

Communities of Practice TAcommunities

Data Community

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Background and History

TAcommunities

www.tacommunities.org

Data community

When it started

What was done

Where it is now

TAcommunities - Mission

TAcommunities serves as a flexible communication forum and catalyst for people to

- interact,
- share knowledge, and
- initiate action

The purpose is to improve outcomes for children and youth with disabilities and their families throughout States and Territories in the U.S.

TAcommunities – Mission (continued)

TAcommunities convene around problems that are both complex and not being addressed elsewhere in the network, especially concerning state improvement activities related to Part C and Part B indicators in the SPPs/APRs.

SPP/APR Calendar

The SPP/APR calendar has been designed to assist States with the preparation and timely completion of the State Performance Plan and Annual Performance Report.

<http://spp-apr-calendar.rrfcnetwork.org>

Value Added Aspect of TAcommunities

TAcommunities provides you a web site where you can find, create, and share strategies with colleagues who you might not interact with in your day to day work.

Value Added Aspect of TA communities – cont'd

Example - If state A has developed a program and does a webinar on what worked (and what didn't work) for them – that webinar can be archived and accessed by others.

One formula for high quality data

System (collect data) +

\$ for system (develop, maintain, change) +

Federal, state, local requirements +

People =

Improved outcomes for children and
youth with disabilities

One formula for high quality data – cont'd

TA communities is a place for people to
come together to -

- interact,
- share knowledge, and
- initiate action

It is **all** about you and your
colleagues

The RRC Program

What the RRC program can do for you –
<http://www.rrfnetwork.org/>

The six RRCs and the FRC are funded by the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) to assist state education agencies in the systemic improvement of education programs, practices, and policies that affect children and youth with disabilities. These centers offer consultation, information services, technical assistance, training, and product development.

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