

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

Early Intervention:

The EI Program Coordinator recently attended a Leadership Conference for Early Intervention that focused on the unfortunate trend of suspension and expulsion of young children in early learning centers due to behaviors. The state is encouraging centers not to take such measures but rather to make referrals to Early Intervention so that supports can be established for the young children that are at risk. Situations such as suspension and expulsion of young children are contributing factors in the increase of referrals to EI. The entire CMP EI department will attend a day of training on May 23. The training will focus on behaviors in young children and how we can positively address them. Community Outreach events for May included a Community Safety Day in Mauch Chunk that took place on May 5th and Special Olympics in Pike county on May 9.

Developmental Services:

The DS Department is in the midst of fiscal year renewal of all ISPs. The SCs are quite busy with their daily responsibilities in addition to completing fiscal year renewals for all plans on their caseload due to the new fiscal year starting on July 1st and all plans must be completed prior to that date. The 20 SCs that are currently active in the DS department have an average caseload of 47 individuals and the four SC Supervisors in the department have caseloads with an average of 16 individuals. There is one vacant position with a caseload of 35 individuals. Our SCO department continues to work hard on completing necessary tasks while also striving to meet the needs of the individuals they serve.

Intake and Eligibility

The DS Intake numbers have significantly increased over the past year which can be attributed to the expansion of our services to include individuals diagnosed with Autism. Seventy-one intakes were reviewed from July 2017 through March 2018 for an average of eight per month; of the 71 intakes 17 were diagnosed with Autism. April included an above average number of intakes at 23 with nine individuals having an Autism diagnosis. As of May 9th the department had seven intakes completed and an additional six scheduled.

Personnel

The DS Department recently promoted a Supports Coordinator to an SC Supervisor position in Carbon County and the SC vacancy was filled by an internal transfer from MH. The Monroe County SC team currently has one vacancy. The EI department had an internal transfer out of EI and that position was filled by an internal transfer from MH.

Respectfully,



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