

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

January 2020

Early Intervention:

The Early Intervention Department managers are very busy representing our agency in a number of programs and community outreach activities. They attended a literacy event in October, EI leadership conference in October and represented the Monroe county plan of safe care team at a state meeting in Archbald in December. Since June 2019, the Monroe county team has held nineteen plan of safe care meetings with new mothers whose babies had been exposed to substances in utero.

Developmental Services:

The Developmental Services department has been enrolling additional participants into the Waiver because of an allocation from The Office of Developmental Programs. We enrolled an additional 31 individuals into the waiver by 12/31/19. We also enrolled and placed eight more individuals to a community living arrangement because of emergency placements. Either these individuals were homeless, living in unsafe conditions and involved with Adult Protective Services or the parents could no longer care for them.

Life sharing is a state initiative to serve individuals in a less restrictive setting than a group home. We have established in our Quality Management plan to increase life sharing by six individuals over the course of the current fiscal year. We have already added 7 individuals to life sharing since July 2019 through December, which is six months into the fiscal year. We also have potential interest for two more individuals to receive residential supports in a life sharing setting.

The Supports Coordination Organization (SCO) Director in partnership with the Administrative Entity Waiver Coordinator provided a training to all CMP Supports Coordinators and Supervisors on 12/5/19, which pertained to the staff ratio information that is documented in the ISP. This training was a result of changes set forth by The Office of Developmental programs. The SCO Director and Waiver Coordinator attended ODP training sessions and then shared the information with the Developmental Services staff. They are changing the information that will be in the ISP related to residential programs and how staff ratios are listed in the plan.

Personnel

The Early Intervention department is currently fully staffed while the DS department will be hiring for another SC position, which is open as a result of a promotion for an SC to a Supervisor. There is one staff on FMLA who will be returning in late January. Her work was absorbed by current staff acting as backup for different job duties.

Respectfully,



Kim Chern
Deputy DS Administrator