

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

Early Intervention:

Early Intervention recently received a Coaching Award (Grant) for the 2019-20 fiscal year. The goal of this agreement is that CMP's Early Intervention program and providers will enter into an exploratory stage of implementing coaching as a service delivery model for services. Trainings, webinars, and discussions will be required of participants with the intention to move forward with planning and implementing widespread coaching by providers to parents and caregivers in the provision of services.

Developmental Services:

The Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) provided information this month that the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) has closed the order of selection and they are no longer accepting referrals. They are currently facing a twenty million dollar deficit. This is a significant change for our department and limits the resources available to serve individuals that are interested in employment. We will now rely more heavily on base funds and waiver funds to provide the supports that individuals need to maintain employment.

The Developmental Services department enrolled 30 individuals into the waiver during the month of June. Fourteen graduates received the Person Family Directed Supports waiver (PFDS) and seven graduates received the Community Living Waiver (CLW). Six individuals received the CLW waiver based on their level of need and two additional individuals received the PFDS waiver based on existing capacity. One additional individual that needed a placement received a consolidated waiver.

The DS department is in the process of updating our Quality Management plan. We are reviewing the current goals and evaluating the success or lack of success of the plan and determining which goals should be continued. We are also determining which goals we will create for the new QM plan. The goals that are assessed include completion of waiver monitorings, ISP signature sheets, employment, lifesharing, human rights, health assessments, incident reduction, and accessing services.

Several staff from the DS department attended the Communities of Practice leadership conference. We had the opportunity to talk with other counties and regions in PA and discuss the successful practices that are being implemented to assist families. The four areas that PA is focused on are Supports Coordination, Self Advocates and Family Engagement, Employment, and Front Door services that serve the individual and family when they first have an intake with their local agency. We are meeting quarterly to make plans for future events and developing better communication strategies with the individuals and families that we serve.

Respectfully,



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