



Cape Cod Collaborative

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Established 1975

Barnstable

Bourne

Brewster

Cape Cod Technical

Chatham

Dennis-Yarmouth

Eastham

Falmouth

Harwich

Martha's Vineyard

Mashpee

Nantucket

Nauset

Orleans

Provincetown

Sandwich

Truro

Upper Cape Technical

Wareham

Wellfleet

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Enabling Statute

Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 4e

“Pursuant to the provisions hereof, two or more school committees of cities, towns and regional school districts may enter into a written agreement to conduct education programs and services which shall **complement and strengthen** the school programs of member school committees and increase educational opportunities for children. The school committees shall collaborate to offer such programs and services, and the association of school committees which is formed pursuant hereof to deliver such programs and services shall be known as an education collaborative”

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Articles of Agreement

2.1 The Purpose of the Agreement to associate is:

- A. To conduct joint educational programs and services which permit the associated committees to supplement and strengthen school programs for special needs students and regular education students.
- B. To provide specialist services or transportation services to programs operated by the Collaborative and to programs operated directly by the Member School Districts.
- C. To provide vocational, prevocational, behavioral intervention, developmental skill training, enrichment programs, or educational programs to special needs or regular education students.
- D. To provide personal care and/or services, either on a residential or a “day only” basis, to disabled adults. In addition to personal care, such services may include but are not limited to behavioral intervention, life-skill training, vocational or pre-vocational training, recreation, or education programs. (2006 Amendment)

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Board of Directors

"The education collaborative shall be managed by a board of directors which shall be comprised of 1 person appointed by each member school committee and 1 person appointed by each member charter board of trustees. All appointed persons shall be either a school committee member or his designee, the superintendent of schools or his designee or a member of the charter board of trustees. " (MGL, Ch.40, Sec.4e)

The Cape Cod Collaborative Board of Directors have been School Committee Representatives from the Member Districts for over thirty-five years.

"Each Member School District shall appoint one (1) person from its school committee to serve as its representative on the Board of Directors."(CCC Articles of Agreement)

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Administrative Board

- 7.2 *The Administrative Board (a professional advisory council composed of a Superintendent or designee from each Member School District) shall meet monthly, or as called, and shall make recommendations to the Board of Directors concerning any aspect of the Collaborative's operation. The Administrative Board shall be represented on the Board of Directors by the Chairperson of the Administrative Board of her/his designee (CCC Articles of Agreement, 2006)*

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Strategic Planning

- A renewed Strategic Planning process commenced in February 2010. The stakeholder group met throughout the Spring and developed a focused Mission and Vision for the Collaborative.
- Two subcommittees were formed in this process and met throughout the remainder of the year.
 - The Articles of Agreement subcommittee proposed changes to the Articles of Agreement that are currently being considered by the Board of Directors.
 - The Financial Subcommittee made several recommendations regarding changes to Collaborative financial reporting and operations, as well as recommending the development of an annual forum for all stakeholders to discuss Collaborative issues – the **Collaborative Summit**.

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Mission

The **Mission** of the Cape Cod Collaborative is to provide, as an interdependent collaboration of public school communities, a flexible, evolving range of high quality, cost-effective programs and services.

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Vision

To ensure its success, the Collaborative will establish and maintain communication, governance structures, and practices that regularly assess needs, provide collaborative solutions, and monitor effectiveness.

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Administration

Executive Director

- Joseph Wert 1975-1978
- Ian Stewart 1978-1979
- F. Randall Powers 1979-1980
- Robert Filbin 1980-1982
- Brian Davis 1982-1986
- Walter Healey 1986-2009
- Paul Hilton 2009-

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Administration

Program Directors

- Laurence Carroll Alternative Education
- Anita Woods S.T.A.R. Program
- Jim Brown Business Operations
- Dr. Joseph Gilbert Special Projects
- Patricia Pawloski Transportation Manager
- Alice Wheeler Medicaid Reimbursement

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Early History

Early Programming (1970s)

- Cape Cod Learning Center (Otis Memorial School)
- Developmental Training Center
- Blind / Visually “Handicapped”
- Pre-School (Barnstable, Brewster)
- Cape Cod Vocational Mini-School
- Adolescent Training Program
- Industrial Work Program
- Nauset Deaf Program (Orleans)

Programming

Special Educational Programs

- The Special Educational Programs of the Cape Cod Collaborative serve to meet the needs of students, families and districts throughout the region
- The programming has evolved and changed as districts develop increased capacity to meet the complex needs of students and as the particular needs of the population have changed

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District-Based Programs

- Programs located within Local School District operating school buildings
- Various Collaborative programs were continuously operating in the region from 1975-2010
 - Programs established as needed by member school districts
 - Primarily to more effectively provide quality services meet the needs of students with “low incidence” disabilities
 - Programs cease if/when districts develop capacity to meet student needs and/or need decreases

