



Bureau of Special Education

Back-to-School Meeting

Connecticut State Department of Education | September 9, 2022

SY 2022-2023 Related Service and Special Education Teacher Virtual Communities of Practice (CoP)

The CSDE, in partnership with the RESC Alliance, invites you to join your colleagues to collaborate, exchange ideas, focus on evidence-based practice, and build the collective capacity to support students of all ages in Connecticut schools.

As a practitioner, if you are interested in participating in any of the following Communities of Practice, email the facilitator listed and request to join the mailing list. Zoom links will be sent 24 hours prior to each CoP session.

Speech Language Pathologists – Facilitator: Sarah Moon (smoon@learn.k12.ct.us)

All CoP sessions to be held 9:00 am-10:00 am on the following dates except when noted

- September 23rd (9 am-11am), October 7th, October 28th, November 4th, November 18th (9 am-11am), December 2nd, January 6th, January 20th, February 3rd (9 am-11am), February 24th, March 3rd, March 24th, April 7th, April 28th, May 12th, May 26th, June 2nd

Occupational Therapists – Facilitator: Joyce Rioux (jrioux@crec.org)

All CoP sessions to be held 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm on the following dates

- September 21st, October 5th, October 12th, October 19th, November 2nd, November 9th, November 16th, December 7th, December 14th, December 21st, January 11th, January 18th, February 1st, February 8th, February 15th, March 1st, March 8th, March 22nd, April 5th, April 12th, April 19th, May 3rd, May 10th, May 17th

Physical Therapists – Facilitator: Jennifer Fox/Kathy Hassen (jfox@aces.org / khassen@aces.org)

All CoP sessions to be held 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm on the following dates

- September 15th, September 29th, October 13th, October 27th, November 3rd, November 17th, December 1st, December 15th, January 5th, January 19th, February 2nd, February 16th, March 9th, March 23rd, April 6th, April 20th, May 4th, May 18th, June 1st, June 8th

School Psychologists – Facilitator: Christine Peck (pecke@cestrumbull.org)

All CoP sessions to be held 10:00 am – 11:00 am on the following dates

- September 8th, September 22nd, October 13th, October 27th, November 10th, December 8th, December 22nd, January 12th, January 26th, February 9th, February 23rd, March 9th, March 23rd, April 27th, May 11th, May 25th, June 8th

School Social Workers – Facilitator: Beverly Carr/Lindsay Skinner (bcarr@learn.k12.ct.us / lskinner@learn.k12.ct.us)

All CoP sessions to be held 8:30 am – 10:00 am on the following dates

- September 14th, October 18th, November 16th, December 13th, January 11th, February 7th, March 15th, April 25th, May 17th, June 6th



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Board Certified Behavior Analysts – Facilitator: Ravit Stein (rstein@eastconn.org)

All CoP sessions to be held on the following schedule

- *Regular sessions* to be held 9:00 am – 10:00 am on September 13th, September 27th, October 11th, October 25th, November 8th, November 22nd, December 6th, December 20th, January 17th, January 31st, February 14th, February 28th, March 14th, March 28th, April 11th, April 25th, May 9th, May 23rd, June 6th
- *Book Study* to be held 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm on September 27th, October 27th, December 22nd, January 26th, February 23rd, March 23rd, April 27th, May 25th

Teachers of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing – Facilitator: Ruth Ennis (rennis@crec.org)

All CoP sessions to be held 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm on the following dates

- September 21st, October 19th, November 16th, December 7th, January 18th, February 15th, March 15th, April 19th, May 17th

Pre-K Special Education Teachers – Facilitator: Anne Marie Davidson (adavidson@eastconn.org)

All CoP sessions to be held 8:00 am – 9:00 am on the following dates

- September 6th, October 4th, November 1st, December 6th, January 3rd, February 7th, March 7th, April 4th, May 2nd, June 6th

Elementary Special Education Teachers – Facilitator: Melissa Baldwin (baldwin@edadvance.org)

All CoP sessions to be held 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm on the following dates

- September 21st, October 26th, November 30th, ~~December 21st~~, January 25th, February 22nd, March 29th, ~~April 26th, May 24th, June 6th~~

High School Special Education Teachers – Facilitator: Kara Kirkegard (kirkegard@edadvance.org)

All CoP sessions to be held 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm on the following dates

- September 27th, October 25th, November 29th, January 31st, February 28th, March 28th, April 25th, May 30th

School Assistive Technology Specialists – Facilitator: Anne Marie Pineiro (pineiroa@cestrumbull.org)

All CoP session to be held 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm on the following dates

- January 25th, March 29th, May 24th

School Counselors – Facilitator: Ashley Mazzoli (amazoli@crec.org)

Dates and Times for CoP sessions to be determined. Please contact the facilitator to request updates.

