Southern Regional Capacity Building for Positive Supports

May 14th 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, Marta Milliken, Olivia Lape, Kerri Leucuta, Mindy Thomas, Sarah Vens, Randall Oldenburg, Haley Turner, Jae England Sullivan, Scott Schifsky

Meeting Notes:

- Introductions
- Self-Advocate Q&A with Shelby: Person Centered and Individualized Support Works!
    - We had a Q&A with Shelby. She shared things that haven't worked for her in the past in regard to her housing and employment, and things that have worked really well for her.
    - Shelby had great real-life examples of Positive Supports in action.
- Ask participants for Agency Positive Supports Updates
    - Successes, challenges, and emerging needs
    - Updates on PBS, PCT, Trauma-Informed Supports, and any Positive Supports related work
- Ask participants for Upcoming Trainings & Opportunities
    - Share upcoming events (next 1–2 months)
    - Send training details for regional sharing
- Update on story collection
    - Conner is done with his internship. If he interviewed you for a story and you haven't returned your release of information yet, please send that to Cortney instead.

Announcements/Upcoming Events and Meetings:

- Hot Topic: May 19th with Stacie Enders on possible changes to Positive Support Services: AASD and DSD eList: Survey about proposed changes to positive support and specialist services
- Our next meeting in June is on the same day as the Get Together: Next meeting will be canceled.
- 2nd Annual Great Minnesota Positive Supports Get Together: 2026 Positive Support Conference - Positive Supports Minnesota
- Disability Pride: July 9th at Cascade Lake in Rochester (Linda/Marta)