

Northern Virginia “Beltway” Region CoPA
Action Plan
2009

Definition of a Community of Practice: “groups of people who share a concern, a set of problems or a passion about a topic, and who deepen their knowledge and expertise in this area by interacting on an ongoing basis” (Wenger, McDermott, & Snyder, 2002)

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2009 Goals

Explore and undertake actions in the following areas:

- Supporting and empowering families
 - Helping families implement the program they developed with their providers
 - Connecting families to resources
 - Assisting families with the transition process (Part C to Part B)
- Supporting and educating providers
 - Providing training in research-based practices that can be implemented in natural environments in a “Part C friendly” manner
 - Developing methods for coordinating with outside providers (e.g. ABA)
- Proposing regional follow-up to the JLARC report