

**Carbon-Monroe-Pike MH/DS  
Developmental Services Status Report  
April 2018**

**Early Intervention:**

The EI Department continues to maintain high referrals with 32 intakes for this month as of 4/11. They are considering adding an additional Service Coordinator to improve caseloads and better serve individuals. In March, 2017 the active individuals were 504 while a year later there are 584 currently active. Service Coordinators completed Adult Mental First Aid training this month.

**Developmental Services:**

The DS Department continues to work on identifying the individuals that will receive the 6 PFDS slots for 2018 graduates. We plan to use the slots for individuals that have the highest priority of need so that their health and safety will be maintained. We have two individuals that will be receiving the Consolidated Waiver and are in need of placement. The DS Department participated in a training day to learn how we can implement Communities of Practice. An individual from ASERT (Autism Services, Education, Resources and Training) presented to the group and provided information on resources available through the ASERT collaborative to assist individuals and families in meeting their needs. The afternoon session was a training on Person Centered Planning. All staff were trained on serving individuals on the areas that are *Important To* them and *Important For* them. Several different methods were demonstrated that include Learning Logs, What's Working/Not Working for the individual, Relationship Mapping, Good Day/Bad Day and One Page Profiles.

**Employment/Transition**

The DS Department hosted a "Roads to Employment" event on April 9<sup>th</sup> at Northampton Community College Monroe campus. The event was a great success with over 100 people in attendance that included students and teachers from 4 local schools as well as individuals from local Day programs. The Office of Developmental Programs presented on the Lifecourse tools and how to apply them to finding desirable employment. Students participated in a fashion show demonstrating what to wear and what not to wear to an interview. The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation spoke to the attendees on how to conduct yourself during an interview.

**Personnel**

The DS Department recently hired four new employees which include: two Supports Coordinators (SCs) Mary McKenna and Tracy Sosa who started in Monroe County filling two vacancies. The position of Supervisor for Monroe and Pike counties was filled by promoting Rhonda Wyler. Kristy Trautman was promoted from Carbon County SC supervisor to Intake and Eligibility Coordinator leaving a vacancy that we hope to have filled soon.

Respectfully,



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