



**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: March 27, 2014 10:00-12:00

Location: Lucy Robbins Wells Library in Newington

Present: Peter Tolisano, Jennifer Bogin, John Tierney, Jessica Kremer, Jonathan Hauslaib, Debra Anderson, Laura Kern, Carolyn Teed-Ives, Erin Wegner-Vincent, Alice Henley, and Jennifer Gillotti.

Announcements and Discussion:

1. Handouts:

- Minutes from January
- Committee Contacts
- Charting the Life Course
- Supporting Families Talking Points

2. Brainstorming about our committee goals. Brief review of ideas for possible projects we touched on from December to March. Update on the importance of selecting project(s) in order to receive acceptance and feedback of our proposed goals at the September 2014 meeting of the CoP Communication Team. Also, thinking about resources that might be needed to accomplish our project(s).

3. Encouraging ongoing efforts to engage and recruit self-advocates and families.

Presenters:

1. Alice Henly from State Education Resource Center (SERC) spoke about several PBIS-related projects.

- In particular, she spoke about the PBIS consultation model (George Sugai) they are using with approximately 200 schools. The goal is consistency with positive and proactive expectations in the classroom. They are “changing the behavior of adults, not students” and they use a “report card” for schools in measuring accountability and impact.
- She also spoke about the use of the special education library, considering cultural relevance needs in behavioral supports, and increasing the impact of PBIS for students with developmental and intellectual disabilities.

2. Laura Kern to discussed research developments in the PBS field

Next Steps:

- Pam Lyles will discuss her experiences in receiving and implementing PBS plans and strategies at the May meeting.
- A flyer has been sent to Dorian Vicedomini at CBHAC in hopes of recruiting self-advocates and families.
- Discussing ways of improving the list of qualified providers from DDS to better serve families.
- Tesha Imperati from the CT Family support Network is invited to our May meeting.
- *Choosing a self-advocate, family member, or community participant to be co-chair of the committee.*
- *Selecting our unique project (see email sent on 4-15-14)*

Next Meeting:

May 27 10 AM Newington Library