

Roanoke 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(s)

Rebekah Hudgins, RN; service coordinator, Infant and Toddler Connection of Southside

CoPA Core Group

Rebekah Hudgins

Terry Pasco

Wanda Walker

Local Autism Support Group

2009 Goals

Goal 1: Increase public awareness

- The core group will
 - build membership by developing a list of individuals in the region, including family members, who are concerned about young children diagnosed or suspected of having ASD
 - establish a regular meeting date and location(s)
 - develop a strategy for advertising meetings (listserv, email, etc.)
- CoPA members will
 - identify public events to disseminate CoPA information (community health fairs, PTA events, etc.)
 - members will volunteer to assist at events

Goal 2: Assess ASD needs specific to this region

- members identify needs at next CoPA meeting
- prioritize needs

Goal 3: Membership develops strategies to address identified needs

Goal 4: Membership identifies major outcome for this year (develop a regional resource guide, develop website, etc.)

Reminders

- *while you might want to devote an occasional meeting to a presentation, use your meeting time to “do the work” that your membership has identified as a need*
- *give your members the opportunity to be a functioning member of the CoPA, not merely a receiver of information (note in the definition that CoPA members **interact** on an ongoing basis)*