

Our Mission

The mission of the Arizona Community of Practice on Transition (AZCoPT) is to improve life-long outcomes for youth and young adults with disabilities.

Leadership Team

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Arizona Community of Practice on Transition (AZCoPT)

July 7, 2016 Communiqué

We want to hear from you!

- **Your input is valuable and necessary to guide us in the transition work we do.**
- **Please send your comments or questions to azcopt@azed.gov**
- We look forward to hearing from the community at large, Key Advisors and Extended Partners on our work to date and future agenda items
- To request a Partners Presentation in your area, please be sure to give us your contact information in the inbox you see above.

Core Team Attendees: Anya Carrillo, Christopher Tiffany, Robert Crouse, Paul Johnson, Linda Tasco, Becky Raabe, Adam Robson, Melissa Ann Santora, Betty Schoen, Brenda Miller, Rita Aitken, Susan Virol, Kathy Levandowsky

Meeting Location: 701 E. Jefferson St., Phoenix, AZ 85034

Meeting Time: 9:00a.m. – 12:00p.m.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Welcome Anya Carrillo, Young Adult Advisor. Currently working as a Youth Mentor for the Arizona Youth Leadership Forum (AZYLF) and is a member of the AZYL Alumni Association. Executive Community
- Youth and Young Adult recruitment continues with Raising Special Kids
- Youth Video: Becky shared information on flyer created to engage youth and families at the Transition Conference for videotaping sessions.
- New listserv process for AZCoPT - https://bit.ly/azcopt_listserv
 - This will be included in monthly email to key participants starting with July Communiqué.
 - All individuals that have previously signed up do not need to have their information re-entered. The information has been transferred.
 - Feel free to share this link with others. ADE will monitor the list.
- Agency videos completed: OCSHCN, DDD, AHCCCS, Raising Special Kids, RSA/VR
 - Any other AZCoPT member that would like a video created needs to contact Andi Asel Andi.Asel@azed.gov
 - Discussion around the value of videos from Local CoPTs
- Arizona Community of Practice Leadership Nominations
 - Requesting additional nominations for 2016-17. Current nominations:
 - Chair: Ana Núñez
 - Vice Chair: Robert Crouse
 - Recorder: Christopher Tiffany
 - Alternate 1: Betty Schoen
 - Alternate 2: Adam Robson
 - Open Nominations are open for all positions. Please confirm the Nominee's willingness to serve prior to making the nomination. Send the nominee's name, affiliation, and email address to the AZCoPT link at azcopt@azed.gov

- Local Community of Practice updates

LOCATION	AMBASSADOR
Sierra Vista	Tabled for the moment
Safford	Brenda Miller (meeting 9/9/16)
Tucson	Brenda
Pinal County Transition Consortium	Brenda, Susan and/or Betty attend regularly
Peoria	Bill McQueary
Flagstaff	Robert Crouse
Gilbert	Betty Schoen (Bill supporting)
Yuma CoPT	Sara Sembiante (tabled)
Lake Havasu	Betty Schoen
Kingman	Tabled for the moment
Prescott Valley	Robert Crouse/Adam Robson

- Discussion around Yuma Spanish Disability Conference hosted by Raising Special Kids in October/November 2016
- Discussed ILC services in Lake Havasu area. Initial engagement with SILC would be a great start in engaging the LCOPT in Lake Havasu.
- Discussion around youth empowerment focus for American Indian Disability Summit. Specific focus on resources and services available to youth in being self-determined. Members discussed possible presenters and participation.
- Reviewed “Items on Hold” item in agenda.
- Melissa reported on work of Transition Resource Guide sub-committee.
 - Sub-committee came to consensus on model guide to use as template for Arizona
 - Discussed possible funding sources for development and printing of resource guide
- Discussed new member engagement and mentorship as a part of the orientation process

PARTNER UPDATES

Updates to be submitted via email by partners to Chris by July 13th, 2016

- AHCCCS:** None at this time
- ADCS:** None at this time
- DDD:** None at this time
- DDPC:** None at this time
- RSA/VR:** Kristen Mackey is Acting Program Administrator.
- Sonoran UCEDD:** None at this time
- Raising Special Kids:** None at this time
- ADE/ESS:** The schedule for the conference is now available.

[Arizona’s Sixteenth Annual Transition Conference](#)

Trending in Transition: Education, Engagement, Employment

August 29—31, 2016

Talking Stick Resort

Scottsdale, Arizona

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Welcomed Anya Carrillo to the Arizona Community of Practice on Transition!

NEXT STEPS

- Susan to follow up with Gilbert CoPT
- Brenda to follow up with Yuma CoPT
- Betty to engage Lake Havasu COPT to explore discussion with Melissa from the SILC

- Ana to upload Partners Presentation to Wiggio
- Melissa to check to see if there is room for a Partners Presentation for ARC Conference
- Betty connect with DES graphics and design department to get an idea of cost of printing transition resource guide
- Ad-hoc sub-committee to amend orientation process to include mentoring new members

Upcoming *Partners In Transition* Presentations

Location	Sponsor	Date
Phoenix - Ability 360	RSK (AZCoPT Overview)	July 16
Tucson	AZCTE Conference	July 17 - 21, 2016
Prescott Valley	PVCoPT (History of AZCoPT)	July 26 (9 – 2)
Phoenix – Desert Willow Conference Center	American Indian Disability Summit – 2 Sessions	March 23, 2017

***Transition Conference Information:**

- For general conference information visit <http://www.azed.gov/special-education/2015-transition-conference/>
- Transition Conference Scholarships- Due to the overwhelming number of scholarship applications received this year, anyone who completes the application at this time will be placed on a wait list.
 - Submit an application at; <http://tinyurl.com/qjrlqqt>
 - Scholarship questions call or email Becky Raabe at 928-637-1871 or becky.raabe@azed.gov

Next Meeting:

- August 11th, 2016 9:00a.m. – 12:00p.m. at DHCM Conference Room, 701 E. Jefferson St., Phoenix, AZ 85034 (3rd Floor)