

The Practitioner Connection

February
2016

Dates to Remember

Peer Consultation Call

These calls are designed for us to be able to support each other in our community work and gather new ideas! RSVP:

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- February 12th
- March 11th

Practice Monthly Call

- February 19th
- March 25th

Pizzazz...was the word used to describe the much needed update to the Practice Council monthly notes. We all are a part of many formal organizations that follow the traditional meeting format. Well that format can be slightly dull and lack “pizzazz”. Additionally, it can be viewed as less engaging and limits the opportunities for meaningful discussions. After the January brainstorming teleconference the Leadership Team convened and discussed with members the ways we could foster deeper connections among our membership. Thus, The Practitioner Connection (tentatively named) was born! This informal communication will be released monthly and will feature hot topics, member spotlights, and updates. If you have other ideas, let us know!

New Member Spotlight

We are always excited to have new members who bring fresh ideas and perspectives. Let’s give a warm welcome to a few of our newest members! Please reach out to them and make them feel welcome!

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Practice Interests:

Youth/Community Development; Social Capital;
Formal/Informal Education



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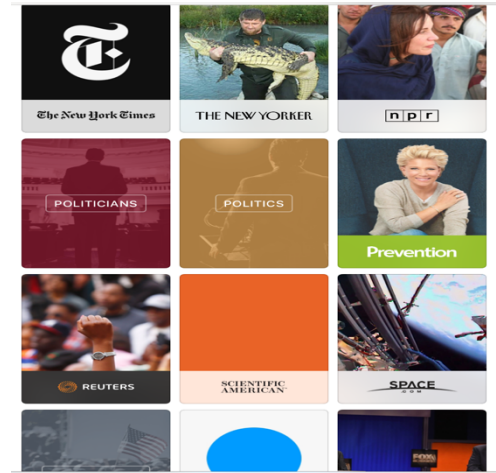
More new members featured next month!

Hot Topics

Practitioners we would like to use this space to identify hot topics in the news that we should be discussing as a council. Each month the call will designate time to discuss a hot topic that was selected by members. Topics can include social justice issues such as gun control, voting rights, etc. Also, topics may stem around the community psychology field. What topic should we discuss in March?

Tell us here:

<http://goo.gl/forms/pfCk1xWVpc>



Practice Council Member Spotlight

Coming Soon!!

Acknowledgements

Thank you to all of the CPPC members for keeping the Practice Council moving forward; and thank you Bill Berkowitz for your great idea!

January Meeting Recap

- The January Strategic Planning Call included conducting a Strengths-Weaknesses-Opportunities-Threats (S.W.O.T) Analysis on the council. In addition to celebrating successes, members identified areas of improvement including:
 - Effectively connecting and engaging members
 - Enhancing practice/practice council visibility in new, engaging ways
 - Enhancing/maximizing collaborative relationships within the Society
 - Engaging in energized practice activities
- The [SCRA Community Grants Program](#) has received funding for the sixth year!
 - Congratulations to **Jessica Drum** who has been appointed the new co-administrator for the Mini-Grants program!
- Find the full January minutes online: <http://scra27.org/what-we-do/practice/documents/>

Practice Council Leadership Team

Olya Glantsman: Co-Chair (EC Representative)

Kyrah Brown: Co-Chair

Jasmine Douglas: Secretary/Historian

Alaa AIDoh: Representative to the Website and Social Media Committee

Nicole Freund: Recruitment Coordinator

Carlos Luis: Past Council Chair