A blue map of Minnesota containing white numbers of other regions  and a red area representing the metro area, or Region 11.

# DCD Community of Practice

**Sponsored by Regional Low Incidence Projects – Region 11**

**March 6, 2018  
Metro ECSU,** 2 Pine Tree Drive,Arden Hills MN 55112

8:00-8:30 Check in, Library Material Check In/Out, Networking

8:30-9 Meeting grounding (sharing examples & future meeting planning)

9-11 **Core Vocabulary (Mara Rogers)**

11-11:15 Core Vocabulary Gallery of Materials & Items

11:15-12:15     Lunch & Networking

**LUNCH IS NOT PROVIDED - PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY**

12:15-12:30 Networking & Break

12:30-2:30    **Core Vocabulary within the Four Blocks (Kayna Plaisted)**

2:30-3:00          Questions/Comments/Closing

**Core Vocabulary (Mara Rogers):** We will talk about AAC implementation, including the what/why/who of using AAC. Then, we will dive into core vocabulary, a powerful tool you can use to teach your students communication skills that can be used across many environments – academic and otherwise! Mara Rogers is a speech language pathologist at Northeast Metro Intermediate School District 916. She specializes on using augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) with students from kindergarten through transition.

**Core Vocabulary within the Four Blocks (Kayna Plaisted)**: We will dive deep in Core Vocabulary demonstrating how to integrate through the use of Aided Language Stimulation within your Four Literacy Blocks. We will demonstrate and practice how literacy and communication can be threaded within the school day. Kayna Plaisted is a Curricular Support Specialist at Northeast Metro 916. She has held many roles including Classroom Teacher and Instructional Coach over her seven years of service at 916. Kayna believes the highlights of her experience comes from growing up alongside her siblings with disabilities and working intensively with families outside of the school setting.

DATES for 2017-2018 Tentative Plan of Topics

May 8 Grant Writing & Sharing out implementation

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