



# Peer Tutoring in Kentucky!

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## Presenters:

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- Dr. Harold Kleinert, IHDI – UK
- Ms. Sally Miracle, Woodford County High School
- Dr. Jim Knoll – Morehead State University



# AND Our Peer Tutors!

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- Emily Kay - Peer Tutor, Woodford County High School
- Alissa Couch – Peer Tutor, Woodford County High School
- Meghan Hoover – Peer Tutor, Woodford County High School



# Peer Tutoring in Our State

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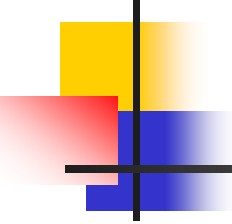
- Originated as a for-credit option in KY in the early 1980's.
- Formal development of high school peer tutoring manuals (1987, 1991, and 1996)
- Now updated curriculum on the web: [www.kypeertutoring.org](http://www.kypeertutoring.org)



# Current Status of Peer Tutoring in KY

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- *At least* 58 current programs in the state (actual number is probably considerably higher!)
- Peer Tutors Assist Students with Moderate and Severe Disabilities
  - In general education classrooms
  - In community-based instruction
  - In extra-curricular activities

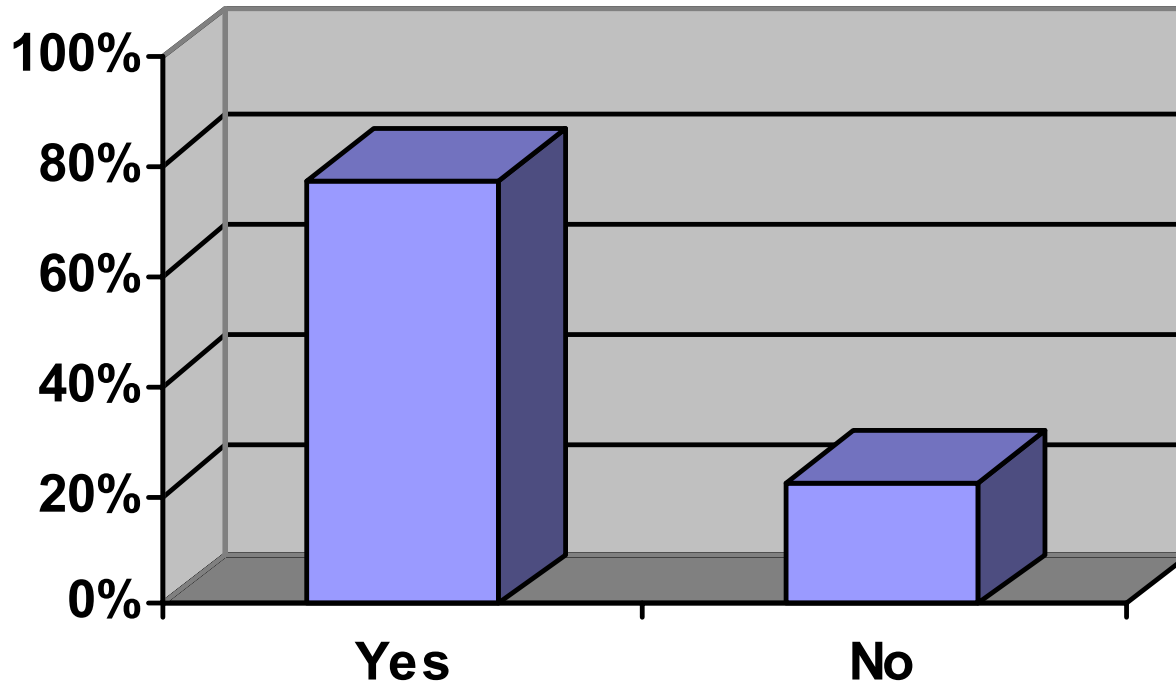


# Results of Teacher Survey – May 2002 (N = 31)

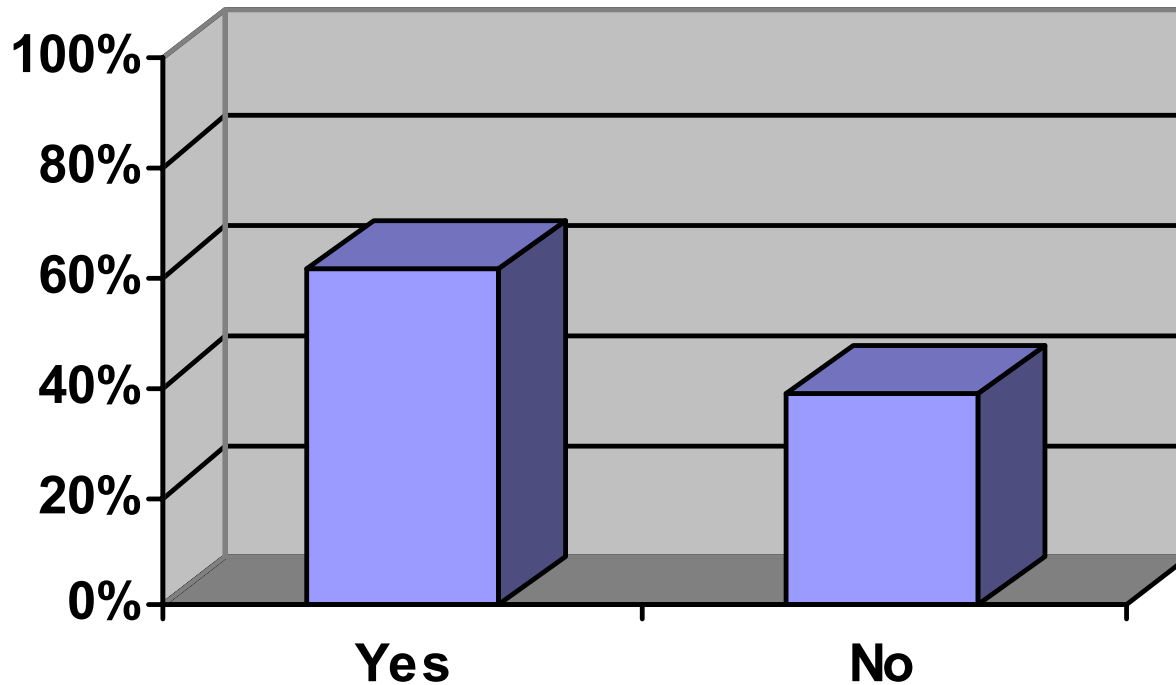
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- Extent to Which Peer Tutors Assist Students with Moderate and Severe Disabilities in Community Based Instruction, Participation in General Education Classrooms, and Extra-Curricular Activities....

