

Kent CAN Minutes
January 25, 2017
1:00-3:00
Coldwater Room

Roles and Responsibilities

Facilitator – Rebecca McIntyre

Note Taker –Joan Meyer

Transition Coordinator – Scott Bont

Website Coordinator – Lori Matthews

Kent CAN Coordinator – Jennifer Murchison

Assessment Tool Coordinator – Amy Bufka

Peer to Peer and Trainer/Coaches – Jen Amorose and Sarah Hammer

Evidence Based Practice: Jill Kreuze and Lindsey Nicholson

Our Mission - To build a comprehensive model for identification, training, shared resources, and effective practices which promotes collaboration and consistency between families, educators, and community partners in support of our students with ASD.

Our Philosophy Supports:

- Multi-disciplinary collaboration.
- Services that are individualized and utilize evidence-based interventions and strategies.
- Intervention driven by the student's present level and on-going assessment.
- Use of positive behavior support and proactive approaches to address challenging behaviors.
- Inclusion of families and community partners as critical team members.
- Continuous improvement of programs and services based on current data.
- Focusing on opportunities in integrated environments.

Calendar

Kent CAN Meeting Dates

**All meetings are held from 1:00-3:00 PM unless otherwise noted with optional lunch available prior to meetings.*

*** E-mail future agenda items to Jennifer Murchison (murchisonj@grps.org)*

Kent CAN Meetings for 2016-17School Year

February 15, 2017 ESC Coldwater Room

March 15, 2017 ESC Coldwater Room

May 24, 2017 ESC Coldwater Room

Additional START and Kent CAN Trainings and Conferences:

**Anyone wishing to attend a START training should contact Joan Meyer*

(joanmeyer@kentisd.org) for registration via Kent CAN

February 1, 2017 IEP Boot Camp with an Autism Focus @ Kent ISD- Grand Room

February 9-10, 2017 Education Supports and Strategies training by START @ GR Crowne Plaza

May 1, 2017 START Conference @ Kellogg Conference Center, East Lansing

May 2, 2017 START Spring RCN meeting @ Kellogg Conference Center, East Lansing

Additional START information can be found at: <http://www.gvsu.edu/autismcenter/>

Follow Up Items

Activity	Who	Completed?
<p>Committee for ASD Conference met from 12:00 noon until 1:00 to plan for the upcoming ASD Conference on November 8th. They will meet again at noon on February 15th.</p> <p>Introduction of Members: 25 members present. Alissa Hofstee was on the Kent CAN committee years ago when we first started. She was a psychologist at GRPS, an administrator at Ken-O-Sha, an administrator at Caledonia and now has taken a new position at Kent ISD as a behavioral support consultant. Welcome back, Alissa!</p> <p>Trainings and Program Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BYF Team updates <p>BYF people reported on how this is going and all said that good information has been presented. Some students are coming along with parents to this training and this has been successful. Parents and students meet separately during the lunch hour and it is a nice way for them to network. Social Security people were there and helped students and parents. Also have had information on self management and creating visual resumes. Forest Hills has a group attending and gave some examples of how it is helping students in the district. Their next step will be observing students in the home setting, including church attendance, library attendance and other community activities the students participates in. Kenowa Hills is working with a student and seeing them build relationships, and the parents are pleased. The process has allowed for relationship building between home and school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IEP Boot Camp with an Autism Focus <p>Training will be held on February 1st. Rebecca McIntyre and Lindsey Nicholson will be the presenters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caledonia's Chamber of Commerce <p>Caledonia's transition program is working with their Chamber of Commerce to supply coffee from their coffee shop (called The Daily Grind) along with making donuts on their new donut machine. This will be held in one of Caledonia's building and is a great opportunity for students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence Based Implementation of IEP Checklist <p>It is moving slowly for EBP teams, but it is coming along.</p>	<p>Rebecca McIntyre</p> <p>Jennifer Murchison</p> <p>Kent CAN members</p> <p>Lindsey Nicholson</p> <p>Suzie Koryom</p> <p>Rebecca McIntyre</p> <p>Scott Bont & Jennifer Amorose</p> <p>Jennifer Murchison</p>	

