A Community of Practice in Special Education to Promote Evidence-Based Practice

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Achiever • Learner • Connectedness • Positivity • Strategic
Why am I here?

- 2018: 10th year in the SCCOE
- Reflections and realizations
- Personal and Professional Goals
Champions for Leadership (CFL)
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My Goals

Purpose

Inspiration

Contribution

Santa Clara County Office of Education
CFL Project: What am I dealing with everyday?
CFL Project?

OR
Objectives for the CoP in SpEd

1. Co-learning environment: accessible and convenient
2. Evidence-based practice (EBP) + best practice experience
3. Support: mentorship and real-time collaboration
Why a CoP on EBP?

- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)
- No Child Left Behind (NCLB) --> Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

**Scientifically-based research into practice**

- Student success
- Quality education
- Support special ed staff
Format of the CoP

- **Accessibility**: time, geographic and resource limitations
- “Online communities with highly relevant topics and meaningful contributions have been shown to thrive.”

Who will be Involved?

1. Members: Special education staff
2. Moderator/Facilitator/Technology Steward
3. Administration: Manager/Supervisor/etc.
4. Tech Support: Technology and Data Services Division (TDSD)
How do I get people involved?

1. **Evidence Catalog**
2. Cluster meetings
3. Survey
4. Short-term CoPs
5. Professional development hours
What does the Every Students Succeeds Act (ESSA) say about evidence-based practice (EBP)?

American Speech & Hearing Association (ASHA) members, take advantage of Evidence Maps!

Need more help? badgerstatespeechy outlined the steps to accessing the Evidence Maps found in the ASHA website.

Interested in sharing SpEd EBP resources? Email us - jenlambinicio@sccoe.org
My CFL Experience

SCCOE: Equity | Diversity | Inclusion | Partnership
Future Direction

- Launch the CoP
- Update Evidence Catalog
- Face the challenges of implementation
- Continue collaboration and networking
- Expand tech knowledge
“Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson, poet and essayist
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