Professional Growth Plan

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My Strengths:
I feel that I have many strengths to contribute to the educational system. I have worked with children for the past twenty years in a variety of programs including: day-care, private school and public school Title I program, Ameri-Corps, after-school tutoring programs, children’s church and Sunday school. These diverse programs have exposed me to many children. I have raised two children to young adulthood. I feel that I understand the needs of children and am able to communicate with them well. I am a caring individual who sees the good in other people. I am a hard worker and am willing to put in many hours to see a job completed correctly.

My Areas for Professional Growth:
My technology skills need improvement. Although I have taken the required computer course for teacher’s education, I still feel weak in this area. Since I am an “older” student I have not had the advantage of learning computers as a high school student.
I am not a well-organized person. I need to learn good organizational skills in order to have an organized classroom. A well-organized teacher is better able to meet the needs of students.
My public speaking skills need more development. Although I have taken the required public speaking class, I still feel distress when I must give a presentation.

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Actions- What I will do and the assistance I will need:
I will become more aware of the different technological advances being made. I will not only learn how to use technology, I will learn how to incorporate these devices into my lessons. I will also be able to share this information with my students.
I will seek assistance from my classmates, professors, and computer lab workers. Many classes at EKU require technology use, therefore, I will have opportunity to practice my skills and expand my knowledge. If further assistance is needed I will take another class.
**Area for Growth: Organization Skills**

**Standard # II**

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Actions - What I will do and the assistance I will need:
I will become aware of different styles of organization. I will observe teachers and learn what works for them.
I will need advice and assistance from experienced teachers. I will strive to maintain organized records during my time in school. I will seek different organizational assistance plans available at office and school supply stores. I will read, “The New Teacher’s Complete Sourcebook/Middle School: A Success Guide” by Paula Naegle.”

**Area for Growth: Public Speaking**

**Standard # III**

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Actions - What I will do and the assistance I will need:
I will find opportunities to practice public speaking. I will seek assistance from my professors to help refine my public speaking skills. I will read “In the Spotlight: Overcome Your Fear of Public Speaking and Performing” by Janet E. Espisoto.