Peer to Peer for Families

Participant Guide

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Module Description	Peer to Peer programs create opportunities for students to build friendships, foster a sense of belonging, develop leadership skills, and contribute to a more inclusive school community. This family-focused session includes information about Participation and Helping Models, helpful resources, and opportunities to ask questions so you can better understand how Peer to Peer works and how your child can become involved.
Agenda	• Welcome • Peer to Peer in Michigan • What is Peer to Peer • Why Peer to Peer • Belonging • Participation vs Helping • Resources
Slides	• Presentation slides
Videos and Podcasts	• What Being Autistic Taught Me About Being Human | Daniel Wendler | TEDxBend • The legacy of Donald Triplett, the first person diagnosed with autism • Titletown, TX, Season 1 Episode 10: Letter of Intent • Podcast: Uncover the Power of Belonging in Inclusive Education with Erik Carter ~ 1204
Handouts	• Elementary Peer to Peer Program Development Checklist • Secondary Peer to Peer Program Development Checklist • Pillars of Peer to Peer Programming • Elementary Peer to Peer Program Playbook • Secondary Peer to Peer Program Playbook • Peer to Peer Participation Model Flyer • Peer to Peer FAQ • From Barriers to Belonging: Promoting Inclusion and Relationships Through the Peer to Peer Program (article) • START Connecting: Peer to Peer is a Participation Model • Outcomes for LINKS • Reflecting on our Practice: Ten Ways Schools Can Foster Belonging Among Students With and Without Disabilities
Websites and Resources	• START website • START START-isms • TIES Center • Pacer: Bully Prevention
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