

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

Early Intervention:

The Early Intervention (EI) Department continues to have an increase in referrals with a total of 60 referrals in January. EI Leaders across the region met to discuss reasons for the increase in referrals and they concluded the following: Physicians are completing more screenings, Children and Youth involvement, improved work in Child Find activities, increase in hospital referrals, opioid epidemic, early diagnosis of Autism, and education which has assisted parents in becoming more aware of local resources that are available to them.

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 is planning an event in April that will invite families to learn about local community resources available to them. We are also planning an event in June that will spotlight success stories of individuals that are living the full life that they desire in areas of social activities, employment and independence. The SCs are meeting with the individuals that they serve and inviting them to share their stories with other individuals and families. We are hoping this will encourage others to realize that they can also fulfill their dreams for a more meaningful life.

Due to the high turnover and the number of new Supports Coordinators, the DS Department has implemented small group training sessions across all three counties. The topics that are covered in the small groups cover details on completion of Individual Support Plans, Incident Management, Wavier funding and service definitions as well as accurate completion of service notes. The small group training is provided to new SCs as well as SCs that are not meeting requirements and are in need of retraining.

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 in training. There was an open position in Monroe County which has been filled and the new Supports Coordinator is slated to start on February 19. The DS Department is also re-opening a vacant position that was created last year to prepare for the additional responsibility of serving individuals diagnosed with Autism. The additional SC position remained vacant for a year and was recently posted as a Supports Coordinator position that will serve all three counties with a floating caseload to be applied where coverage is needed.

Respectfully,



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