



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

Location: Lucy Robbins Wells Library in Newington

*Present:* Peter Tolisano, Lisa Gelada, Robin Wood, Tacie Lowe, Pam Lyle, John Baker, and Eva Bula.

**Announcements:**

- Pam Lyle is now the PBS Committee Co-Chair

**Presenters:**

1. Pam Lyle discussed her experiences with PBS. She spoke about several areas including issues with family disclosure and stigma, problems with larger agencies being unwilling to work with families, and the challenges in private hiring.
2. Lisa Gelada touched on the importance of outreach to schools.
3. John Baker, NR CM Supervisor, spoke about the following: 1) early intervention being key, especially developing family resources; 2) Defining the DDS scope of responsibility especially collaborating with SDE. 3) The importance of simplifying behavior plans, which are oftentimes too cumbersome for families.

**Next Meeting:**

July 15 10 AM Newington Library

Presenters: Unfortunately, Jane Hampton from CT Parents Advocacy Council is unable to attend as planned. Tesha Imperati from the CT Family Support Network is invited.

**Upcoming Topics:**

- Discussing next steps in accomplishing our unique goals/projects: 1) Developing brochures for families that define PBS terms and strategies, and for providers to improve readability of support plans to benefit families (ties to PRC efforts); and 2) Starting a portal to PBS, such as a PBS webpage on the DDS site.
- Can we do video conferencing for our future meetings? Are there other areas to convene within the state?
- What are expectations for family involvement in PBS? How do we reach families for PBS training?
- Meeting for just the Chairs of Committees on July 18 and CoP All Day Event on September 15.