# Do Peer Tutors Currently Assist with CBI? Yes, 77.4%



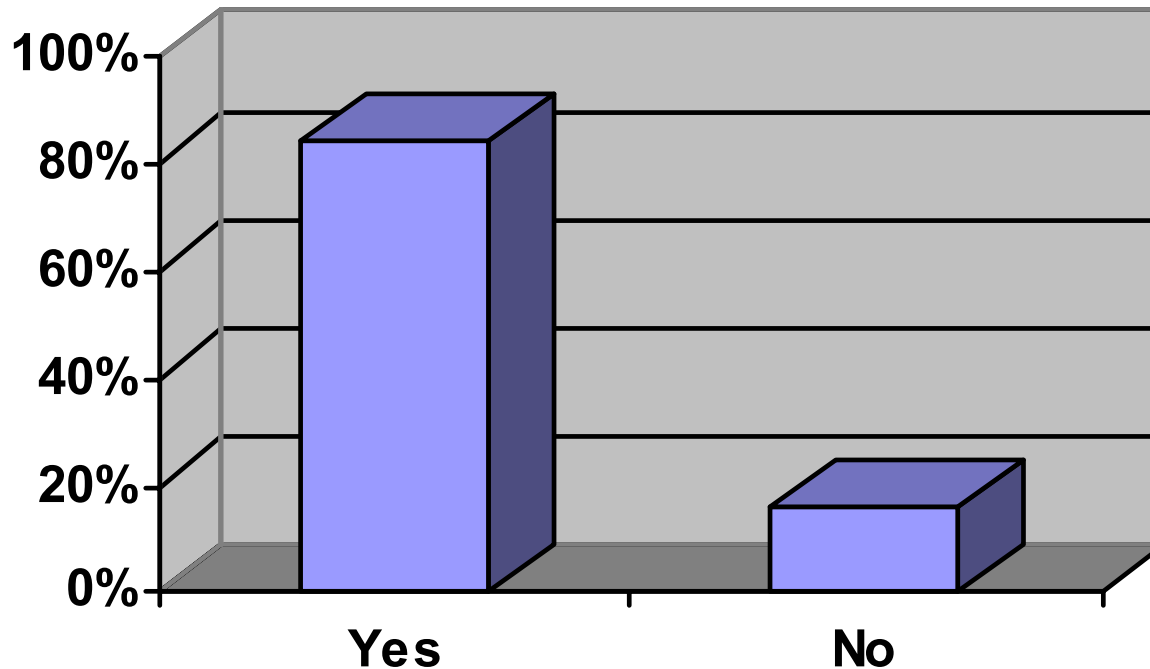
# Do Peer Tutors Assist in Extra-Curricular Activities: Yes – 61.3%



# In What Extra-Curricular Activities?

Extra-Curricular Activity Type	# of programs	%
Participatory sports	12	38.7%
Attending ball games	8	25.8%
Attending club meetings and activities	6	19.4%
Community education	1	3.2%

# Do Peer Tutors Provide Support in General Education Classes? Yes – 83.9%!





## In What Classes? (N = 24)

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■ Physical Education	–	15
■ Agriculture	-	11
■ Life Skills	-	9
■ Keyboarding	-	9
■ History	-	8
■ Science	-	8
■ Art	-	8

# Classes Cont. (N = 24 teachers)



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■ Health	-	6
■ Music	-	6
■ English	-	6
■ Math	-	5
■ Computers	-	4

...An average of 6.1 peer tutors per program supporting 5.9 students with moderate/severe disabilities in gen ed. classes in each program.



# KY Peer Service Learning Project

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- A “Project of National Significance”
- Funded by the U.S. Administration on Developmental Disabilities
- Awarded to the Interdisciplinary Human Development Institute, University of Kentucky



# Project Goals – Four Goals

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- Goal 1: Increase access for students with moderate and severe disabilities within general education classes and other school extra-curricular activities through the use of peer tutors.



## Project Goals - cont.

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- Goal 2: Develop *inclusive service learning* projects so that students with significant disabilities can contribute to their communities by engaging in service learning along side their high school peers.



## Project Goals – cont.

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- Goal 3: Enable high school peer tutors to assist students with developmental disabilities in academic, personal, and career goal setting (self-determination).



## Project Goals – cont.

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- Goal 4: Develop an “advanced placement” college credit option for high school peer tutors, as a vehicle for recruiting peer tutors into the field of special education in Kentucky.



## Pilot Sites:

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- Apollo High School
- Doss High School
- Hopkins County Central High School
- McCreary Central High School
- Woodford County High School