

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

February 2020

Early Intervention:

The EI Dept. continues to facilitate the 19-20 Coaching Award received through the state program OCDEL (Office of Child Development and Early Learning) during September 2019. The Early Intervention Dept., with the assistance of the Early Intervention Technical Assistance (EITA) Consultant and Webinars, has provided EI provider agencies the opportunities to explore coaching and evidence-based practices in the delivery of Early Intervention services.

Developmental Services:

The Carbon-Monroe-Pike Employment Coalition is planning events for 2020 in all three counties. An Employer Appreciation Social is planned for Pike County that would showcase Employers in Pike County who work with the providers and hire individuals with disabilities. Individuals with disabilities will present awards to the employers. We have a tentative date of Friday, May 1st at the Pike County Library. It would be a breakfast (8:30am-10:00am). The Coalition is also busy planning a Reverse Job Fair for the Pike County Job Fair on April 14, 2020. The coalition is also planning an Employer Appreciation Social for Monroe County at the Eastern Monroe Public Library on May 7, 2020 (9:00am to 11:00am). Project Search at Kalahari has Interview Day March 17, 2020 for its fifth class of students. Past students who work there are interviewing prospective interns. Monroe Career Link also partnered with schools at The Employment Coalition November Business Card event to offer paid work experiences to students. As a result, a new café has started at Pleasant Valley High School. Carbon County will feature a Reverse Job Fair at the Carbon County Technical Institute with the Employment Coalition, IU #21 and the participating school. This event will be inclusive with students with and without disabilities having booths to showcase their skills to employers. CMP is also expanding its network of employment providers by reaching out to NEPA Inclusive, which has agreed to serve Carbon County.

The Carbon-Monroe-Pike Regional Collaborative is sponsoring an Art Contest for ID/Autism awareness. The flyer is being distributed to individuals, families and providers and entries must be submitted by 3/13/20. Individuals must be 18 and older to enter a submission. They must have a developmental disability but do not have to be registered with CMP MH/DS. The artwork will be displayed in the community and on our agency Facebook page for voting. There is a prize for the winner who will be announced at a dance on 4/23/20 sponsored by the CMP Regional Collaborative. Their artwork will be displayed at our table at the Community Night at Northampton Community College on 5/5/20.

Personnel

The Early Intervention department is currently fully staffed while the DS department will be hiring for three open SC positions. We are considering additional opportunities to further assist the SCO since ODP has expanded their responsibilities to include reporting Incident Management.

Respectfully,



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