

Waukesha County C-CoT

Established 2001



In the beginning...

- Started as part of a WSTI initiative.
- Initially, local WSTI transition coordinator facilitated.
- Our group took group ownership and members facilitate meetings, develop agendas and coordinate educational opportunities.

Schedule and members

Typically meet the third Tuesday of each month at 1:00 pm.

Rotate monthly meeting locations between schools and agency/organizations .

\$40/year membership fee.

Average 10-15 people attending each meeting.

Meet during school year only.

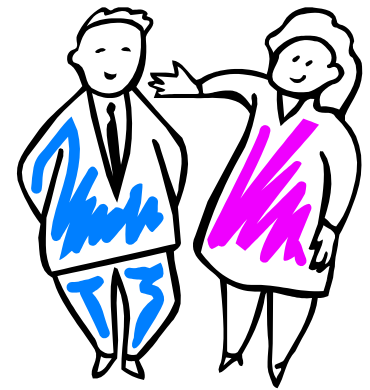
- All school districts in county
- UW-Whitewater
- Waukesha County Technical College
- Local supported Employment agencies
- Parent liaison
- Division of Voc Rehab
- ADRC
- CESA #1 staff
- Local agencies that provide services for individuals with disabilities

Meeting format

- **Hosting agency/school facilitates meeting.**
- **Note taker is chosen by facilitator or as a volunteer.**
- **Agenda is put together by facilitator/host, but members can contact that host to add items to agenda.**
- **Typically have a guest speaker, unless a big event is coming up that requires all meeting time to plan.**

Recruitment and Outreach

- We reach out to schools or organizations who do not have representation.
- Spoke at the county special education directors meeting to emphasize importance of having a district representative.
- We are always inviting new members and encouraging participation.

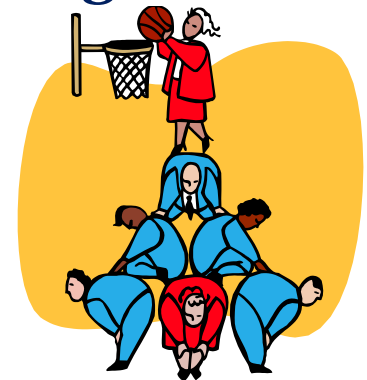


Take Charge of Your Future

- Targeting high school students in county (~150)
- All day event at Waukesha County Technical College
- Start off with ComedySportz (improv group)
- End with Employer Panel
- Session topics include: checkbooks/money, advocacy, turning 18, independent living (housing), differences between high school and college accommodations, assistive technology, career exploration

Planning Take Charge

- Most planning is done at monthly C-CoT meetings.
- Different members take on different sessions to find presenters, facilitators
- Committees divide up remaining responsibilities
 - Presenter thank you gifts, communicating with WCTC, surveys registration, etc.

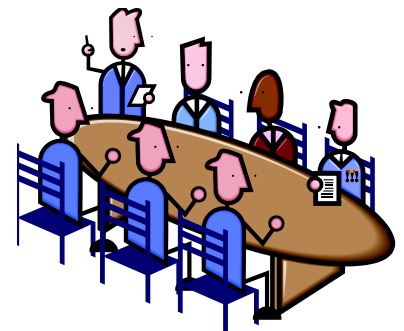


Take Control of Your Employment

- In it's second year.
- Held at the Workforce Development Center
- Mock job interviews and employer panel are highlights of event.
- 50 students attend- 5 students from each Waukesha County high school.
- Sessions include social media and its affect on the job search, resumes, job applications and branding yourself

Planning Take Control

- **Community Action Team- grant funded through BPDD**
- **Smaller committee outside of C-CoT**
- **Meet after C-CoT meetings or at WDC as needed**



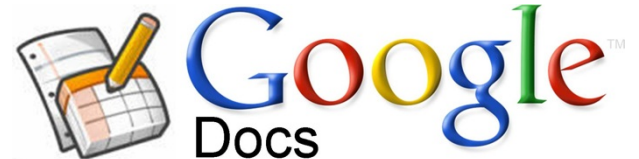
What we do well

- Communication
- Dissemination of information
- Networking
- Recruitment and mentoring of new members
- Successful transition of students between secondary and post-secondary members
- Student events



What have we learned

- Communication through a Google Group works well- anyone can access this.
- Use Google docs to share resources and communication.
- Meetings with clear topics and discussion bring people to the table.
- Discuss at the beginning of the year or end of previous school year what topics are of interest to the group.
- Mentoring new members.



Other Activities

- **Norris ropes course**
- **Scholarship opportunity**
- **Networking!**

