

Southern Regional Capacity Building for Positive Supports

February 12th 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.

Focus areas:

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

Attendees:

Cortney Kressin, Angie Fitzgerald, Lexi Dunn, Cindy Ostrowski, Sarah Venz, Marta Milliken, Buff Hennessey, Linda Driessen, Scott Schifsky, Mindy Thomas, Kerri Leucuta, Randall Oldenburg, Nate Clark, Jessica Waldron, Conner Boorman

Meeting Notes:

- Disability Advocacy (Lexi Dunn)
 - She is president of the disability advocacy club on the Rochester Community and Technical College campus and Winona-Rochester, a disability peer support specialist, and co-chair member of the Regional Quality Council
 - The disability advocacy club is a student-led club focused on planning events and bringing community to campus.
 - Events such as: A disability film festival, disability advocacy bingo, and a disability trivia night. [Disability Advocacy Club - Rochester Community and Technical College](#)
 - As Co-Chair of the Region 10 Quality Council, Lexi; helps lead meetings about disability services and resources, helps plan and organize disability pride events, and helps to promote lived experiences.
 - Lexi is beginning to work as a peer support specialist, particularly focused on transportation services.
 - Lexi is the founder of 'Advocacy Dunn Right', which focuses on uplifting disabled voices, consulting, and promoting community supports.

- o As a disability resource Intern at MaxAbility, she is helping to establish an ‘reverse-job fair’ (which encourages employers to approach job seekers, rather than the other way around), better resources for accessible employment, and address barriers within the workplace.
- o Discussion

Announcements/Upcoming Events and Meetings:

- Supported Decision Making Series, Fridays in February Noon-1:30
 - o Registration link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/Q865OImdQYePJ3u7YNagJg#/registration>
- Transition Talk Parent Group every 4th Wednesday at Noon:
 - o Link: <https://arcminnesota.org/event/transition-talk-parent-group/>
- Telling Your Story Training March 5th
 - o Link: <https://tinyurl.com/4hcjez26>
- April 11th SAM SE Self Advocacy Retreat at Bear Creek Services
- The DHS are hosting the next full culture of safety training. All are welcome to sign up/join.
 - o Link: https://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET_DYNAMIC_CONTENT&dID=163068
- MaxAbility Reverse Job Fair
 - o Event is not yet scheduled, but for more information check out: <https://workforcedevelopmentinc.org/subcommittees/maxability/#:~:text=Advising>
- April 29th is disability advocacy day at the MN state capitol