

Northern Tidewater 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)

CoPA Leader

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2009 Goals

Goal 1: Obtain commitment from 3-4 people who will conduct leadership activities

- Identify leadership tasks (e.g., host conference calls, note taking, agenda facilitation, resource identification or compilation, collecting and compiling evaluations)
- Identify individuals (e.g., EI representatives, Part B representative, parent(s)) (Talk with a few members who participate regularly)

Goal 2: Assess needs, availability, and develop a sense of ownership

- Contact systems managers and present ideas for content and recruitment at TRICC

Goal 3: Identify and use creative strategies for CoPA activities

- Perhaps, identify other venues: a regional workshop with invited speaker, phone conferencing, meeting with other groups (e.g., TRICC), meeting with parent group(s)

Goal 4: Determine how funds will be distributed throughout the region so that funds will be used to benefit continuing staff development related to ASD by June 30, 2009.

- Examples, materials to systems managers to be used/leant, distribute resources to parent centers, Part B sites, place them at a library(ies), and/or support dissemination of information, e.g., website