## **BEST Update**

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Hello Allan and Sheila,

This year has been very hard for BEST as far a hiring and retaining staff. As of this week we have finally been able to fully staff the five sites funded by the Title IV grant. With all of the issues we have had around finding staff we have had to make the tough decision to not open BEST at Holt or Willagillespie this year. This was not an easy decision but at this point by the time we recruit and hire new coordinators for each site, train them, and then try to find EAs we would potentially only have a month, maybe two if we were really lucky of program for each site.

Next year is also an unknown at this point as the RFP for the next grant cycle most likely will not be released until March so it is difficult to predict what next year could look like at this point.

Please let me know if you have questions.

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