



Arizona Community of Practice on Transition (AZCoPT)
January 4, 2018 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**
- 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:**
<https://goo.gl/forms/iis1s6neoiBR4kN2>

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

Core Team Attendees: Betty Schoen, Andi Asel, Ana Nunez, Christopher Tiffany; Robert Crouse, Becky Raabe, Adam Robson, Carol Sue Morgan

Meeting Location: 701 E. Jefferson St., Phoenix, AZ 85034, Aspen Room

Meeting Time: 9:00a.m. – 12:00p.m.

AZCoPT Leadership Team:

- Chair: Robert Crouse
- Vice Chair: Melissa Ann Santora.
- Recorder: Melinda Rafanan
- Alternate 1: Aanya Carrillo
- Alternate 2: Margaret Corcoran/Carol Sue Morgan

Discussion Items

- **Slide Guide:** VR no update, printing in process. No update on electronic accessibility version at this time. Betty mentioned it is also not in Spanish. ADE has not submitted for print due to links needing update; may need to make the document smaller and reduce some of the information, but will bring that to the team before it happens.
- **Transition Manual Discussion:** Carol Sue from DDD has information on a DDD Grant program that had a parent group who had created a transition website. Not presently running due to loss of funding, per Carol Sue.
- **Final Edits for Leadership Team:** Bob reported that DCS member was identified, and will attend to the March meeting. Michael Leyva-Susan indicated that he will keep informed but will be taken of the Leadership Team at this time. ADC- Paul Johnson-Chris, has not connected with Paul as of 2/1 and will continue his efforts; OSERS-Paula recommended Velma Spenser-Melissa not available for 2-1-18 meeting

to report out. Young Adult rep-Melissa/Chris (ongoing) Melissa found a young adult from Peoria an AYLF 2015 alumni, Sally Whelan, a college student. AZCoPT will discuss criteria and procedure to add new team members 2/1.

- o Melissa is had a potential contact to add a rep from the AZSDB. Melissa brought up the need for a clarified procedure to add AZCoPT members and Betty brought up a need to clarify the criteria for AZCoPT membership. The New Member Committee was asked if their info graphics include that info they said that it did not at this time. Team decided to bring it up in th 2/1 meeting. Jay mentioned that he wants to include her in the regional meeting for the HI population to bring her input to the Engage for Change Arizona.
- o **Family Employment Awareness Training (FEAT)**, Melinda has information about this program, and will provide at next meeting. Chris stated that Kansas PTI facilitates this training, developed by University of Kansas.
- **Low Incidence RT**- Part of NTACT Intense TA, No additional information at this time, tabled until March.
- **Southern Arizona Job Fair**, 2-10-18, Jay will report on this event at March meeting
- **PSO/VR/DDD/PLS Presentation Planning**, tabled until Jay is present to report out.
- **Engage for Change AZ**- Jay group met Dec 20th- Out of that meeting came the desire to have regional meetings to find out about barriers to the HI population for engagement. Phoenix regional meeting is now booked for the 24th 8:30-10 AM DES Tucson & Flagstaff tentative dates are Jan 29th 11:00-12:30 Tucson ADE, Jan 30 9:00-10:30 Flagstaff ADE. National Deaf Center (Austin, TX) was involved with the meeting and were supportive. Engage for Change will meet again March 5th Jay will report out on the meetings that took place at March meeting.
- **National COPT Presentation 12/18 report out**-Ana- will post ppt in Google AZCoPT drive, session recorded for the NTACT Website. Ana will share with AZCoPT in March how to find the recorded presentation.
- **Data sharing Agreement update**-Ana- Ana wants to do a reflection on all the reports when the majority of the team is there so all can benefit.
- **NTACT ITA update**: Andi- At Jan 16th Core team phone meeting, reviewed 3 goals, 2 of them are making good progress, training for professionals who work with students with ID is coming along, need to identify pilot districts who will be audience ; 22nd & 23rd February face to face meeting with Charlotte at Central. CBI May 15th-18th Denver
- **New Member Orientation Subcommittee**: No news
- **Professional Development Subcommittee**: No news
- **Local Communities of Practice on Transition Updates:**

| LCoPT Updates: | |
|---|---------------|
| Future LCOP: Mohave County | |
| Pima County CoPT- no update | Jay Johnson |
| Pima County Consortium- will meet next week to discuss PSO data and next steps | Jay Johnson |
| Pinal County Transition Consortium- Will meet 2-14 for a collaboration workshop on transition planning | Jay Johnson |
| Peoria- no update | Andi Asel |
| Flagstaff -Group now has a youth representative from Coconino HS | Becky Raabe |
| Gilbert CoPT- no update | Betty Schoen |
| Yuma CoP -dormant due to inability to get local participation; will revisit if community shows interest | Chris Tiffany |
| Yavapai CoPT-no update | Bob C/Chris |
| Verde Valley CoPT- met 1-31, SpEd Directors present asked for Partners | Bob C/Chris |

| | |
|--|-----------------------------|
| Presentation or possibly Ima Learner presentation on the May 29, 30, or 31; this is a brand new CoP; Chris stated that Ima Learner sets a good foundation for the Partners presentation, therefore do the Ima Learner first; will send email to team to determine who is available | |
| CCCoPT (Cochise County)- No update | Jay Johnson |
| East Valley CoPT meets 2-2; Betty and Jennifer will present on Pre Employment Transition Services | Susan Voirol & Betty Schoen |

