



State Professional Low Incidence Communities of Practice and Leadership Committees

Statewide Assistive Technology Leadership Team (AT)

Type: Cross-Agency Representative

First Developed: 1997

Number of Members: 22

Number of Meetings per Year: 6

Attendance Options: Live and Video Conference

Activities: Professional sharing of information and knowledge specific to assistive technology (AT), including emerging trends, issues and solutions or strategies to meet the AT needs of students with special needs; identification of professional development to meet the emerging trends in assistive technology; increased awareness about new, expanded or unique knowledge or research on assistive technology teaching strategies and program trends; discussion of emerging technical issues in the field; development of AT resources for students, parents, partner agencies and education professionals

Other Affiliations: Statewide Assistive Technology electronic mailing list, Minnesota STAR Advisory Council, State Services for the Blind Assistive Technology Committee, Olmstead Assistive Technology Committee

Agency Support: Minnesota Department of Education

Website Address: <http://education.state.mn.us/mde/index.html>

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Statewide Autism Spectrum Disorders Community of Practice (ASD)

Type: Representative (regional representatives; higher education representatives; MDE and MN Low Incidence Projects specialists)

First Developed: 1970s

Number of Members: approximately 45

Number of Meetings per Year: 2

Attendance Options: On site at Twin Cities metro location (fall); On Site at Autism State Conference (spring)

CoP Activities: Professional development, professional coaching; instructional coaching; evidence-based practices

Agency Support: Supported by the MN Low Incidence Projects, with grant funding provided through the MN Department of Education

Website Address: www.mnlowincidenceprojects.org/asd.html

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Minnesota Statewide Vision Community of Practice

Type: Open

First Developed: 1970

Number of Members: Teachers of the Blind / Visually Impaired (BVI) and Certified Orientation and Mobility Specialist (COMS) member numbers vary; up to 150

Number of Meetings per Year: 4

Attendance Options: On-site at Minnesota Department of Education and remote broadcast

CoP Activities: Professional sharing of information and knowledge specific to BVI; provision of special essential in-service training; increased awareness about new, expanded or unique knowledge or research on BVI teaching strategies and program trends; discussion of philosophical issues in the field; Community of Practice Updates (American Printing House, Assistive Technology, Mentoring, Low Vision)

Other Affiliations: Statewide BVI and MOMS electronic mailing lists (contact Kristin Oien for more information); MDVI: Minnesota Division on Visual Impairments

Agency Support: Minnesota Department of Education

Website Address:

<http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/EdExc/SpecEdClass/DisabCateg/VisualImpair/index.html>

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State Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community of Practice (DHH)

Type: Representative

First Developed: 1984

Number of Members: 2 per region; more in Metro area

Number of Meetings per Year: 4

Attendance Options: On-site at different locations

CoP Activities: Professional sharing of information and knowledge specific to Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH), including emerging trends, issues and solutions or strategies to meet the DHH needs of students; identification of professional development to meet emerging trends; increased awareness about new, expanded or unique knowledge or research on DHH teaching strategies and program trends; discussion of emerging technical issues in the field; development of DHH resources for students, parents, partner agencies and education professionals

Other Affiliations: Statewide electronic DHH mailing list (contact Mary Cashman-Bakken for more information)

Agency Support: Minnesota Department of Education

Website Address: <http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/dse/sped/cat/dhh/>

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Minnesota DeafBlind Teacher Community of Practice (DB)

Type: Representative

First Developed: Fall of 2005

Number of Members: 40

Number of Meetings per Year: 2 day meeting in the fall; 2 day meeting in February.

Attendance Options: All meetings are held at Metro ECSU

CoP Activities: Professional sharing of information and knowledge specific to deafblindness; presentations about selected topics as decided by the members, networking and peer coaching a part of each session. Each member has a DeafBlind Toolkit to share in their region or district. Materials are added on an on-going basis.

