



**Community of Practice
for Supporting Families of Individuals
with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities**

**Positive Behavioral Support Committee
Community of Practice**

Chairperson: Peter Tolisano, Psy.D.

Final Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: January 28, 2014 10:00-12:00

Location: Lucy Robbins Wells Library in Newington

Present: Peter Tolisano, Jennifer Bogin, Don Briere, John Tierney, Jessica Kremer, Lisa Gelada, Jonathan Hauslaib, Tamara Mitton, Lori LaCroix, Debra Anderson, and Laura Kern.

Announcements:

- Continued focus on the exploratory phase of our CoP Committee—recruiting the right people, especially self-advocates and families, and identifying unique project(s)
- Handouts on Guiding Values to Implement CoP Group Activities and Adult Sibling Connections
- Using the Unified Calendar-Molly Cole (DD Council)
- Discussing the possibility of video conferencing
- Inviting more guests to inform our process
- Communication Team to meet in February

Presenters:

1. *Donald Briere: State Dept. of Education*

- Scientific Research-Based Interventions-grants
- Multifaceted systems-academic and behavioral
- Students tend to destabilize behaviorally in the spring (due to testing, etc.)
- PBIS collaborative group is held in Middletown
- Our unique projects might be: 1) helping to make behavioral plans more “readable” for families; 2) contributing to the development of educational modules on PBIS for teachers; 3) educating parents on the “team process”; and 4) looking at ways to help families understand the importance of collaborative “treatment packages” (e.g., families, schools, clinical supports, DDS, etc.)
- Look at research on parent involvement

2. *Jennifer Bogin: Director of DDS Division of Autism Services*

- Feasibility study
- Qualifying professionals: clinical-behavioral consultants
- How to carry school programming into the home for structure
- Announcement about the Autism Advisory Council meeting at the LOB on 2/19

Next Steps:

- Invite family members (e.g., Laura Kern and Pam Lyles) to discuss their experiences in receiving and implementing PBS plans and strategies
- Per Don Briere, Alice Henly from SERC might be someone to invite to collaborate on PBS
- Send list of other CoP committees to our PBS members
- *Ask the Communication Team about how to recruit and engage self-advocates and families

Next Meeting:

March 27th at 10:00 (Lucy Wells Robbins Library in Newington)