

**Carbon-Monroe-Pike MH/DS
Developmental Services Status Report
January 2019**

Early Intervention:

The Early Intervention Department has not yet received their allocation from the state and our agency is struggling to continue to provide services to children while not having the proper funding. A combination of increased referrals and children with multiple delays has caused an increased need for services. The EI team continues to authorize and deliver services and we have been in contact with the state to communicate our need for additional funds. Additionally, Medicaid (MA) has made changes this past year which require a letter of medical necessity in order to pay for Early Intervention services. Although a child may have MA, we cannot be paid through MA if a letter of medical necessity has not been provided by the doctor.

Developmental Services:

Carbon-Monroe-Pike Developmental Services has created a Regional Collaborative that works with other community partners to discover and implement strategies, practices and policies that support individuals and families to facilitate the achievement of self-determination, integration and inclusion in all facets of community life. The Collaborative started with five staff at CMP MH/DS and we have expanded to include an additional twenty members. The collaborative members bring experience in a variety of areas that include families, providers, mental health staff, early intervention, Intermediate Units, and PA Family Network. The Regional Collaborative is planning events this spring to bring community resources to families, as well as celebrating the success of some of the individuals and families that we serve.


ODP's Provider Quality Assessment and Improvement (QA&I) process was just completed for the original six providers that were selected for this year. Information was sent to The Office of Developmental Programs as well as each Provider. The information included a spreadsheet with sixty-seven questions covering Provider policies, staff training, employment, Quality Management goals, Incident Management, Service Delivery and the Individual Support Plan. Each Provider had a random sample and the individuals in the sample were interviewed if they chose to participate. Five of the Providers were found to be compliant and one Provider required a Corrective Action Plan to address staff training and employee screening. Our Administrative Entity also sent a Comprehensive Report to each Provider as well as to ODP. An additional onsite review is now scheduled for one Provider that did not submit the self-review documentation to ODP in the required time frame.

Personnel

The DS Department has experienced staff turnover in recent months with new staff in both Carbon and Monroe Counties. We have four Supports Coordinators that are here less than six months and are still training. We have one open position in Monroe and we are in the process of setting up interviews for that position.

The EI Department is currently fully staffed with three Service Coordinators (SCs) in Carbon County, two in Pike and five in Monroe. The department continues to expand the number of individuals they serve and has an average of 50 new referrals per month.

Respectfully,



Kim Chern
Deputy DS Administrator