S.T.A.R. Programming

- **Self-Care** & Medical Needs, Physical Development
- **Therapies:** Speech/Communication, Occupational & Physical
- **Academics** (Content-based, Functional & Pre-Vocational Skills)
- **Regulation** of Behavior & Social Interactions; Ability to Learn
 - **Collaborative District-Based Programs were re-named as the S.T.A.R. Program in 2003**
 - **The S.T.A.R. Program was licensed as a Public Day Program in 2010.**
 - The needs of the students, families and member districts necessitated a change in the program environment to promote better outcomes
 - Districts had developed increased capacity to meet the needs of their students in district operated programs

Alternative Education Program (AEP)

- Formally established as Public Day program in 2000 with 20 students committed from member districts
- Expanded in 2009 to two buildings to allow for increased enrollment
- Contracted in 2010 due to enrollment shift
- Current enrollment between 68-75 students

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ASLP

Advanced Studies & Leadership Program

ASLP

- Established through Cape Cod Collaborative in 2005 through the efforts and leadership of Dr. Joseph Gilbert and Walter Healey
- Annual, summer residential learning experience at Massachusetts Maritime Academy
- Program for high-achieving students completing the seventh and eighth grades
- Focus upon **Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM)**

Special Education Transportation

- Consortium of Districts share routing, coordinated through Dennis-Yarmouth (1975-1980s)
- Collaborative formally asked to coordinate and provide as a service (1987-1988)
- Collaborative significantly expands transportation services (2005)
- Rates restructured to reflect districts preferences for allocation of costs for sharing of each specific route (2010)

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Large Bus Transportation

- Collaborative responds to the needs of Nantucket Public Schools in provision of large bus transportation services (1997)
- Collaborative responds to the needs of Truro Public Schools in provision of large bus transportation services (2008)
- Collaborative assists Martha's Vineyard Schools in establishing transportation system to be run by the district (2006)
- Collaborative responds to the needs of Mashpee Public Schools in provision of large bus transportation services (2009)
- Transportation consulting provided to assist districts in addressing capacity, service and operational issues (2010)

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Medicaid Claiming

- The Collaborative has provided Claiming services for school districts continuously since 1994.
- The Collaborative has assisted districts in submitting claims that have generated tens of millions of dollars in federal reimbursement for the provision of eligible services since 1994.
- Recent changes in federal regulations regarding Medicaid claiming processes have significantly impacted the districts' claims in recent years
- The Collaborative is currently consulting with school districts regarding the viability of maintaining this operational support program.

Therapy Services

- The Collaborative has provided therapy services to students in Collaborative programs and in school district programs since the establishment of the Collaborative in 1975
 - Speech & Language Therapy (1975-)
 - Occupational Therapy
 - Physical Therapy
 - Behavioral Consultation
 - Vocational Counseling
 - Assistive Technology Evaluation & Consultation
 - Services for the Blind & Visually Impaired
 - Services for Deaf & Hard of Hearing (1975-2004, 2011-12)

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Project Assist

- The Collaborative has provided support to school districts in varied areas
- The Collaborative matches the expressed needs of school districts needing assistance with professionals that have a competency in the areas identified
- The Collaborative manages the establishment of contracts to provide assistance and provides supervision and administrative support to ensure that the provision of the service is successful

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Center for Executive Search

- The Center for Executive Search is a school administrator search service dedicated to identifying and attracting executive talent for school districts
- The Center is a competent and affordable choice for school administrator search services
- Searches completed by the Center include:
 - Superintendents:
 - 2010-2011: Barnstable, Bourne, Chatham
 - 2009-2010: Nauset, Bridgewater-Raynham, Taunton
 - Dennis-Yarmouth, Harwich
 - Other
 - Principals (2)
 - Special Education / Pupil Personnel Services Directors (3)
 - Business Managers (2)
 - Collaborative Executive Director

Center for Professional Development

- The Center for Professional Development (2003-) has coordinated a “Cape-wide” in-service day on behalf of the member school districts each year since 2005.
- The Center for Professional Development also supports member school districts through the coordination/provision of various activities to support and strengthen the professional development activities in all educational areas:
 - Teaching American History Grant
 - Collaborative Literacy Grant
 - All-Cape In-Service Workshops (annually- approx. 1,000 participants)
 - Participation/Support of Cape Cod Center for Graduate Education
 - “Educational Data Warehouse” Training(s)
 - Graduate Program Hosting
 - Workshop Development & Hosting

Thank You

- Monthly “Job-alike”/Stakeholder Meetings
 - Special Education Directors (Advisory)
 - Business Managers
 - Curriculum Administrators
 - Superintendents (Administrative Advisory Board)
- The input from the various constituencies of the Collaborative are integral to the success of the Collaborative and the those served by the Collaborative

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