



**Arizona Community of Practice on Transition (AZ CoPT)**  
**September 3rd, 2020 Communiqué**

**We want to hear from you!**

- **Your input is valuable and necessary to guide us in the transition work we do. Please send your comments or questions to [azcopt1@gmail.com](mailto:azcopt1@gmail.com).**
- We look forward to hearing from the community at large, Key Advisors and Extended Partners on our work to date and future agenda items
- **To request a Partner's Presentation in your area or to learn how to start your own Local Community of Practice on Transition, please click on the link:**

**Want to know more about our work?** Check out our webpage! <http://bit.ly/2BjtAHy>

**Team Attendees:** Chris Trujillo, Ceci Heartkey, Lauren Blocher, Christy Hegebush, Lisa Livesay, Sam Klein, Ceci Hartke, Velma Spencer, Betty Schoen, Monica Amaya, Megan Conrad

**Meeting Location:** Zoom Meeting

**Meeting Time:** 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

**AZCoPT Leadership Team 2020:**

- Chair: Abel Young, Betty Schoen (RSA)
- Vice Chair: Chris Trujillo (ArizOTA)
- Recorder: Megan Conrad (DCS)
- Alternate 1: Emma Hefton
- Communication Liaison: Lisa Livesay

**Discussion Items:**

- Transition Guide Updates
  - Susan provided update to Chris about Transition guide edits. The young adult was unable to continue with edits, but he is no longer in the state and had other priorities.
  - Chris will follow up with Susan about starting a workgroup to finish the edits.
  - Velma did send Susan a section on Tribal VR. Lisa shared Susan did add to the document.
- IDEA Conference

- Lisa provided update: Today is the kick off event, Keynote speaker is today, and happening each Thursday.
  - Betty commented, the current tracks are focused mainly on education, which left her feeling that there weren't options at this time that related to her professional role with VR.
    - Sam reported that there will be transition related topics in November and the ESS team will continue to look at topics to support the community as a whole.
- LCoPT workgroup update
  - Sam provided update, 7 new responses were received from the Local CoPTs. The group will be having a quarterly meeting to provide support to the LCoPT.
- On-boarding workgroup update
  - Abel sent list of community partner names to be updated.
  - Community partner video sessions
    - There is a site picked out for completing the videos, but Chris will send more information about the process.
- Capacity Building Virtual Institute (CBVI)
  - ADE, VR were initial stakeholders.
    - Group will now include stakeholders from behavioral health, UCEDD
- Lisa: There is a folder within AZCoPT under the ADE Secondary Transition folder that has documents that need to be moved under the AZCoPT main folder.
  - "ST-ADE for review" is the folder name-Betty will review with Abel and see what is needed from the folder.
- Video request from Velma Spencer for October conference.
  - Lisa and Sam will see if they can create something.

## Updates/News:

### Local Communities of Practice on Transition Updates:

LOCATION	AMBASSADOR	Updates
Mohave County CoPT	<b>Betty Schoen</b>	Meeting in July and August. Next meeting 9-25. "Mile Markers Therapy" and Raising Special Kids representative are leading the group. 7 attendees.
Pima County CoPT	<b>Sam Klein</b>	Meeting next week. Direct Center for IL presented at last meeting.
Pima County Consortium	<b>Abel Young</b>	No updates.
Pinal County Transition Consortium	<b>Betty Schoen/Susan Voirol</b>	Met in August, going strong
Peoria	<b>Bob Crouse</b>	

Flagstaff	<b>Becky Raabe</b>	Video request
Gilbert CoPT	<b>Betty Schoen</b>	Betty met with Nichole L., Gilbert lead, She will be asking to combine Gilbert with East Valley
CCCoPT (Cochise County)	<b>Sam Klein</b>	Postponed August meeting due to school uncertainty. Membership is still not consistent, looking to support membership. Project: Brochure that includes resources specific to "transition"
East Valley CoPT	<b>Betty Schoen/Susan Voirol</b>	Betty-still haven't had a meeting.
Verde Valley CoPT	<b>Lisa Livesay</b>	Group is still taking a break due to COVID. Lisa will assist with regathering the stakeholders.
Yavapai CoPT	<b>Susan Voirol/Abel Young</b>	no update available.
Tuba City CoPT (new)	<b>Betty Schoen</b>	Betty is taking over from Ana.
Payson CoPT	<b>Betty Schoen</b>	Payson is not currently operating a CoPT. School district is not interested at this time and the VR counselor in the area is not able to facilitate.

