Invitation to Join the DaSy Data Visualization Community of Practice on:
"Exploring ways to use low/no cost data visualization tools"

Overview of DaSy Communities of Practice (CoP)

In order to allow states to engage in deeper discussions on various topics, the DaSy Center will implement Communities of Practice (CoP). The first community will focus on Data Visualization, in response to the well-attended conference session and webinar sponsored by the DaSy Center. This CoP will be facilitated by DaSy staff and open to a focused group of state staff, working together to explore how to use low- or no cost data visualization software. The CoP will center around facilitated discussions on the collective learning from several states, all involved in exploring similar issues. These discussions will result in the development of resources that benefit both the immediate participants of the CoP, as well as other states that are interested in reading about lessons learned from the group.

Commitment to Participate in the CoP

Although you are welcome to join calls at any time, we find that the CoP approach benefits from regular participation since the group will meet monthly and work together to explore data visualization software and techniques. We anticipate that this will be approximately a year-long engagement. For that reason, we are asking prospective members to consider their availability for participation prior to registering for the CoP. Here's what it means to be a part of this CoP:

- Participants must be willing to teach/share/learn with other CoP members.
- Participants will be asked to attend monthly conference calls.
- Participants will be invited to attend an in-person meeting (optional) funded through DaSy.
- Participants must be willing to work on resources (develop content, review materials, etc.) that will support the group's use of data visualization software.

Characteristics of Strong CoP Members

Anyone can join this CoP, and we welcome all perspectives from people in various roles within state Part C or Part B 619 programs. Based on previous CoP experiences, we know that CoP membership benefits from individuals who are interested in learning and teaching others beyond the "101" of a topic. As a group, we are ready to go deeper than a one-time webinar or developing a one-page resource on using low-cost data visualization software. We hope the CoP's membership includes folks who:

- Have some experience using data visualization within their role
- Are interested in expanding their skillset with data visualization
- Either have or want to develop experience with different tools and resources
- Are comfortable sharing state resources and lessons learned

Interested? Read How to Register!

Becoming an active participant in this CoP is easy: Just register and become a dedicated member of the group.   If you are interested in exploring low- and no cost data visualization software, and you want to learn more about this topic with a group of your committed peers across the country over the next year, then please register. We will be in touch with next steps, as well as the date for the CoP kickoff meeting later this summer!

Thank you… we look forward to working and learning with you soon!