

The Plan: Intentional and Effective Regional Coordinator Groups

The South Central Regional Coordinator group meets monthly and is composed of vibrant personalities with one common goal... Successful PAT programs that positively impact children and families in our community.

The following has become our adopted recipe for a great team:

- * A dash of whining
- * A sprinkle of reassurance
- * A pound of listening
- * A heaping tablespoon of sharing
- * 1 large cup of dedication

Completely combine the above ingredients once a month. Add support and collaboration and mix until you have reached the ideal consistency.

If all else fails, just opt for chocolate.

Thoughts on effective regional meetings:

- What are you doing that already works? AND What isn't working with this group?
- Set group norms and abide by them
- Assign a secretary or a method for getting notes out to everyone
- Assign someone to be the follow up person with the state coordinator for unanswered questions during group time
- Set an agenda for the regional meeting with other's input
- Be intentional in getting to a deeper level of content and reflection during meeting time
- Consider a regional parent educator café where parent educators attend from the area programs and can learn from each other.
- Who are the experts in each area? Utilize them as contact persons when questions arise.
- Set up a regional blog or other technology tool that is easily accessible and updated regularly