<p>Unified Champion Schools follow-up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emily Molesta (Rockford) is looking to begin a bowling unit. Student behavior has slowed things down a bit. GRPS – Jennifer Murchison applied for support to work along with Forest Hills (Orchard View) and Lincoln Developmental Center to continue some peer-to-peer activities. They are working to incorporate Bocce Ball and have expanded the project to include SXI students as well. Caledonia is finalizing their grant for Emmons Lake for four groups of students who will going bowling. Working with 5th grade students as they transition into middle school. <p>Mid-year grant report will be submitted to START by February 1st. Rebecca reported on the five goals that we are working with this year. 1. Professional development, reporting that we are ahead of progress on this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PECS training (43 staff- held in September) Offering BYF which is in process (8 modules) START passport training done at RCN meeting USAPT Training done at RCN meeting Education Based Evaluations for ASD (we had 120 live participants and 100 virtual - was a huge PD that benefitted a lot of people) Upcoming IEP Boot Camp with an ASD focus (START principals are imbedded in this training) on February 1st. <p>2. Coaching for Implementation of Evidence-Based Practices, reporting to be on target for this goal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed PECS training ASD Collaboration was amended to replace with holding the IEP Boot Camp with an ASD Focus Implementation and reporting of USAPT process Completion of IEP checklist for EBP teams <p>3. Secondary transition – we are in process with BYF and community conversations</p> <p>4. Peer-to-peer support We wanted three new programs this year and we have seven. Increasing at a good rate and are very productive programs. Still working on an end-of-the year celebration. Two districts want leadership support to maintain their programs, support to be provided.</p>	<p>Emily Molesta</p> <p>Jennifer Murchison</p> <p>Scott Bont</p> <p>Rebecca McIntyre</p>	
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<p>5. Family engagement. We are planning a parent night with a Kent CAN booth (March 20th). We can hold 60 people and are already at 40 having offered registration less than a week ago. Districts (Caledonia, Forest Hills and Grandville) staffing the childcare rooms with peer-to-peer students. At this time, we looking for more parent involvement on this committee. Would love to increase from 2 parent members to 5. Also working to expand and continue use of START Passports.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of actively used passports – information given to Rebecca. Hard data to compile. 		
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New Items

Activity	Follow-Up Needed	Who	Timeline
<p>START update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spanish Passport is now available online. START will be printing them in the spring – bring numbers back to committee meeting on February 15th so START can print them. 16th Annual START Conference on May 1st. Joan has registered 15 committee members and we have no more funds for further registrations. Building Your Future Administrator's Module (February 16th) has only eight registrants at this time. If more do not sign up, we will cancel this module. <p>Kent CAN / Kent ISD update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peer to Peer Panel at the March 15th Kent CAN meeting. Rebecca Ryan (GRPS – Riverside Middle) will present - National Honor Society (40 rotating peers). Chelsea Kittridge and Emily Molesta (Rockford) will present. Scott Bont and Jen Amorose (Caledonia) will do a video. Looking for Godwin to present at this time about their new program. 		<p>Jana Benjamin</p> <p>Rebecca McIntyre/Jennifer Murchison</p> <p>Rebecca McIntyre</p>	

- Parent Night event – March 20th (almost full).
- START Conference and RCN sign-up. Firm up who is coming for sure and if they will need a ride or staying overnight.
- Kent ISD ASD Conference – November 8, 2017. Committee working on this already. We will be needing presenters, volunteers and others.

Presentation:

- Behavior is a Form of Communication. Alissa Hofstee gave her PowerPoint which she will be presenting at the ASD Parent Night on March 20th. She asked for advice in making the presentation easily understandable and helpful to parents. All agreed that we must stress that behavior is indeed communication and we should get a description of the behavior, its frequency, duration and context in which it occurs, as well as what happens directly after the behavior (ABC). Need to decide what the function or "Why" of the behavior and assess how to make it better.

“Show and Share”

Let's get interactive!

Wonderful Websites –

- Amy Bufka – English not their first language. Web site: www.talkingpts.org. You send the text in English and it goes to them in their native language. You get the message translated back into English. Pretty accurate. No charge.
- Emily Molesta is looking for medium of exchange for 4th and 5th grade Peer to Peer interactions with her K-1 students

Alissa Hofstee

Kent CAN Members

<p>that is meaningful. Some suggestions were given from committee members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carol Lippert went to Forest hills transition expo and was pleased with vendors and what was presented. Other parents, however, were not as pleased. 			
<p>Rebecca presented the the Kent CAN Leadership award plate. Jill Kreuze from Grandville was the first recipient and now it is being presented to Lindsey Nicholson from Forest Hills for all of her help at both the BYF trainings and as a co-presenter at the IEP Boot Camp with an ASD Focus.</p> <p>CONGRATULATIONS LINDSEY!</p>		<p>Kent CAN Leadership Plate Presentation – Rebecca McIntyre</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking ahead: Ed Benefit Review with Rebecca. She has worked with 14 districts this year and enjoys seeing this in action. February meeting will use data from a student with ASD and committee members will break up into groups and work on an Ed Benefit Review. 		<p>Rebecca McIntyre</p>	
<p>Jennifer encouraged staff to go to enter information into USAPT. A couple of committee members were stuck on what to do but Jennifer was able to walk them through the problems and they were able to submit. Staff again is encouraged to go and fill these out.</p>		<p>Jennifer Murchison</p>	