

2023-24 Region 4 Community of Practices

Join other Region IV Teachers in working together in a Community of Practice (CoP) to support equitable and accessible educational services. We have created these groups to provide you with topics and presentations that will address concerns and challenges you face in your classrooms on a daily basis.

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Further descriptions and meeting times can be found on our website, under the [Education Services](#)- Special Education Programs & Resources - Community of Practice

- To Register please visit our workshop registration [site calendar](#).
- First time registrants will need to create an account, please use [this link](#).
 - Please note!! All Region IV schools are in the system as R4 - “district name”

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Autism Spectrum Disabilities (ASD) & STAR	
Facilitator: Crystal Henderson & JoAnne Kiefer	
Region 4 Dates	Key Topics
September 18th October 16th November 13th January 22nd February 12th March 11th April 8th	To scale up evidenced based practices for students who are on the autism spectrum and/or challenging behaviors. STAR practices will be focused on within the CoP.

Behavior	
Facilitator: Crystal Henderson	
Region 4 Dates	Key Topics
Sept 26th October 11th October 25th November 8th January 17th January 31st February 7th March 13th April 10th	Foundations to prevent challenging behaviors, assessments, identifying skill and motivational barriers, replacement behaviors, responding to challenging behaviors, data, problem solving specific situations

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Blind/Visually Impaired (BVI)	
Facilitator: Jill Skarvold	
Region 4 Dates	Key Topics
October 31st December 19th February 27th April 30th	Transition/SSB/VR, evaluations, G&O and data collection

Deaf/Hard of Hearing (DHH)	
Facilitator: Jill Skarvold	
Region 4 Dates	Key Topics
September 26th November 28th January 30th April 23rd	Mental health, audiology updates and evals, transition, evidenced based practices and resources

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Developmental Cognitive Disabilities (DCD)

Facilitator: Michele Mogen

Region 4 Dates	Key Topics
October 12th November 9th December 14th January 11th February 8th March 14th April 11th	Assessment tools and procedures, programming considerations, working with paraprofessionals, G&O and data collection

Early Childhood Center of Excellence (EC Coe)

Facilitator: Robin Grooters

Region 4 Dates	Key Topics
September 6th October 4th November 1st December 6th January 3rd February 7th March 6th April 3rd May 1st	Foundational ECSE skills / knowledge, resources and evidence based practices for EC, each month MDE leadership call/topics and relevant topics as identified by EC Leaders

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Early Hearing & Detection Intervention (EHDI)	
Facilitator: Julie Baslington	
Region 4 Dates	Key Topics
TBD (following state meetings)	TBD

Literacy/Science of Reading (LETRS)	
Facilitators: Masten, Jorgenson, Mages, Vigen, Kaatz	
Region 4 Dates	Key Topics
3 cohorts - each have virtual dates for Meet Ups approximately 1x/month	Science of Reading (SoR) / LETRS 1 SoR / LETRS 2

Occupational Therapy & Physical Therapy (OT / PT)	
Facilitator: Jill Skarvold	
Region 4 Dates	Key Topics
October 18 December 12 February 12 April 25	Assessments, Tools, Data, Write Ups, Objectives, End of Year Tools, Problem Solving

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Physical Impairments (PI), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), & Other Health Disabilities (OHD)	
Facilitator: Jill Skarvold	
Region 4 Dates	Key Topics
September 25 December 15 February 26	Checklists for evals, role in ECSE, collaborative relationships

Speech Language Pathology (SLP)	
Facilitator: Lowell Buysse	
Region 4 Dates	Key Topics
October 27th December 8th January 12th February 16th March 22nd	Language, strategies for language processing, augmentative communication

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Transition	
Facilitator: Michele Mogen	
Region 4 Dates	Key Topics
October 5th November 2nd December 7th January 4th February 1st March 7th April 4th	Vocational services and resources, evaluations, programming / materials

Developmental Adaptive Physical Education (DAPE)	
Facilitator: Rich Burke	
Region 4 Dates	Key Topics
December 14th January 4th	The focus of the CoP meeting will be for DAPE teachers to build new skills in the area of assessment, evaluation reports, goals/objectives and accommodations in physical education. There will be discussion and strategies for implementation of evidenced based practices in PE and DAPE.

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Third Party Billing	
Facilitator: Pat Sullivan	
Region 4 Dates	Key Topics
October 16th November 13th December 18th January 29th February 26th March 18th May 20th	<p>To access Medicaid funds to support Minnesota schools in building a school capacity to provide health related services to ensure all students benefit from their education.</p> <p>The intended participants would be billers, third party billing coordinators.</p>