#### **Partner Updates:**

- **IHE/UCEDD:**
- **AHCCCS/DHCM:**
- **ADCS:**
  - a. Update regarding school challenges for foster youth. Working with ADE to better define supportive services for each school.
- **ADHS/OCSHCN:**
- **DDD:**
- **OSERS Office of Special Education and Rehab Services:**
- **Raising Special Kids: RSA (Rehabilitative Services Administration)/VocRehab:**
  - a. Ceci provided update on supports. New training "Talking to your child about sexuality".
- **SILC/ Diverse Ability Incorporated:**
- **Arizona Department of Education/Exceptional Student Services:**
  - a. Here is the ADE website for the "Building Resilience" trauma-informed sessions:  
<https://www.azed.gov/improvement/sel/>
    - Link to register for sessions:  
<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Resiliency---Trauma-Informed-Practices.html?soid=1107647512252&aid=t1LJsJwpehc>
- **ArizOTA Transition SIS:**

- a. Chris: Student projects were a success! Students presented programs they developed regarding OT.
- **VR Navajo Nation:**
  - a. Everyone is back to work in the office, with rotating schedules for the office.
  - b. Navajo Nation is working closely with CDC and FEMA and the numbers are down across the Nation.
  - c. Virtual school for the entire first semester.

### **Accomplishments:**

### **Next Steps:**

### **Tabled Items**

### **LOCAL COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE LIST:**

LOCATION	AMBASSADOR
Pima County CoPT	Melissa Ann Santora
Pima County Consortium	Abel Young
Pinal County Transition Consortium	Betty Schoen/Susan Voirol
Peoria	Andi Asel
Flagstaff	Becky Raabe
Gilbert CoPT	Betty Schoen
CCCoPT (Cochise County)	Margaret Corcoran
East Valley CoPT	Betty Schoen & Susan Voirol
Verde Valley CoPT	Susan Voirol/Abel Young
Yavapai CoPT	Susan Voirol/Abel Young
Tuba City CoPT (new)	Ana Nunez
Payson CoPT	Betty Schoen
Mohave County CoPT	Betty Schoen

**\*Ambassadors remember to send Meeting notes to AZCoPT Gmail. These will be housed in a new location after the new year: [azcopt1@gmail.com](mailto:azcopt1@gmail.com)**

### **Upcoming Partners in Transition Presentations (101 or 201)**

To request an AZCoPT Presentation, click on this link:<http://bit.ly/azcopttraining>

Location	Presentation	Sponsor	Contact	Date
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### Next Meeting

- Date: August 6th
- Time: 10-12:00
- Location: Zoom

## AZCoPT Mission

The mission of the Arizona Community of Practice on Transition (AZCoPT) is to improve lifelong outcomes for youth and young adults with disabilities.

## Leadership Team

### Arizona Department of Child Safety (ADCS)

Megan Conrad

### Arizona Department of Corrections (ADC)

Paul Johnson, Special Education Administrator

### Arizona Department of Economic Security

Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD)

Margaret Corcoran, Employment Services Manager

### ArizOTA Postsecondary Transition Specialty Interest Section

Chris Trujillo, SIS Chair

### Vocational Rehabilitation (VR)

Abel Young, Statewide Transition Coordinator

Betty Schoen, Region 1 Transition Specialist

### Arizona Department of Education

Exceptional Student Services (ESS)

Ana Núñez, Transition Specialist

Andi Asel, Transition Specialist

Melinda Rafanan, Transition Specialist

Becky Raabe, Family Engagement Specialist

### Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System

Division of Healthcare Management

Robert Crouse, Implementation Manager, Children's System of Care

Adam Robson, Employment Administrator

### Arizona Department of Health Services

Office for Children with Special Health Care Needs (OCSHCN)

Katharine Levandowsky, Administrator

### Arizona Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)

Diverse Ability Incorporated

Melissa Ann Santora

### Institutes of Higher Education

Sonoran UCEDD

Susan Voirol, Phoenix Program Manager

### Office of Special Education & Rehabilitation (OSERS)

Navajo Nation

Velma Spencer, VR Program Supervisor

### Raising Special Kids

Vicky Rozich, Family Support Specialist

Youth/Young Adult Advisors  
Sally Whelan