

BBF Professional Preparation and Development Committee
Meeting Notes November 21, 2023

Meeting Attendees:

- Becky Millard, Benj Rackliffe, John Cipora, Amelia Struthers, Kelly Hayes, Beth Truzansky, Adri Taylo-Behrman, Joanna Houston, Aricha Drury, Staci Otis, Cynthia Greene, Joanne Rouleau, Lynne Robbins, Didi Harris, Bill Bonsignore, Paula Nadeau, Julia Wayne, Michelle Maitri-Mudita, Elise Doner, Beth Wallace, Sherry Carlson, Beth Maurer, Jackie Davis, Sonja Bracey

Meeting Summary:

Introductions (and jokes!)

Data Review: PD Survey of the Field 2023 (Becky)

- How can we look at these results through the lens of quality improvement of PPD?
- 210 respondents is a large enough sample size to make decisions from the data we have
- What we can't do is break the data down by region because there are not enough respondents per region
- Post-covid, numbers are starting to settle regarding people's preference for training modalities (online anytime, in person, etc.)
- See the Jamboard link under Resources further down this page for a selection of the attendees' takeaways from the survey – this Jamboard will stay open, so feel free to add to it through December

Children's Integrated Services Updates (Julia)

- Reach out to Julia if you ever want to collaborate – Julia.wayne@partner.vermont.org
- On November 17th they held the first in-person Basic Specialized Care training in years, in Rutland
- Early MTSS Part C work is underway through Pyramid 802, they aim to train practitioners and family coaches in early intervention work
- Touchpoints has been collaborating with the Vermont Child Health Improvement Program (VCHIP)
- CIS Orientation Training has been built and is currently being offered through Northern Lights – next trainings are on December 7th and 14th
- CIS Module re-development – link can be found on the Northern Lights website. This includes re-designing the CIS orientation module, EI module and One Plan module
- Early Intervention Certification process: this process aims to continue high quality support for children and families, they are currently processing a lot of certificates which will be renewed every 3 years
- Early Intervention Tool training – offered through Northern Lights in collaboration with PD Coordinator
- Home Visitor Safety training for CIS providers currently in annual rotation as well
- CIS Strong Families Vermont sustained home visiting – Maternal Early Childhood Sustained Home Visiting (MECSH) quarterly meeting just finished training a group of nurses from UVM
- CIS Stabilization – American Rescue Plan funding for: recruitment and retention, several topics of professional development, and expanding and improving teleintervention

Recognized Communities of Practice (Becky)

- Becky is hold two more training sessions scheduled in December to go over the new changes
- A RCoP is a type of CoP that is recognized by the BFF as meeting criteria to count toward PD hours for child care licensing
- Both full and partial completion will be entered into BFIS as PD hours
- Criteria: must be offered by an approved sponsor, be a minimum of 4 sessions (recommended 6-8 sessions), the facilitator must meet minimum qualifications, and the facilitator must be listed in the instructor registry as a CoP facilitator

- Sponsors must submit attendance to Northern Lights at least quarterly, and consult with a Resource Advisor before conducting their first RCoP
- Beginning 12/1/23 people can update their Instructor Registry application if they are interested in becoming a RCoP facilitator
- Beginning 12/5/23 sponsors can submit RCoPs to the Northern Lights training calendar
- Beginning January 2024: sponsors may begin to offer RCoPs
- Questions from the group: John pointed out this could be ideal for graduate programs

Member Updates

- Becky: Northern Lights has hired a new Resource Advisor for the southeast region starting who will starting in January, and are still seeking an RA for the southwest region
- Kelly Hayes: BBF will be holding its 4th annual conference on December 12th in Middlebury at CSAC discussing social connectedness and its relation to wellbeing; see link below under Resources
- Lynne: The licensing team has brought on two new hires in the last month
- Beth Wallace: A group went to the NAEYC conference last week and presented about Vermont's roll out of Act 76 to big turnout. Go Vermont!
- Aricha: She and others have been working with city of Burlington First Steps Program who are working on getting new people into the early childhood field by helping them connect with programs and get volunteering hours
- Northern Lights updates: The resource team has been updating sponsor resources; reworking training levels (early, intermediate, and advanced); creating Recognized Community of Practices; looking at different formats for IPDPs; and sunseting early childhood competencies in favor of NAEYC competencies. They are hoping to have much of that go live by Jan 1st 2024.
- LGK wrapped up a project they worked on relating to the Burlington workforce project that brought several new people into the field

Future Agenda Items:

None yet, contact Becky or Lynn to add to next meeting

Resource Links:

2023 Annual Survey Data:

[PD Survey Data Summary 2023 \(northernlightsccv.org\)](https://northernlightsccv.org)

Jamboard with Annual Survey Data Takeaways:

https://jamboard.google.com/d/1WYnNNzXf11r7YJj41RN_kXoiqJN3ISfP9Kw69VaRF1o/edit?usp=sharing

CIS Updates:

[CIS Presentation to BBF PPD November 2023 - Northern Lights at CCV \(northernlightsccv.org\)](https://northernlightsccv.org)

Becky's Presentation on Recognized Communities of Practice:

<https://northernlightsccv.org/resource/recognized-communities-of-practice-presentation-november-2023/>

All are invited to the Regional Council Summit on 12/12 <https://buildingbrightfutures.org/rsvp-for-statewide-regional-council-summit-on-dec-12/>

Regional Council Summit <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAkf-mprTgjG9F9WRdkps5X74VMwJICqwLb#/registration>

Next Meeting:

<https://northernlightsccv.org/resources/vermonts-ecpd-system/ppd/>