Kent CAN Minutes
January 17, 2018
1:00-3:00
Rogue Room

Roles and Responsibilities
Facilitator – Alissa Hofstee
Note Taker – Joan Meyer
Transition Coordinator – Scott Bont and Liz Ensing
Website Coordinator – Lori Matthews
Kent CAN Coordinator – Jennifer Murchison
Assessment Tool Coordinator - TBD
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 the meetings starting at 12:00 noon.

**Email future agenda items to Jennifer Murchison (murchisonj@grps.org)

- February 21, 2018 ESC Coldwater Room
- March 21, 2018 ESC Coldwater Room
- May 16, 2018 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.

- Peer to Peer Training February 6 & 7, 2018, Macomb ISD – Educational Service Center
- EPLI START Trainer Day March 19, 2018, Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, East Lansing
- 17th Annual START Conference, April 30, 2018, Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, East Lansing
- 2018 Spring RCN Leadership Day, May 1, 2018 Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, East Lansing

Additional START information can be found at the Grand Valley website: http://www.gvsu.edu/autismcenter/

Follow Up Items

Introduction of members – 17 participants in attendance. February 21st will be our next meeting. Trainings from START available and if you want to attend, Joan Meyer will register you if you call her or email joanmeyer@kentisd.org. EPLI START sign-up sheet sent around once again for people to indicate if they want to attend this training. 17th Annual START Conference registration just opened at 3:00 pm today. Let Joan know which break out session you would like by Friday, January 19th. She will register everyone on Monday, January 22nd. Be sure and check the START website for other pertinent information.

Trainings and Program Updates

- LAMP Training here at Kent ISD today and tomorrow – sixty-two people in attendance. It has been a great training so far!
- CETA or Peer to Peer Fidelity use report out – No reports on new use since our December meeting. If you have questions, contact Jennifer Murchison.

New Items

START Update

- RCN Pacing Guide has been updated to include dates for 2017-2018 deadlines. Important to keep information updated.
- Team applications for 2018-2019 Intensive Trainings - Early Childhood (Baker College, Owosso), BYF (Jackson county ISD), and K-12 (Oakland Schools in Waterford) will be open in January 2018. If interested, apply as soon as registration is open – check the START website for application and additional details.
- Passport Challenge Round 2 is going on. Please keep completing and logging the use of Passports on START website. There is a contest for the top 10 most innovative ideas on getting people to use the Passports. There will be a drawing with prizes from START. Examples of how teachers are using them here in Kent County were given: they gave them out at team meetings, IEPs, parent meetings, etc. There was interest expressed in an early childhood version of the Passport and START is considering this.
  Link for logging Passport use: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe-a9_Twy4MtsqATQdl7cMFOsasyNgjZVkhfdKceyrGgKexTg/viewform
- Save the Date: EPLI START Trainer Day is March 19, 2018 at Kellogg Center in Lansing – registration via Joan Meyer if interested. We currently have 2 members attending.

Kent CAN/Kent ISD Updates

- Review 2017-2018 Contract Goals and Target Students - Kindergarten student with ASD is being targeted with Jen Amorose at Caledonia. She reported out about her targeted student (fully included). Student is making progress but it is a work in progress. Rebecca Ryan (GRPS) reported on her student and she is working with a new teacher who is just beginning the process. This is a student who has greater needs and was looked at in the past for center-
Based placement. BYF students are still being worked on at Grandville, Forest Hills and GRPS. Forest Hills is working on the targeted student and continuing to work on the process. They may add an additional student. We will continue to check in at our upcoming meeting on progress of students and will teams will share end of year findings at the May meeting.

- Samsung Technology’s Award “Solve for Tomorrow’s Challenge” of $25,000 was given to Marc Petz’s 3-D Animation class at KCTC. Marc Petz, Mary Musto, and Laura Robinson are heading up this project with the 3-D animation class doing the actual work. This is a progression with social behavior starting off with 2-D, then they are adding 3-D and finally virtual reality so that students can go into a quiet room and practice social skills. Eventually one of the companies they are working with will include augmented reality. A video about this project will be presented at noon to the leadership team at the February 21st meeting.

- State Autism Council Update: Rebecca McIntyre gave a report on their monthly meeting. There was a great deal of good information presented. See the PowerPoint and take time to read through it. [http://bit.ly/MACJanuaryUpdate](http://bit.ly/MACJanuaryUpdate) This is just an overview of this project. The Autism State Plan is now 7 years old and in need of updating. Amy Matthews is going to be heading this up with a small committee from the council.

Presentations:

- Kent CAN Lending Library: Dee Miller and Erin Hoekema presented what is available in our lending library and how to access this. Step-by-step instructions were handed out and demonstrated. Members also received a copy of the lending library inventory. Members were asked to sign up to review particular testing instruments to share at our February 21st meeting. We need to review and determine if our library needs to be updated or if items in it are no longer current. Some of the newest items (weighted blankets, weighted vests, compression vest, etc.) in our lending library were introduced. Dee explained how to sign up to check out items from REMC and Erin worked on the computer to sign people up and check out their assessments. Further questions can be sent to either deemiller@kentisd.org or erinhoekema@kentisd.org

- ASD Assessments: Show and Share – The following committee members volunteered to check out the assessment and present an overview with pros/cons of them at the February meeting:
  - PEP-3, ABLLS-R, and PLSI – Rebecca Ryan
  - ADOS – Suzanne Koryom and Rebecca Ryan
  - VB-MAPP – Jennifer Murchison
  - PTONI and TOPL-2 – Katie Burpee (along with two OT students)
  - EASIC-3 – Alicia Pearson
  - SRS-2 - Jen Amorose
  - Assessment of Functional Living Skills – Scott Bont
  - GARS-3, CTONI, and CARS-2 – Kim Stevens

Other committee members are encouraged to contact Joan Meyer if they are willing to review an assessment and present.

Show and Share

- Wonderful Websites – Ron Houtman – AssisTechKnow 2018 – October 18 and 19, 2018. A call for presenters will be going out shortly. Please contact Kindy Segovia kindysegovia@kentisd.org or Ron Houtman ronhoutman@kentisd.org if interested.

- Microsoft through MDE has done a Minecraft license for districts. Questions were raised about this program. What is the educational benefit for this? It is a “work in progress”. Ron Houtman will bring a STEM Kit to show at the February 21st meeting with robots! 😊

- Agency/Community awareness – LEAP Conference on March 17th (Saturday from 8:30 am – 2:50 pm). Kent CAN will have a table and we are looking for volunteers to man the table (contact joanmeyer@kentisd.org ).
• Michigan State University – Project Venture – Michigan State is offering a program to students with special needs, ages 16 to 18. They will be able to “try on” university life. Will meet other high school students with disabilities. June 24 - 27th, – see attached information.

• Movement Dance Camp for children aged 11-14 with special needs. Free of charge at GVSU on Allendale campus February 10th from 2:00-4:00. – See attached for information.