



SI Communities of Relational Practice

Year-Long Learning & Connection | 2025-2026

What is a Community of Relational Practice (CoP)?

“Communities of practice are groups of people who share a concern or a passion for something they do and learn how to do it better as they interact regularly.” -Wenger-Trayner & Wenger-Trayner

A *community of relational practice* is a group of people who share a dedication to encouraging, enriching, and empowering developmental relationships through their work. In this planned SI Community of Practice, we come together regularly to learn from one another, share experiences, and strengthen our practice. In this space, we explore together how everyday human interactions shape development, wellbeing, and learning. Members bring their own expertise, challenges, and questions, and—through discussion, reflection, and shared tools—collectively deepen all of our understanding and application of relational practice. Rather than focusing only on formal training or lectures, a Community of Relational Practice is about ongoing, social learning where group members support one another in tackling real-world challenges, exchanging knowledge, and growing together.

How will the SI CoPs Be Organized?

Each CoP is small (7-10 people), topic-based (e.g., early childhood, family engagement, system-level) and guided by an experienced SI facilitator. Together, we meet for 90 minutes each month to:

- Plan and discuss SI ideas and practices for your organization
- Share lessons learned and exchange resources
- Receive and adapt tools, resources, and support from and with the SI team

In addition to monthly group sessions, CoP members can participate in:

- Monthly drop-in office hours with a member of the SI team
- Four cross-topic gatherings per year to connect with other CoPs and share themes, learnings, and resources with one another

Who Should Join?

CoPs are designed for people currently working in a capacity to develop, lead, and integrate SI work within their organization or community. In your current role, you may:

- Lead professional development
- Train, supervise, counsel, or coach
- Organize community groups and alliances for children and families
- Develop strategies for your organization
- Create policies that impact children, families, and/or helping professionals

No previous SI training is required – just a commitment to applying SI practice in your work.

Key Details

Cost:	\$950 per person for the year*
Application Deadline:	Friday, September 26, 2025 (11:59pm ET)
Notification of Participation:	Friday, October 10, 2025 (5pm ET)
Format:	Monthly 90-minute sessions + monthly drop-in office hours + 4 cross-topic gatherings

*We do not wish for cost to be a barrier. Limited scholarships on a sliding scale are available.

Why Join?

- Connect with peers doing similar work in your field
- Acquire and adapt practical tools for integrating SI into your setting
- Reflect on and strengthen your own relational practice
- Share and learn from real-world experiences across contexts

Apply here: <https://bit.ly/SI-CoPsApp2025>

Questions? Contact info@simpleinteractions.org