

CAN-DO Support Meeting

9/19/2023

Guest Presenter: [Mary Schreiber](#), Coordinated Family and Community Engagement (CFCE) and Professional Development Coordinator

Link to presentation: ([saved in our Google Drive](#))

Attendance: Kelly Brown, co-chair; Sam Hunter, co-chair; Todd Snider, secretary; Angela Zammarelli, Easthampton Family Center Coordinator; 1 caregiver; Antigoni Lively, Director of Special Education, Easthampton Public Schools

General Meeting Notes:

- See saved video for slideshow presentation
- Antigoni joined for about 40 minutes to provide updates and answer community questions, which included:
 - Via Jean Libby, [Family School Partnership Summit](#) is next month on Thursday, October 26, 2023, 9:00 am-4:00 pm
 - Sarah Chaplin, Pre-ETS Supervisor could possibly do a winter or spring presentation. Antigoni has since connected us to Sarah via email, and is awaiting our reply.
 - Similarly, Jilian Sullivan, Campus Disability Coordinator at Asnuntuck Community College could also likely present at a support meeting
 - Email: JSullivan@asnuntuck.edu
 - Phone: 860.253.3005
 - Update on printing materials (i.e. flyers):
 - School staff not permitted to make us copies
 - A number can be provided for us to print copies ourselves
 - Update on email blasts from school:
 - We can provide a PDF
 - 1-day lead time
 - CAN-DO/caregiver concerns:
 - Addressing school visuals (i.e. signs, behavior boards), as they do not foster an inclusive environment and are harmful
 - Kelly proposed walking the school with Antigoni
 - Antigoni will get back to us after thinking it over
 - Caregiver recounts inappropriate and harmful interaction with a paraeducator. Antigoni notes she hopes there will be future professional development opportunities for Easthampton paras.
 - Portrait day is revisited in discussion, yet we await an update from the school on proposed accommodation(s)
- Other topics of discussion:
 - Ambiguity and lack of clarity on when and how children transition from ½ day preschool to full-day preschool
 - Possibility of increased cross-over between CAN-DO and Easthampton Family Center