEY CORDEK

Application Specialist



WHY I LOVE TEAM OHIO

Being a member of Team Ohio brings me joy through the opportunity to connect with staff across various New Story schools. These interactions broaden my perspective on the diverse ways New Story's mission is brought to life in different settings. It's a pleasure to be part of such a supportive and dynamic team.

HOW I CAN SUPPORT YOU

I'm part of the PowerSchool support team, and I can assist with any inquiries or issues related to PowerSchool.

FAVORITE QUOTE

"You're braver than you believe,
stronger than you seem and
smarter than you think"
-Christopher Robin

KEN FIELD

Senior Director of Facilities, Ohio



WHY I LOVE TEAM OHIO

Being in a position to serve others has always been a passion of mine. It brings so much joy knowing that I'm a part of a team that shares the same call to service. We truly are Better Together!

HOW I CAN SUPPORT YOU

Provide hands-on support, systems practice and diligent leadership to our committed team of professionals within our maintenance departments across Ohio. By implementing accountability and transparency, we aim to retain our safety expectations and optimize our workload response times.

FAVORITE QUOTE

"Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might."