

Roanoke Regions 5 and 28 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(s)

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CoPA Core Group

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2009 Goals

Goal 1: Assess needs of families, providers, and others

- Initially discuss with EI systems managers, the needs of their communities
- Discuss needs and information area needs during initial CoPA meeting

Goal 2: Provide access to information and supports

- Develop a listing of supports and resources to families
- Facilitate on-going interactions and communication among members and community
- Provide information and resources at future meetings
- Determine most efficient and effective forms of communicating (e-mail, website, etc)

Goal 3: Identify people who are interested in CoPA leadership activities

- Discuss interest during meetings
- Have on-going communication with those who are interested in continuing CoPA in their area