

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

Early Intervention:

The EI Program staff will be participating in upcoming community events in order to share Early Intervention materials with families. They will also be providing activities for the children that are in attendance. The Lehighton Pool event will be held on June 13th and they will be attending the Kid's Day at Pocono Raceway on July 28th prior to the race time. The Early Intervention Service Coordinators continue to cover a large number of cases with the increased need in our area for Early Intervention services. The average caseload for an SC is 66.

Developmental Services:

Staff from the Developmental Services department worked with the Pike County Area Agency on Aging to assist in coordinating the 5th Annual Elder Justice Day which will be held on Wednesday, June 13th at St. Patrick's Church in Milford, PA. This event is free to the public and will cover a wide variety of topics that are of interest to the elderly and their caregivers. The DS Department is providing trainings in June and July. A training is being offered for providers on June 26th to introduce Communities of Practice and the Lifecourse Tools. The SCs have been trained on this framework and we are now reaching out to providers to introduce new methods for creating the Individual Service Plan and the outcomes so that they are person-centered and unique to each individual. The DS department is also conducting a Communities of Practice event on July 17th for SCs, individuals, families and direct support staff on creating a vision for a full life. Dr. Ann Turnbull will be the keynote speaker sharing her story on raising a son with multiple disabilities and how he was able to experience a meaningful life. There will be a panel of individuals and families sharing their success in developing a full life as well as a presenter from the Office of Developmental Programs that will be reviewing the Lifecourse Tools with the attendees. Our staff, as well as individuals from the PA Family Network, have been invited to assist families throughout the day.

Personnel

The DS Department has recently had some turnover. We are hiring two new Supports Coordinator in the Monroe office due to two individuals leaving the agency. The Carbon office has also seen transition, as one SC was promoted to an SC Supervisor position; we had a Targeted Case Manager transfer from Mental Health to the Developmental Services Department to fill this vacancy. We had another SC in Carbon county leave the agency to pursue full-time work at a hospital. That position was also filled by a TCM from the Mental Health side of the agency. We are losing another SC in Carbon County who has decided to transfer to the Mental Health Department in order to accept a position in the Forensic Case Management department.

Respectfully,



Kim Chern
Deputy DS Administrator