

Kent CAN Agenda
May 24, 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 2017-18 School Year

Please see listing attached to minutes for 17-18 school year meeting dates and locations

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*

June 21, 2017 START Management Training @Crowne Plaza Lansing West

November 8, 2017 GET Supports for Autism – Kent CAN Training at Kent ISD ESC

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

Follow Up Items

Activity	Who	Completed?
<p>Introduction of Members – 24 members present. Dates for next school year will be attached to these minutes. June 21st management training from START. November 8th – GET Supports for students with ASD.</p> <p>Trainings and Program Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kent CAN parent training – March 20th was our first parent meeting. It was filled to capacity, with a waiting list. We opened a larger room and accommodated all who wanted to attend. It was successful with the student peers making an invaluable addition to the “day care” piece. Suggestions for next year were presented and will be considered. START Conference – May 1st in Lansing. START had multiple keynote speakers and it was one of the best in recent history. Jessica Minahan was one of the outstanding presenters (http://jessicaminahan.com/). Continuum of presenters was good. Alissa Hofstee shared that there will be some behavioral trainings, focus on Jessica's book <i>The Behavior Code</i>, during the 2017-18 school year. Additional information is available on the START website. START Spring RCN meeting - May 2nd was the START RCN Meeting. Technology information was shocking and a good reminder that we need to stay informed about these issues. Gave lots of resources to share with parents as a preventative measure for the technology concerns. START is streamlining the information for us and this is very helpful. Additional information is available on the START website. GRPS Summer Community Resource Brochure, compiled by Paulette Longwell and Laura LaMore, was sent out last month and an electronic version is attached to these minutes once again. A wonderful resource. Indian Trail Camp now comes under the IKUS Life Enrichment Services. Check them out at http://ikuslife.org/services/indian-trails-camp/. Carol Lippert shared about an annual REC membership of \$1, they are offering activities 	<p>Jennifer Murchison</p> <p>Kent CAN members</p> <p>Kent CAN members</p> <p>Kent CAN members</p> <p>Paulette Longwell</p>	

<p>throughout the summer. Additional details can be found here: http://ikuslife.org/r-e-c-connect-news-6/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3rd Annual Day at the Ballpark (May 17th) was a huge success. All students seemed to really enjoy the experience. It was for high school programs only this year and that gave it a different flavor. Rebecca put together a slide show and video – pictures speak louder than words – you can tell everyone enjoyed themselves. 	Jennifer Murchison/ Rebecca McIntyre	
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New Items

Activity	Follow-Up Needed	Who	Timeline
<p>START update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> START-ism – Passports available in English, Arabic and Student with an IEP (non-autism) version. A list was passed around for people to order. All versions are currently online and printed copies will be available in a couple of months. Please contact Joan Meyer to order materials for your district. The current Coaching Modules are available on a flash drive and Jennifer Murchison will have this. We are working on creating Coaching Tool Kit to be available for committee members next school year. Project Search Plus (Paul Wyman) is a program that is working very well for students with ASD exiting the educational setting and entering the workforce. Their success rate is awesome. START will serve as the “plus.” Kelly will be changing her role in START somewhat and may not be able to attend all of our Kent CAN meetings in the 2917-18 school year. Kelly was in attendance at the presentations of BYF at Thousand Oaks yesterday. She said that in all the years she has done this, this year’s presentations were the most 		Kelly Dunlap	

amazing. START was very, very pleased with what they saw.

Kent CAN / Kent ISD update

- Rebecca McIntyre is putting together an agency assessment survey which will be used next school year.
- GET Supports for Autism Conference – November 8th. We are continuing to look for presenters. Small team met earlier today to determine criteria for presentations to make sure they match our intended target population and purpose of conference.
- 2016-2017 End of Year Reporting is being finalized by Jennifer and Rebecca. Please send any special events that your district did during the 2016-17 school year to Rebecca McIntyre.

Presentation:

- Stir It Up (bakery for special needs young adults) – emergency with family arose and she was unable to attend. We will reschedule for next school year.
- BYF and EBP Team Presentations: Teams presented target students information gained this year. Information addressed included: Surveys/ Interviews, Observations/ Home Visits, Neighborhood tours, Brain Blizzards, Determine/ Develop v3 Outcomes
- Suzie Koryom from Kenowa presented first. Student did his presentation at BYF and he did a great job. The BYF team visited many outside activities and mom said the swim meet was a huge success. The team tied everything they observed to how the student

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<p>could use them in his future. Mom is now onboard for a job in the future and having community skills and more opportunities for her son.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jill Krueze from Grandville presented on their 9th grade student at the high school. He is on the diploma track and loves technology. He was not very social but the team wanted to increase his opportunities in this area. There was increased exposure to the community through the library and other places he could walk to. They are working on getting him training on using <i>The Rapid</i> as a way to increase his community involvement. His goal for summer is to use public transportation. He has skills that should translate into future employment.• Rebecca Ryan, Deb Schuitema and Angie Drake from GRPS had three BYF teams, one at the middle school and two at the high school. First student is a senior at Union High school and lives in an area that is close to many job opportunities. She has many skills that could translate into future employment. Their second student is a 7th grade student at Riverside Middle. His visual resume was wonderful. Mom bought into the process very well. They will keep the visual resume going until he is out of school. The final student is in high school (9th grade) and is very interested in sports (she participated in <i>Girls on the Run</i>, and the girl's soccer team) and is now able to join a cross country team for next school year and		<p>Grandville</p> <p>Grand Rapids Public Schools</p>	
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also entering into Special Olympics. The Athletic Director was receptive of her abilities and will help.

- Steve Seth from East Grand Rapids presented on their student. The team visited the student at his home and it was a fun environment as he had just gotten a new video game and was very animated about showing this to the team. The Brain Blizzard was very beneficial in helping identify many social skills. He was a manager on the EGR high school varsity football team and traveled by bus with the entire team. This was outside of his normal comfort zone but he grew with the experience. At a visit to Best Buy he learned about job opportunities there and was a "Junior Agent". He would love to be involved in something like this in the future for an employment opportunity.
- Lindsey Nicholson from Forest Hills reported on their 9th grade student, diploma bound. His presentation yesterday at BYF was on yoga and it was wonderful. He did a yoga "class" in front of the room with three adult volunteers. It was very appropriate and he now wants to be a yoga instructor! His Peer feedback was very good as the peers saw things that the adults did not.
- Caledonia's Jen Amorose and Scott Bont presented on their student. She has a very supportive and large family, being one of nine siblings. She is very active in her church. It is a

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<p>struggle to find out what she wants as she is quite shy. She worked in the <i>Daily Grind</i> (coffee shop) and the "Fighting Scots" (bakery). She enjoys being with young children. Her rural house setting makes it difficult to go anywhere without aid of a car for transportation. School used this as an opportunity to learn more about her likes and abilities and they will continue to work with her during her high school years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Caledonia held a "Community Conversation" on May 4th at Davenport University in their community. It was a successful endeavor (PowerPoint attached). Jen recommended starting early and to keep pushing until the event happens. It is well worth the effort. Would love to see more of these next year!• Thank you for another wonderful year! Looking forward to STARTing again in September.		Jen Amorose	
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