

Kent CAN Minutes
February 15, 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

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*

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>Introduction of Members – 20 committee member in attendance. Rebecca McIntyre shared a swim meet video which reminded us what we are all working for</p> <p>March 15th meeting will have a presentation of Peer-to-Peer and we are looking for confirmations from districts that will participate. East Grand Rapids teacher willing to come (per Carol Lippert). Rebecca Ryan will be doing something from GRPS, Caledonia will be bringing a video to present and Byron Center (Sarah Hammer) will bring something as well.</p> <p>Trainings and Program Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BYF Team updates – GRPS, East Grand Rapids, Forest Hills and Caledonia are working on IEP implementation checklists. These are in conjunction with BYF, and districts are moving along. Tied in with BYF and checklists, the two merge quite well. Recent training centered around the Discovery Process. Great information for new staff and a good review for others. • IEP Boot Camp with an Autism Focus was a success. About 50 participants attended and we are going to offer this once again this fall. We would like to embed the START principles in this training and we will promote this vigorously with a focus on new service providers and teachers. 	<p>Jennifer Murchison</p> <p>Kent CAN members</p> <p>Kent CAN members</p> <p>Rebecca McIntyre</p>	

New Items

Activity	Follow-Up Needed	Who	Timeline
<p>START update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spanish Passport – district needs. A list was sent around for districts to indicate how many each district would need. We will total these and Joan will put in one order for Kent County (email or call Joan if your district needs some). Kelly presented that there is a self-management training coming on June 21st in Lansing. There is a cost to attend so contact Joan and she will take care of registration for 		Kelly Dunlap	

<p>anyone interested in attending. Each individual START contract will come with a menu of options next year. It is currently being worked on and will give more flexibility to individual districts.</p> <p>Kent CAN / Kent ISD update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parent Night event – March 20th and it is full at 60 participants. Twenty-nine students in need of child care. Forest Hills to bring at least 8 peer-to-peer students and will be looking for more. Grandville to bring student volunteers as well. Looking for activities for students to have. Puzzles, games, movies, check to have iPads available from lending library. Students will be needed for 3 hours, 5-8pm.• Kent ISD ASD Conference – November 8th will be called “GET (General Education Teacher) Supports for Autism“. Planning is underway and going well. A call for presenters will be coming out soon.• Peer to Peer Year End Celebration<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Looking into a variety of options- Joan to contact White Caps to see about a discount <p>Presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Educational Benefit: the process and some practice. Rebecca has worked with 16 different districts on the educational benefit review so far this year and it is very beneficial. They work with one of their own students and work through the ed benefit process. They celebrated some good moments and some where they		<p>Rebecca McIntyre/Jennifer Murchison</p>	
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found additional needs have to be met. This is a process to help the students. Taking a step back and seeing what is best for them. Students should be making progress and increasing in skills. Excellent process to use especially for new students to the district or for those hard to figure out situations. Entire committee participated in the Ed Benefit Review process on students. Very beneficial and informative for all involved. Lots of “ah-ha” moments.

“Show and Share”

Let's get interactive!

- Wonderful Websites
- Marvelous Materials
- Resource Review
- Agency/Community Awareness