

Southern Regional Capacity Building for Positive Supports

January 9th 12pm-1pm

Purpose:

The purpose of Regional Capacity Building is to promote and share information about Positive Supports regionally, and share recommendations with state leaders. Positive Supports are practices that improve quality of life and cultural responsiveness. Each region will form a network to build partnerships and help strengthen their communities.

Attendees: Cortney Kressin, Linda Driessen, Judy Young, Mindy Thomas, Jackie Caya, Marta Milliken, Stacy Danov, Scott Schifsky

Focus areas:

- [Culture of Safety](#)
- [Person Centered Thinking and Practices](#)

Agenda:

- Recap of 2024 (Cortney- 15 minutes)
 - We started off the year gathering the group, and learning together about Positive Supports.
 - We completed a PATH in 2024, and had other conversations related to brainstorming and mapping this group's purpose.
 - We narrowed our focus to Person Centered Thinking and Practices, and Culture of Safety as our two main Positive Supports to focus on.
- Updates on PATH to dos
 - We reviewed the to dos from the PATH process and identified what's next
 - Find the number of individuals in Southern MN counties who currently receive waived services (Scott)
 - ♣ <https://mn.gov/dhs/partners-and-providers/news-initiatives-reports-workgroups/long-term-services-and-supports/public-planning-performance-reporting/performance-reports/demographic-dashboard/>
 - Meet with the NADSP. Get info we could use to make a proposal to legislatures. (Linda/Judy/Cortney) **Cortney, Marta, Linda, Kerri, and Judy connected with a person at NADSP about certification. It is a certification, not a training, though they do require training through one of their vetted training providers.**
 - Connect with Michelle at Arc about working with colleges (Cortney)
 - ♣ Intern started yesterday!
- What's next?

- o Learn about PCT Coaches Training next month
- o Determine whether/how to move forward with the NADSP conversation