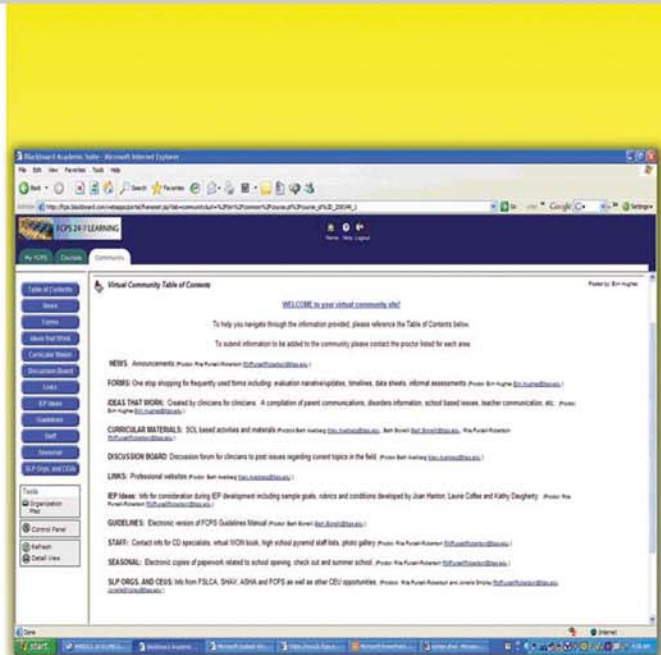


If you build it will they come?

Fairfax County Public Schools, Virginia



SLP Knowledge

✓ Speech/Language Evaluation and Therapy

Standards of Learning

Goal

To facilitate student success by enhancing SLP knowledge and skills through a professional virtual community.

Process

- Acquire adequate technology tools (hardware, software, virtual platform)
- Train SLPs to use these tools efficiently and effectively
- Use formative evaluation to continuously improve the site and training.

Outcomes

Using a high tech/high touch approach, the Communication Disorders Virtual Community (CDVC) Team has supported SLPs in gaining the knowledge and skills to facilitate student success.

Lesson Learned

- High Tech/High Touch
- Link users and developers
- Consolidated info in one place
- Easy access
- User friendly
- Continuous updates
- On-going training
- Relevant materials and topics

✓ Collaboration with SLP colleagues, school staff and parents

Linking to the Curriculum

SLP Strategies

Phase 1: September 03-January 06

- Purchased laptops and software
- Trained SLPs to use the hardware and software for therapy
- Familiarized SLPs with curriculum and SOLs
- Developed curriculum-based SLP materials

Phase 2: January 06-June 06

- Introduced SLPs to the Communication Disorders Virtual Community
- Consolidated materials from diverse sites to the CDVC
- Surveyed SLPs about the CDVC

Phase 3: June 06-October 06

- From the survey results, reorganized CDVC
- Added more resources under each category
- Continued training in small and large groups
- Surveyed SLPs about the CDVC

Phase 4: November 06-May 07

- From the survey results, improve CDVC
- Encourage more SLPs to contribute curriculum-based materials
- Encourage SLPs to use the discussion board for professional issues
- Use the CDVC for continuing education
- Develop strategies to habituate use
- Collect data on use of materials with students and links to success
- Survey SLPs about the CDVC

Student Success

✓ Effective communication skills

Academic Achievement