

Kent CAN Minutes
September 30, 2015
1:00-3:00
Grand Room

Roles and Responsibilities

Facilitator – Jennifer Murchison

Note Taker –Joan Meyer

Transition Coordinator – Rebecca McIntyre

Website Coordinator – Lori Matthews

Kent CAN Coordinator – Jennifer Murchison

Community Partners – Pat Sinen

Assessment Tool Coordinator – Tara Kosinski and Amy Bufka

Peer to Peer and Trainer/Coaches – Scott Bont and Sarah Hammer

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.k12.mi.us)*

Kent CAN Meetings for 2014-15 School Year (Please note that meeting type may vary)

October 28, 2015 KTC - Multipurpose Room (parking lot #7)

January 27, 2016 ESC Coldwater Room

February 24, 2016 ESC Coldwater Room

March 30, 2016 ESC Coldwater Room

May 25, 2016 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

November 2, 2015 START Fall RCN Meeting @ Crown Plaza Lansing West

November 11, 2015 Kent CAN ASD Conference @ 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 – 32 members attended and were introduced. October 28th meeting to be held at KTC – a different building, parking lot #7. All registrations for START conferences must go through Joan Meyer (joanmeyer@kentisd.org) for sign-up and payment. Email her if you are interested in attending any.</p>	Jennifer Murchison	
<p>Summer happenings: Peer-to-Peer training through START was held September 29 & 30, 18 from our districts in Kent ISD attended. We will be hearing from them at later Kent CAN meetings about their new programs. Sarah Hammer attended until noon on the 30th and then came to the Kent CAN meeting and reported back. Sarah has started a new LINKS program (high school level) and it is an elective course. Twenty-eight general education students are taking the course for the upcoming year. Jill Kreuze (Grandville) also attended and said it was a good training, more of a review for her. They want to formalize their program more in Grandville. START intensive training is being attended by Jen Amorose and a team from Caledonia. Caledonia also had people attend the Peer-to-Peer training and Jen will email the names to Joan so we can stay current on our goals for the grant. Scott Bont (Caledonia) attended the START Links Think Tank this summer. Jen Amorose has a babysitter who was a high school LINKS student and now is going into training to be an ASD teacher. Wonderful feedback!</p>	Kent CAN members	
<p>Kent CAN ASD Conference update given by Rebecca. The goal of the conference is to provide evidence-based training for general education teachers. (The feedback from attendees of previous trainings wanted more of a hands-on learning for general education teachers). We are doing the hands-on learning conference with a focus on general educators. Want to help them to be able to work more effectively with students with ASD. We are looking for additional presenters for a few sessions. Contact Rebecca McIntyre if you are willing to be a presenter. KTC's entire staff will be attending as a PD day. Will try and meet the needs for their staff and students. Kindy indicated a desire to have some</p>	Rebecca McIntyre	

<p>presentations for her LEAP conference and would like people to consider presenting for the parents at her conference this winter.</p> <p>Autism Society of Michigan Annual Fall Conference is October 19th at the Eberhard Center downtown with the target audience of parents. Kent CAN and START will be co-hosting a table at this conference. Paula Kluth will be the keynote speaker and we are scheduling her to come to our ASD Conference next school year targeting general education teachers. The Kent CAN committee would like to have more parent involvement.</p> <p>Kent CAN Lending Library: Dee Miller showed some items available through the lending library. She also addressed the new process for checking out these items. She supplied a total listing of all available items in this lending library. Only Kent CAN members may check these out (though if a district has a representative on the committee anyone from that district can access the items.) Must check with Joan Meyer or Dee Miller before the items go out. (Electronic list and instructions on how to sign up in the new booking system are attached to these minutes.) Many examples were sent around to the committee to see all the wonderful items available. Kindy Segovia presented additional items in the AT lending library that also work well with students with ASD. Committee encouraged to borrow these items as well. Kindy also shared about new 15 minute online webcasts she and Ron are doing this year. Find out more about AT SNACK at: bit.ly/kisdsnack</p>	<p>Jennifer Murchison</p> <p>Dee Miller</p>	
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New Items

