

LIT Connections

November 17, 2022

9:00-10:00



I define connection as the energy that exists between people when they feel seen, heard, and valued; when they can give and receive without judgement; and when they derive sustenance and strength from the relationship. ~ Brene Brown

Thank you for joining us at LIT Connections today.

Present: Vickie Crocker, Alicia Hanrahan, Vicky Whitehill, Kheya Ganguly, Alice Maynard, Debra Forrett, Lance Metayer, Donna Sherlaw, Diane Bugbee, Beth Sausville, Cheryle Wilcox

1. LIT CONNECTIONS meetings
 - a. Suggestion about attending in person starting in April
 - b. Continue to offer Hybrid options for those who would be traveling
 - c. Suggested a LIT Extravaganza this summer
2. SOC Goals for 2023:
 - a. SIT needs to gather information for the report
 - b. ACT 264 Board is going through the survey data to determine their recommendations for SIT to include in the SOC report...they also expressed their thanks for LIT participation
 - c. Goals will most likely be the same as last year: Workforce Retention and Recruitment challenges, Investment in communities, parent rep system (including unified training, equity in pay, recruitment etc..)
 - i. Parent Rep suggestions include: contacting foster/former foster parent and GALs to be parent reps. Team continues to believe that lived experience continues to be very important
3. Other Issues:
 - a. CSP issues:
 - i. Do we need to clarify the different roles within a CSP?
 - ii. There are various resources/training opportunities for CSPs...should we continue to extend training opportunities?
 - iii. Facilitating CSPs...do the facilitators need training in how to handle/navigate those tough discussion?
 - b. There is a definite difference between MH and Medical issues of students...sometimes the psychiatric issues may not be addressed in the student if the medical pieces are the "current" primary issue...and vice versa...sometimes the medical issues can't be addressed due to the MH concerns
 - c. AHS workgroup looking to add to mobile crisis, urgent care is diverting to EDs
 - d. Continues to be a decrease in VT residential beds
 - e. Lots of issues with students being tutored as there aren't other options

- f. Is there a way that AOE could put out an RFP for independent schools? Not sure if that is even an option given that AOE would most likely not be able to fund an independent school.