

Centers of Activity Summit • Atlanta, Georgia
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Centers of Activity work group chart notes:

Questions:

- What are the tensions between the work and the resources?
- For whom are we doing the work?
- Can educators BE businesses? Or is it mutually exclusive?
- Can we do good and do well at the same time?
- What are the most important things my new center needs to know?
- Can a Center have both trained coaches and National Facilitators on staff?
- Where would I find the “standards” or steps for becoming a Center of Activity?
- If I am a National Facilitator, am I automatically a Center of Activity?
- Who decides if “something” or “someone” is a Center?
- What do you have to do to start a Center of Activity?
- Can an existing Center vouch for the work of an up and coming Center?
- How can one person be a “Center”?
- What makes a Center a center?
- Are there some non-negotiables for Center of Activity’s?
- How free are center to create their own identity – are there some givens?
- What do you have to have or have to do to be a center? (meaning “rules” or “sustainability”)
- Should “centers” be “closed” or “shut down” if they do not communicate (rosters, membership) with National?
- If you are a center, should you have to do an annual report/update? (vs. suggested)
- Can a National Facilitator Intern associate with a Center?
- Will all new coaches institutes be treated equally?
- Will all centers use similar contracts for services to school districts?
- What is the contract process for centers without “Bricks and Mortar”?
- What obligations to National does a Center have?
- How does National market the work of NSRF to encourage being trained? How do Centers get referrals from National?
- How do centers with many coaches interact with National Organization?
- How will free agent National Facilitator without overhead compete with Brick and Mortar centers fairly?
- How do we see the blend of CES and NSRF? What are the implications?
- What can a Center of Activity expect from the National Organization in terms of support?
- What is the \$ relationship between a Center of Activity and the National Organization?
- Under what conditions would I choose not to be a Center of Activity?

- Is the priority the work or the income?
 - What are the benefits of being a Center?
 - Why wouldn't we/someone want to be a/in a center?
 - What was the main reason for the move towards Center of Activity?
 - What work does a Center of Activity do?
 - Is a Center of Activity able to provide enough income to support staff as their only income?
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- How do we provide contacts without being accused of bid rigging?
 - Do Centers have a domain over a geographic region?
 - What is the relationship between Centers?
 - Will Centers respect geographic areas (turf)?
 - Whose responsibility is sustainability of a Center? (National Organization, National Center, Other Centers, That Center, or That Community)
 - Do you have to be able to sustain a center if you start one/in order to start one?
 - What type of contact/use of resources should be expected of a Coach at the National level – should they work through the Center?
 - What if I am a Center of Activity and one year I don't run a coaches training?
 - Can someone belong to more than one center?
 - Do Centers of Activity HAVE TO do new coaches' (CFG) Trainings?
 - Does being a Center of Activity require me to be a National Facilitator?
 - Can a National Facilitator be associated with more than one center?
 - How do Centers interact with each other?
 - Will there be a Center of Activity fee?
 - How will "free agent" National Facilitator be treated in Center turf?
 - What would happen if each center received a "free" or discounted rate for WM/NF to have a rep there for a Centers Council Meeting?
 - Will Centers be informed as to opportunities for new clients in their Geographic area?
 - How does National Organization mediate between Centers?
 - How many Centers of Activity are enough in any one area/region?
 - Why would one city have more than one Center?
 - If Centers can't get along...?