Agency Support:

Minnesota DeafBlind Project: www.dbproject.mn.org

MN Low Incidence Projects: www.mnlowincidenceprojects.org

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Minnesota Developmental Adapted Physical Education Leadership Committee (DAPE)

Type: Representative (Region Reps, At Large, Higher Ed. Representative and Statewide DAPE Specialist)

First Developed: 1975

Number of Members: 12 – 14

Number of Meetings per Year: 3

Attendance Options: On-site at either Confidence Learning Center or Camp Friendship

Committee Activities: Staff Development, Professional Coaching, Collegial Networking and Conference planning and implementation

Other Affiliations: MNDAPE.org; MNAAPERD.org; MN-DAPE-L (statewide electronic mailing list)

Agency Support: MN Low Incidence Projects

Website Address: <http://www.mnlowincidenceprojects.org/dape.html> and MNDAPE.org

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Statewide Physical/Health Disabilities Community of Practice (P/HD)

Type: Representative; meeting also open to interested P/HD teachers & other guests

First Developed: 1970s

Number of Members: 13 regional school representatives; 133 additional P/HD teachers on CoP contact list

Number of Meetings per Year: Three meetings; 2 full day meetings in fall and winter; half day meeting held in conjunction with the Annual Charting the Cs/Cross-Categorical Conference

Attendance Options: Host site (Metro ECSU) & remote video-conferencing for statewide access

CoP Activities: Activities are guided by a leadership committee, and include: Keynote presentations on topics of identified interest that align with evidence-based practices; committee work addressing new initiatives, tools, resources, and service delivery guidelines; and regional resource sharing

Other Affiliations: Statewide P/HD electronic mailing List. For subscriber information, go to:

<http://mailmanlists.us/mailman/listinfo/mn.phd>

Agency Support: Supported by the MN Low Incidence Projects, with grant funding provided through the MN Department of Education

Website Address: www.mnlowincidenceprojects.org/pi.html

Resources: Documents and resources related to P/HD services can also be found on the P/HD Community of Practice Wiki at: www.mnphdnetwork.pbworks.com

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Statewide Developmental Cognitive Disabilities Community of Practice (DCD)

Type: Two members representing statewide, two members per region, four members from Region 11. However, Statewide DCD CoP meetings are open to all Minnesota educators who can attend. We provide video conferencing technology for those who cannot make it in person.

First Developed: early 2000

Number of Members: 18 regional representatives, 2 statewide representatives

Number of Meetings per Year: Three meetings

- 30-minute online meeting or presentation in Fall (using a meeting scheduler)
- 30-minute online meeting or presentation in Winter (using a meeting scheduler)
- Two-hour face-to-face meeting (with online meeting option) at Charting the Cs

Attendance Options: In-person, online, or recorded/archived*

CoP Activities: Our agenda topics will be selected based on data from statewide & regional DCD CoPs; smaller workgroups will be formed to solve emergent or urgent problems that are impacting the roll-out or use of evidence-based practices or to make quick, incremental improvements.

Agency Support: Minnesota Department of Education www.education.state.mn.us

Website Address: www.MNLowIncidenceProjects.org/dcd.html

Ongoing Events/Activities: [Statewide DCD mailing list](#); updating collaborative documents and materials, currently stored at MnDCDstatewide.pbworks.com

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Statewide Traumatic Brain Injury Community of Practice (TBI)

Type: Representative; meeting also open to interested TBI specialists and other guests

First Developed: 1999

Number of Members: 26 school and agency representatives

Number of Meetings per Year: Two full day meetings in fall and spring

Attendance Options: Host site (Metro ECSU) & remote video-conferencing for statewide access

CoP Activities: Activities are guided by a statewide leadership committee, and include presentation topics that align with evidence-based practices; resource development & sharing

Other Affiliations: Statewide electronic TBI mailing list. For subscriber information, go to:
<http://mailmanlists.us/mailman/listinfo/mn.tbi>

Agency Support: Supported by the MN Low Incidence Projects, with grant funding provided through the MN Department of Education

Website Address: www.mnlowincidenceprojects.org/pi.html

Resources: Documents and resources related to TBI services can also be found on the TBI Community of Practice Wiki at <http://mntbicop.pbworks.com/>

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