- Standing Item: To post on ADE/AZCoPT website, Ambassadors need to communicate with LCoPTs the following:
 - I. Communiqués should be sent to azcopt1@gmail.com
 - II. Communiqués should be sent by LCoPT leader, recorder or appointed person
 - III. Communiqués will need to be developed in an accessible format

Partner Updates

- IHE/UCEDD –
- AHCCCS/DHCM:
- ADCS:
- ADHS/OC SHCN:
- DDD:
- DDPC:
- RSA/VR:
- Raising Special Kids:
- **SILC/Youth Initiatives Transitioning to Diverse Ability Incorporated:** New Website: www.diverseabilityincorporated.org The Independent Living Section Website will be live January 2018!
- **ADE/ESS:** The Arizona Department of Education and Pima Community College would like to announce our Southern Arizona Education Job Fair on February 10, 2018. This event is designed to help schools fill certified and non-certified positions and potential candidates to connect with community partners. The following community partners are already registered to attend; they will be there to provide information about programs and resources: American College of Education, Arizona Public Media, AZ Commission for Postsecondary Education, Ben's Bells Project, Express Employment Professionals, Jonathan's Educational Resources, Northern Arizona University, Pima Community College, Pima County Superintendent's Office, University of Phoenix, Raising Special Kids, and Treasures 4 Teachers. Educators can go to our free [participant registration](#) page to complete your registration. This annual fair is held exclusively for southern Arizona schools in support of their recruitment efforts.
- **ADE/ESS:** Engage for Change Arizona is a new NDC initiative that builds upon the success of the NDC's State Capacity Building Summits. The goal of Engage for Change Arizona is to support programming to support individuals who are deaf, deafblind, deaf disabled, hard of hearing, or late deafened as we work to address root causes of barriers to post school success for deaf individuals. Regional Meetings are set for Wednesday, January 24 in Phoenix, Friday, January 26 in Flagstaff, and Monday, January 29 in Tucson. Statewide team will be meeting on Monday, March 5th.

Accomplishments

- Pre-Employment Transition Service contracts are live as of 2-1-18; 20 providers were awarded contracts; anyone who wishes to have an overview/training for agency staff contact Abel Young, Monica Amaya, or Betty Schoen to schedule. Betty will send the list of contractors out to the team.

Next Steps

Updates on:

- **Final Edits for Leadership Team**
- **Transition Manual Discussion**
- **Criteria for AZCoPT membership**
- **Procedure to add a new AZCoPT member**
- **Data sharing updates**
- **CBI updates (Who is attending in person in Denver?)**
- **New Member team building events updates for 2018**
- **Low Incidence Regional Training updates**

Tabled Items

- **PD Subcommittee** to determine whether or not Professional Development Training needs to be developed after the ISA is complete and finalized.

LOCAL COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE LIST:

| LOCATION | AMBASSADOR |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Future LCOP: Mohave County | |
| Pima County CoPT | Jay Johnson |
| Pima County Consortium | Jay Johnson |
| Pinal County Transition Consortium | Jay Johnson |
| Peoria | Andi Asel |
| Flagstaff | Becky Raabe |
| Gilbert CoPT | Betty Schoen |
| Yuma CoP | Chris Tiffany |
| Yavapai CoPT | Bob C/Chris |
| Verde Valley CoPT | Bob C/Chris |
| CCCoPT (Cochise County) | Jay Johnson |
| East Valley CoPT | Susan Voirol & Betty Schoen |

***Ambassadors remember to send Meeting notes to AZCoptT gmail and Andi Asel is posting onto ADE under the AZCoptT**

Upcoming Partners in Transition Presentations (101 or 201)

| Location | Presentation | Sponsor | Date |
|--|--------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| Spectrum Healthcare Boardroom-Verde Valley Transition Committee-Prescott Valley Location needed- | Ima/Partners | Verde Valley | end of May (29, 30, or 31) |

| | | | |
|---|-----|----------------|----------|
| Ability 360 5025 E. Washington St.. Phoenix AZ 3:00-4:30 pm | 101 | Autism Society | 10/20/18 |
|---|-----|----------------|----------|

Next Meeting

- Date: 3/1
- Time: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Aspen Rm
- Location: AHCCCS, 701 E. Jefferson St., Phoenix, AZ

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)

Vacant

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

Carol Sue Morgan, *Employment Services Specialist*

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

Jay Johnson, PSO 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

Vacant

Raising Special Kids

Christopher Tiffany, Director of Family Support and Education

Youth/Young Adult Advisor

Anya Carrillo