



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: August 31, 2022
To: Local Educational Agency Leads, Administrators of Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities
Route To: District Directors of Special Education, Special Education Teachers, Child Study Team Members
From: Kathy Ehling, Assistant Commissioner
Division of Educational Services
Deadline: September 30, 2022

Community of Practice for Teachers and Professionals of Students with Autism

A community of practice (CoP) is a group of people who share a common interest in something they do, meet on a regular basis, and seek to improve their practice (Wenger & Traynor, 2015). The goal of the CoP for Autism (CoPA) sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Education is to bring diverse educators together in a working relationship around a common interest in autism spectrum disorders and to share information and improve instructional practices. The CoPA will meet three to four times a year at the Learning Resource Center – Central in Trenton and host a variety of speakers who have presented on topics such as inclusion, social skills instruction, improving post school outcomes, and addressing challenging behaviors.

Who should apply?

Teachers and other school professionals from grades K-12 who support students with autism spectrum disorders.

Members of the CoPA will be invited to attend four (4) in-person meetings at the Learning Resource Center-Central in Trenton. Membership in this first CoPA will be limited to fifty (50) members. Please use the link below to register.

Schedule of CoPA Meetings

- October 12, 2022
- December 14, 2022
- February 22, 2023
- April 12, 2023

All meetings will be held in-person from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at [The Learning Resource Center-Central](#) unless otherwise stated.

Registration Link

Fill out the [Registration Form](#).

Contact information

For additional information please email Amanda.Philp@doe.nj.gov.

c: Members, State Board of Education
NJDOE Staff
Statewide Parent Advocacy Network

NJ LEE Group
Garden State Coalition of Schools