Activity	Who	Timeline
<p>START update and Passport project presented by Kelly Dunlap. Kelly used a PowerPoint on all updated information from START (which is attached to these minutes). Please review PowerPoint for additional details. It is the forty year anniversary of START and there is much going on for this milestone. Office of Special Education has five focus areas: (1) demonstrating academic growth, (2) literacy including Early Childhood, (3) family engagement, (4) disproportionality, and (5) 2020 Federal Youth Transition Plan. Michigan has taken on literacy specifically for all students and will include students with ASD as well. Will</p>	<p>Kelly Dunlap</p>	

<p>ensure that students with ASD have access to the very best reading teachers and reading specialists. This must be foremost. ASD students must be targeted with an accurate assessment tool to find out whether or not they are reading. Staff must find items that matter and motivate each student to properly assess.</p> <p>Interventioncentral.org is a free website that one can use to determine readability and fluency levels from a variety of areas. It is START's 15 year anniversary. Lots of information will be available. November 2nd is the Fall Leadership in Lansing, Crowne. If want to attend, email joanmeyer@kentisd.org for her to register you by October 15th. Kent CAN is allowed to send 12 members. START Conference is May 2, 2016 Kellogg Center in East Lansing. Keynote presenters will be Stephen Shore, Dan Habib and Alyson Beytein. Leadership day is May 3rd – same place. Passports were presented to the committee and Kelly left Kent ISD's copies with Joan Meyer. We will check in TIENET for the number of students with ASD in each district. Kelly left half of the total for all of Kent County and these will be sent out to districts according to their numbers in TIENET. Kelly to go over and discuss the Coaching Checklist at our October meeting.</p> <p>Presentation: ASD Guidelines were passed out to committee members.</p> <p>Kent CAN 2015-2016 Grant Goals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Professional Development with Impact 2. Coaching for Implementation for Evidence-Based practices (EBP) 3. Post High School Transition 4. Peer to Peer Support Programs 5. Family and Community Engagement <p>Kent CAN has several districts/teams participating in grant projects. Evidenced Based teams (Grand Rapids, Ridge Park Charter, Excel Charter, GR Center Based) are focusing mainly on Self-Management. Transition age teams will participate in the Discovery Process (Rockford RITS and West MI Aviation Academy). We also have several districts working to build their Peer to Peer programs. All teams will provide updates at future meetings throughout the year.</p> <p>Kim shared the date of this year's Transition Expo –</p>	<p>Rebecca McIntyre/Kent CAN members</p>	
	Kim Norman	

<p>November 19th at Kent ISD. Watch for further details.</p>		
<p>Show and Share:</p> <p>Ron Houtman presented a program from Google called "Speech to Text". It is a tool built into Googledocs and it is free! Go under your tools in Google it is "voice typing" – turn it on within Google docs. This program will type as fast as you can talk. It can type over 200 words per minute and it is very accurate as a voice recognition tool. You can then just copy and paste your information into whatever document you are working on. All you have to do is go to an open google document – tools: voice typing turn it on – a microphone will appear and you authorize it to start typing. Very accurate. Ron Houtman is available to go out and teach at the districts – he is the "official" Google person, in fact he recently received his Google Certified Trainer status.</p>	Ron Houtman	
<p>Door prize drawings were held. Congratulations to the following: Jen Aromroes (Caledonia) - \$100 Emily Molesta (Rockford) - \$50 Pat Sinen (Lowell) - \$25 Prize winners should pick out EBP supporting items they want and contact Joan Meyer for purchase (she can make sure it is tax exempt). Prizes must be "claimed" or ordered before December 31st.</p> <p>We ran out of time for Case Studies and Brainstorming – it will be a future agenda item.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PBIS: Sharing (To be rescheduled.)• Future Topics: Prompt Hierarchy (to discuss at October meeting, plan on sharing)	Joan Meyer	