

Northern VA Region CoPA Community Conversation Meeting Summary April 23, 2009

In Attendance: Lynne Blythe, CoPA; Keisha Gourdine-Arnold, Orange Head Start; Stephanie Parks, Orange Head Start; Barbara Lamb, Orange Head Start; Tracy Holiday, Orange EHS; Dorothea Butts, Health HS/EHS; Angelia Willaims, OHS; Terri Warner, FSW; Wanda Mullins, FSW; Linda Auth, ECSE; Donna Collins, OHS; Jane Gray, OHS- Supervisor; Brenda Beorsig, OHS/EHS Child Care Coordinator; Lisa Colvin, OHS teacher; Donna Baldwin, ITC; Claudine Gordon, OHS- teacher; Mary Richardson, FSW- Supervisor; Edith Lindsay, OHS – teacher; Christine Green, OHS; Kim Paso, OHS-teacher; Michelle Jackson, EHS- family teacher; Napualani Agcaoii, OHS- teacher; Monica Ofori, Orange HS- teacher; Silvia Burton, OHS- teacher; Beckie Phillips, EHS/HS Director; Robin Hensley, OHS- teacher; Carolyn Turpin, OHS- teacher; Nancy Huffstickler, grandparent; Michelle- parent; Suzanne McDonald- ITC; Susan Satterfield- OHS- FSW; Mary Hodge- OHS; Cheryl Lamb- OHS-teacher; Janee Eppard- OHS Teacher; Ozella Smith- OHS teacher.

Community Conversation Topic: Communication- Picture Schedules

Meeting Facilitators: Jennifer Sievers, M.Ed, ECSE & Suzanne McDonald, ITC Case Manager

This meeting was held at Orange Head Start at the request of Beckie Phillips. Most of the attendees were associated with Orange EHS & Head Start program, and did include at least 2 family members. Jennifer & Suzanne presented information about picture schedules as a tool for communication, facilitating transitions, and provided examples of schedules used by a local parent of a child with ASD. Materials (basic pictures, laminator, laminating sheets, velcro, poster board, etc) were provided for all meeting attendees to make a very basic picture schedule to use in Early Head Start, Head Start, & home settings.