

Southern Regional Capacity Building for Positive Supports

September 11th 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: Angie Fitzgerald, Cortney Kressin, Mindy Thomas, Jackie Caya, Linda Driessen, Marta Milliken, Jackie Lande, Conner Boorman, Buff Hennessey, Lexi Dunn, Jae England-Sullivan, Randall Oldenburg, Kerri Leucuta, Scott Schifsky

Meeting Notes:

- Culture of Safety
 - Upcoming training next week:
https://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&dDocName=MNDHS-067435&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased
 - There will be a new Safety Action Group (SAG). It will be a group at DHS, consulting leadership there.
 - Network priorities
 - Self advocate and family focus
 - Promotion within the region
 - Ensuring accessibility
 - Brainstorming ideas for the future of collaboration/areas for network focus within the region. We've narrowed our focus to four options to start working on:
 - Future trainings with Scott Schifsky
 - Provider Survey/engagement
 - Connect with Culture of Safety directly ourselves

- Material creation: Workbook/One pagers/ brochures
 - Review all Culture of Safety Materials, identify gaps, and create plain language resources that are accessible to individuals and families
- Provider survey/engagement was selected by the network to move forward with.
 - Start with giving info, then asking questions.
 - Two separate groups of providers should be surveyed: one group that has been using culture of safety and another that has not.
 - Show them how it saves them time/money
 - Are there potential grants from DHS that could fund any of this?
 - Acknowledgement of the difficulties that come up in for providers
 - Integration of these services INTO the work of providers, rather than taking time away from their work
 - Go to the provider, rather than asking them to ‘come to us’ or take time away from them
 - Prioritize finding out where providers are and their availability to commit to an involvement with Culture of safety
 - Work with providers who have already gone forward with Culture of Safety to help promote
- We will start by connecting with organizations
 - ARRM leadership meetings (Jae)
 - ICC parent group meeting (Angie F)
 - PNI connection (Mindy T)
 - Potentially MOHR
- College Collaboration with Rochester Community and Technical College (RCTC)
 - In our PATH conversation last year when we planned out our regional priorities, we identified college collaborations as a priority. The goal is to help them learn about Positive Supports early in their career, whether they are in a human services profession or not.

- We're partnering with RCTC to teach college students about topics like self-advocacy and Person Centered Thinking. We're starting off with a bingo activity that will have key terms and descriptions of them. We have other events like trivia and rock painting planned as well, to get students to engage in the events so they can gain this knowledge before they head into the workforce.
- The first event will be October 29th during "What's Up Wednesdays" which is a weekly on campus event