

Kentucky Literacy Team Members

- **Bill Buchanan**—KY Department of Education (KDE) School Readiness Branch Manager, *representing birth to school entry.*
- **Jim Ward**—Principal of Roundstone Elementary in Rockcastle County; former Reading First State Coach and RF State Coordinator, *representing K-5.*
- **Synthia Shelby**—Middle School Literacy Resource Teacher, Jefferson County Schools; Kentucky Reading Association board member; KY Writing Project fellow, *representing grades 6-8.*
- **Danielle Burke**—Literacy Coach in Striving Readers cohort 1, Washington County High School, *representing grades 9-12.*
- **Kathy Belcher**—Striving Readers cohort 1 Project Manager, Danville Independent Schools (fiscal agent for the SR cohort 1 grant for KY); former special education director, *representing management and implementation of an effective literacy program at the school, district and state levels.*
- **Janice Almasi**—University of Kentucky professor and researcher; researcher on Striving Readers cohort 1 KY grant; International Reading Association Board member, *representing evaluation of literacy programs.*
- **Angela Bray**—Special Education coordinator, Pulaski County School District; former coordinator for KY special education cooperative literacy consultants; *representing Rtl.*
- **Angela Cain**—Special Education cooperative literacy consultant; worked with Reading First professional development, *representing screening and performance measurements in the 5 components and writing.*
- **Tricia Bronger**—University of Louisville, Director of Special Education; Striving Readers Cohort 1 intervention trainer and literacy certification professor, *representing validated interventions and instruction for struggling readers and students with disability.*
- **George Hruby**—Director of the Collaborative Center for Literacy Development (CCLD), a collaboration of KY's colleges and universities that offers PD from early childhood through adult education; CCLD also serves as the external evaluator on KY's Striving Readers cohort 1 and 2 grants, as well as our state Read to Achieve grant and KY's Reading First grant, *representing teacher, coach and leadership professional development.*
- **Robert Cooter**—Bellarmine University, Dean of the School of Education, *representing teacher preparation and state licensure/accreditation in literacy development and instruction.*
- **Monnie Berger**—library/media specialist, Mercer County Ninth Grade Academy; KY Writing Project fellow, former ELA and foreign language teacher, *representing library/media specialists.*
- **Shelda Hale**—ELL and Immigrant students, Title III Academic Program consultant, KDE, *representing ELL instruction.*
- **Saundra Hamon**—Primary Literacy consultant, Differentiated Learning Branch, KDE, *providing expertise in early literacy education.*

- **Cindy Parker**—Adolescent Literacy consultant—KDE, *providing expertise in adolescent literacy education.*
- **Judy Gibbons**—KY Board of Education, *representing state board of education.*
- **Phyllis Sparks**—Commonwealth Institute for Parent Leadership, *parent representative.*
- **Tony Peyton**—National Center for Family Literacy, representing literacy partners.
- **Mary Rudd**—Striving Readers II, Program Manager—KDE, *representing adolescent literacy and effective interventions.*