What is a “Community of Practice?”
A Community of Practice (CoP) is a group of people who come together around a common concern, even passion, for something and they learn to do it better with and from one another.

How does it work?
A CoP connects its members through conference calls, virtual meetings, listserves, email, and/or in face-to-face gatherings. It gathers people with a shared interest in a topic or issue; it creates the opportunities to build mutual learning relationships, and facilitates peer learning through shared resources (e.g., experiences, stories, tools, etc.) on a common practice.

What do I get out of this?
A successful CoP increases the skills, competencies, and capabilities of its members as it builds and exchanges knowledge. A CoP also provides access to expertise; improves communication with peers; increases productivity and quality of work; uses the power of networking to stay current in your field; provides a sense of professional identity; and builds a strong professional reputation.

Who can participate?
The Community Mobilization CoP (CM CoP) is open to any OAH TPP Grantee staff and volunteers helping to mobilize your community in support of teen pregnancy prevention. This includes members of your Community Advisory Group (CAG) and your Youth Leadership Council (YLC).

Who and When?
Tom Klaus of UMDI will be the principal facilitator of the CM CoP with guest co-facilitation from members of the Youth Catalytics team. An organizing call will be held on Wednesday, April 26th at 4:00 PM Eastern.

How Do I Get Involved?
If you would like to receive more CM CoP information complete the form below, tear off, and give to Tom or another of the UMDI staff. Or send your information (name, email, phone number, and grantee name and location) to Tom at TKlaus@donahue.umassp.edu.

Yes, I want to know more about the CM CoP!

Name: ___________________________ Email: ___________________________
Phone: ___________________________ Grantee Name: ___________________________
City/State: ___________________________