



CAPE COD COLLABORATIVE QUARTERLY REPORT

FY2025

Quarter 3: April 2025



OUR MISSION

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

OUR 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.

OUR MEMBER DISTRICTS

Barnstable, Bourne, Brewster, Cape Cod Technical, Dennis-Yarmouth Regional, Eastham, Falmouth, Martha's Vineyard, Mashpee, Monomoy Regional, Nantucket, Nauset, Orleans, Provincetown, Sandwich, Truro, Upper Cape Cod Technical, Wareham, Wellfleet



OUR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

- Waypoint Academy
- STAR Program
- Related services
- Transportation
- Advanced Studies and Leadership Program (ASLP)
- Professional Development
- Virtual High School



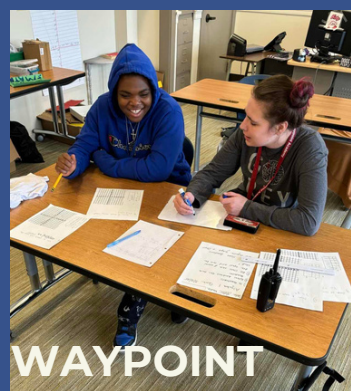
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STAR

During this quarter the STAR program continued to participate in drumming with Sam Holmstock on Fridays. Half of the students went on a field trip to Blakeman Planetarium in Plymouth. The STAR program began a partnership with Cape Kid Meals for food-insecure families. Students participated in lessons about Black History Month and staff competed in a Black History door decorating contest. Congratulations to this year's door winners: Melissa VanEssendelft and her staff. We had two fundraisers for a facility dog. Thank you to Sandy Alemian for our night of Messages from Heaven and to The Parrot for our night of Music Bingo. This quarter we had 9 referrals. We have started 3 in our program. 3 have gone to other placements and 3 are in progress to enroll in the STAR program.



WAYPOINT

Spring is in the air at Waypoint Academy! We are pleased to have welcomed Ms. Vikacha Phiri, Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBA) to our team and welcomed back Mr. Laurence Carroll as our Interim Program Director. Ms. V has been instrumental in supporting both our students and staff in our behavioral programming and Mr. Carroll is enjoying being back in the action after only a few years of retirement.

Our students have remained active in their academic pursuits and are enjoying the new basketball hoop and Gaga pit on campus. Not only have our students been busy but our teachers have been participating in Writing Effective Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) professional development and our counselors participated in Think:Kids Essential Foundations Collaborative Problem Solving training and are implementing skills learned into our programming.

We look forward to what Spring and Summer have in store for us!

NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I have appreciated the warm welcome I've received from staff, students, families, and district partners since my arrival at Cape Cod Collaborative at the end of January. We have strong programs providing top-notch services to our member districts and our staff are highly committed to the well-being of our students. I feel lucky every day that I get to come to work.

Some of the highlights this quarter for CCC include:

- Legislative Breakfast held January 24, 2025
- Updates to the Articles of Agreement completed and endorsed by member districts and submitted to DESE for review on April 1, 2025. As a reminder, this amendment will allow Plymouth Public Schools to join the Collaborative as members, effective July 1, 2025. Thanks so much to you all for working with us to turn this process around so quickly to meet DESE's due date.
- Partnerships with the Massachusetts Organization of Educational Collaboratives (MOEC) to advocate for increased funding for facilities and modifications to upcoming legislation
- Partnership with Cape Kid Meals to provide weekend food for students in STAR and Waypoint

My sincere thanks to you all for the support and encouragement; we have a lot of work to do, and our team is ready to dig in!





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TRANSPORTATION

Recruiting and training are the top priorities at this time, as they have been for the last few years. Although staffing for bus drivers is relatively stable at the moment, building a pipeline of potential trainees to get into the system is critical to fill our staffing needs across all of our member districts into the future. Current recruiting strategies include posting lawn signs at schools and bus lots across our member districts, radio and cable television advertising, and now we are expanding our social media presence in several targeted areas searching for potential recruits. We have been working with member districts to advertise in their publications, and we would be happy to provide the ad copy should you wish to post something online or in your school publications.

We are also working with our member districts to refresh our line of buses and vans in order to maintain our fleet. This effort has been challenging due to increased costs and a volatile market.



COMMUNICATION

Approximately two years ago, the Collaborative initiated social media efforts as a way to educate our own staff, member districts, and broader communities on what the Collaborative offers, to great success. An unexpected offshoot of this effort has been that it has become our most effective job recruitment tool especially for non-teaching staff including paraprofessionals, bus monitors, bus drivers, and custodians. Please follow and like our Cape Cod Collaborative Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and Threads accounts.



REACH OUT!



COMING SOON...

As we continue to work on determining a baseline for all programs and services at CCC, we are looking ahead to our summer administrative retreat in August, the completion of the Executive Director's Report of Entry Findings in the fall, and our launch into strategic planning to propel us into the next five years.

Please be on the lookout for surveys and focus groups and other upcoming opportunities to provide input on our work.

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