

Kent CAN Minutes

March 21, 2018

1:00-3:00

Coldwater 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)*

- **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](mailto:joanmeyer@kentisd.org) (joanmeyer@kentisd.org) for registration via Kent CAN.

Additional START information can be found at the [Grand Valley website](http://www.gvsu.edu/autismcenter/): <http://www.gvsu.edu/autismcenter/>

Follow Up Items

Introduction of members – 16 members in attendance. May 16th will be the final meeting for the 2017-18 school year.

Trainings and Program Updates

- LEAP Conference – March 17th – Carol Lippert attended and has a 15-year-old son and was pleased with the sessions she attended. It was very worthwhile! Rebecca Ryan told about the sessions by Jean Silbar and it was good. Was pleased with the key note speak as well. Alissa Hofstee was pleased with her session on behavior though it was a very crowded room with 86 participants there. Therapy vendors were very good bringing a different perspective to the conference.
- START EPLI Trainer Day – March 19th – no one from Kent CAN attended.

New Items

START Update

- 17th Annual START Conference - April 30, 2018 at Kellogg Center in Lansing. Registration is currently open. We are sending 16 committee members.
- START Project Community Read – “100 Ideas for Improving Inclusive Schools” by Paula Kluth. We purchased 5 of these books and committee members are currently reading this. They will share out at the May meeting.
- Spring RCN Leadership Day - May 1, 2018 at Kellogg Center in Lansing. Agenda recently added to START website. Seven committee members attending.
- RCN Pacing Guide has been updated to include dates for 2017-2018 deadlines. Things are going well. Next month an end-of-year summary for Evidence-Based Practice and Peer-to-Peer will be presented by our committee members. Team applications for 2018-2019 Early Childhood, BYF, and K-12 are now available. There is interest in Kent applying for both K-12 and Early Childhood to be a host site for 2019-20 school year. Stay tuned!
- Passport Challenge Round 2 is going on. Please keep completing and logging in use of Passports on START website. Contest for top 10 most innovative ideas will be in a drawing. Rebecca Ryan and teacher to present on Passports at the May meeting.
- Visit START website for a full list of new Self-Management examples organized by category. Check out the website, it is good.

Kent CAN/Kent ISD Updates

- Review 2017-2018 Contract Goals and Target Students
 - Peer to Peer district reporting – Rebecca McIntyre. Rebecca sent out emails and she is getting good responses for the necessary information for the grant. The email was sent out to directors and peer-to-peer contact at buildings and the information is coming in. Rebecca was able to check with committee members and finalize almost all of the necessary information at this meeting.
- Peer to Peer – Day at the Ballpark – May 23rd. One hundred and forty-three tickets were ordered for this school year. Details regarding times and location of seating will be coming. Caledonia, Grandville, Kentwood and Kenowa Hills will be participating this year. (The White Caps management has guaranteed a sunny, dry day but could not guarantee a White Caps win!)
- KCTC Samsung Solve for Tomorrow – update and voting through April 2nd KCTC is in the running for the grand prize. Everyone is encourage to vote once a day until April 2nd www.samsung.com/us/solvefortomorrow (flyer is attached).
- State Autism Council Update: Rebecca McIntyre and Lindsey Nicholson attended the meeting. Michigan Medicaid pieces ABA directory is now available listed by county. Can be downloaded and disseminated as necessary. As of February 1st - 5,287 youths received approved ABA services. Good information is available and attached to the minutes. Save-the-Date: Project ImPACT: Teaching Social Communication to Children with Autism will be held on May 21-22, 2018 with Dr. Brooke Ingersoll. Kent County has been chosen as a Demonstration Model Site for MDHHS to work with CMHSP to pilot a full physical and behavioral health integrated service demonstration model.

April 27th is the next meeting of this committee and Rebecca encourages anyone to come along with her to attend this meeting. It is very educational and we are so pleased that Rebecca is on this committee. (See attachment for details on the March 2018 Council Update).

Presentations:

Visual Supports: Presentation – Kindy Segovia and Suzanna Ruskusky presented on this very broad topic. Suzy attended the AltShift conference which was near Detroit and was pleased with what was presented. Suzy showed what is being done at Ottawa Area ISD. Students are able to make their own visual schedules. Some great ideas were presented. Check out this link to view the slides and great examples. bit.ly/kentcan321

Kindy and Suzy then took the entire committee on a field trip to their area (Creative Corner) and showed them all the visual supports that can easily be made with materials in their department. Information about Creative Corner will be attached to these minutes (scroll down to the last slide). This is a great way for special education staff to make visual supports for their students. Committee members were encouraged to come back with ideas on how to make a visual supports book to show to parents when they question what a visual support or social story is.

- Showed how to use Tar Heel Gameplay. Good resource for enforcing sight word reading.
- Kent CAN book share: 100 Ideas for Improving Inclusive Schools by Paula Kluth – Kent CAN members

Show and Share

Wonderful Websites – these are also referenced in Kindy's slide show – some really great resources!

- [Tarheel Reader](#) (to create books, password is Literacy!)
- [Tarheel Gameplay](#) (to create games, password is Literacy!)
- [Tumblebooks](#) - KDL
- [Geekbookclub](#) - comics and books about Autism
- [Get Epic](#) - digital library, free for educators
- [Storyline Online](#) - books read aloud by screen actor's guild
- [Open eBooks](#) - free digital books for low income schools
- [Goodreads](#) - Autism Social Story books for kidsStory

Marvelous Materials

Resource Review

Agency/Community awareness