

# Carbon-Monroe-Pike MH/DS Developmental Services Status Report

October 2019

## Early Intervention:

The Early Intervention Department has been very busy with conducting evaluations and arranging for services for the many children referred during the summer months. There were 66 referrals in July, 78 in August and 55 in September. Ellen Erb (Early Intervention Coordinator) and Linda Migneco (Service Coordinator Supervisor) represented the agency at the Chestnuthill Township Community Day in Brodheads ville, PA on September 29<sup>th</sup>.

## Developmental Services:

The Developmental Services department is having a business card exchange on November 12<sup>th</sup>. The event is co-sponsored by the Carbon-Monroe-Pike Employment Coalition and the Greater Pocono Chamber of Commerce. Business representatives are invited to learn about Project Search, small group employment and the values of hiring individuals with disabilities. Jim Furiosi is the DS representative from the employment coalition that is coordinating the event.

The PA Family Network is holding a workshop on the Waivers for Intellectual Disability and Autism. This information session is a great opportunity for individuals and families to learn about the services that are available through the three waivers funded by the Office of Developmental Programs. The workshop is being held at the Monroe County Safety center on October 25<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 1 pm. The DS Intake and Eligibility Coordinator, Kristy Trautman, is also the Communities of Practice lead and she coordinates trainings and workshops with the PA Family Network.

The Supports Coordination Organization (SCO) Director in partnership with the Administrative Entity completed the annual Individual Support Plan (ISP) training for all Supports Coordinators and Supervisors as mandated by the Office of Developmental Programs. An additional training will be provided in November for service note entry. Although this training is not a requirement, it is being developed internally to improve accuracy and efficiency of service notes entered by Supports Coordinators.

## Personnel

The Developmental Services department has a vacant position of DS Supervisor for Monroe County. The current supervisor is moving out of the area to be closer to family and her last day is October 25<sup>th</sup>. Additional personnel changes include an SC returning from FMLA at the end of October and a DS manager that will be leaving on FMLA in mid-November. Current DS staff continue to work diligently to cover the additional work.

Respectfully,



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Deputy DS Administrator