

START

"There is no power of change greater than a community discovering what it cares about" - M. Wheatly

community CONVERSATIONS

what is a community conversation?

Community Conversations are one strategy that has been used to discover, support, and disseminate creative and promising approaches for supporting students with disabilities to participate more fully and naturally in school, work, and community activities, including the same relationships, work and community experiences as their peers.

The process is a creative, productive, and powerful way of identifying how diverse members of a community might work together in compelling ways to solve an important challenge.

The focus of our work with START/BYF has been on opening doors and engaging within our communities across the state using more business networking.



When families, schools and communities at large ask the question "how can we work together to support meaningful employment and community engagement for people with ASD living within our communities?" Solutions emerge!

Community Conversations is a organizational tool that promotes a stage for dialogue. By drawing out the best ideas of parents, educators, service providers, community leaders, employers, and ordinary citizens, communities can discover they already have the capacity to open doors for real change in this area.

why host a community conversation?

No one knows the strengths and possibilities of a community better than those who live within it.

Empowering individuals and communities to discover and draw upon their own assets is the most promising pathway for improving inclusive social/recreational and employment outcomes of community members with ASD.

