



South Dakota Supporting Families CoP State Team Meeting

June 10th, 2021

Present:

Family Members & Self-Advocates	Family Member w/ Professional Role	State Agency Representatives	Public/Private Partners
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Roles:

- Timekeeper – Kayla Blomme
- Recorder – Jenna Heib
- PowerPoint presentation – Jenny Turner

Recap of TA session and COP role: Jenny Turner, Barb Brent

Setting the Stage: The CoP and CtLC – Where SD has been and where SD is going

- What is a CoP? A group of people who share a common passion to achieve change. Supporting person and family together, working collaboratively to fill all 3 buckets of needs (*discovery and navigation, connecting and networking, goods and services*) to support them in achieving their vision of a good life.
 - Blue space is a chance to be together, create, and make it real
- Goal of CoP – systems change – Goal/Vision: that we are “members of each other”
 - Grass Roots and Systems change, working together – trying to weave into what you are already doing

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- The “What” in South Dakota
 - DDD vision and DDC vision – shared priorities and goals for people and their families, how do they align and how can we best work together to achieve goals
 - 5 categories/priorities in common between DDD and DDC (refer to PPT slides for details)
 - Access to Mental Health Supports
 - Communication and Education
 - Increasing Cross-System Coordination
 - Increasing Opportunities Across the System
 - Active Stakeholder Engagement/Partnership for System Change
 - 2 focus areas to support ongoing priorities between DDD and DDC (refer to PPT slides for details)
 - Direct dialogue between families and the state systems
 - Ensuring meaningful individual and family leadership and advocacy

3 Breakout Session Summaries

- *Brief overview of topic & any related discussion – How can CtLC be used to address this circumstance or specific project? What are the ideas/strategies for solving this specific need?*
 - **Improving navigation and understanding of the system**
 - DDD is already doing a great deal using the tools and way they are thinking
 - Use CtLC for specific topics (i.e. guardianship)
 - Promote the use of CtLC across systems, give success stories as examples. “I don’t live it, but I get it.”
 - Very often people feel intimidated by the system, CtLC can help us professionals frame how we work with people
 - *Common theme:* The CtLC framework gives a common everyday language that can be understood
 - Helps figure out what people want and need as opposed to what services they qualify for
 - Rules are important but getting to know people leads to better supports
 - Helps families learn how the system works
 - Less intimidation for individuals and families
 - Share success stories in using the framework
 - DDD system currently using the tools for intake and helping staff with learning the framework
 - Support understanding of family systems “I don’t live it, but I get it.”
 - Ensuring using the 3 buckets of support when working with individuals and families
 - Collaborate with DOE - for educators and counselors to use the framework for planning and problem solving
 - Good visual tools
 - New voices are valuable — brings new ways to improve the system
 - **Understanding the role of all team members and navigating team dynamics**



- *Define:* Ambassadors as a team or ISP teams and/or anybody that provides supports
- It is about doing things with a person as opposed to for a person – creating connections that are meaningful to them
- Ambassador could provide CtLC tools to help define roles
- Begin early in empowering individuals and families on their journey
- Educating the team members about the person and who the person is and why the person is who they are.
- How do we help team members see their role as connectors?
- Working to better understand the individual in the context of their family, their values, and what they bring to the table.
- **Family engagement strategies**
 - *What does family engagement look like?*
 1. Families who have some information exposure, but how do we help them use for everyday thinking and implementation?
 2. Not just families but includes self-advocates as well.
 3. How do families adopt passion for the philosophy of CtLC?
 4. Families and self-advocates voices being #1, figuring out a way to have them at the forefront of systems change, rather than state agencies.
 5. How do we get individuals and families to dream big and see possibility?
 - How do we reach the ALL and how do we measure?
 - Partners in Policymaking, or other organizations
 - How do we provide training to families, educators, and healthcare professionals?
 - Guardianship/transition issue – education through information dissemination and partnerships
 - Expose to tools in a meaningful way
 - Advertise CtLC more specifically in a meaningful way (i.e. transition, guardianship, etc.)
 - State-wide CtLC public campaign
 - Self-advocates becoming ambassadors
 - Continuing education opportunities for professionals

Next Steps: Jenny Turner, Barb Brent

- SD CoP for Supporting Families – next steps in moving forward - please refer to PPT slide
- How does our practice lead into bigger systems change?
- **Next CoP Stakeholder meeting: email to Brooke or Kim**
 - What topics/circumstances/situations would you want to bring to this group to brainstorm/help inform?
 - What is a situation or circumstance you are working on/trying to plan around/problem-solve, etc?
 - ER: What could we do to draw other agencies in? What are their priorities and how do they align with ours?

Next meeting: August 4th, noon-2pm CST!

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