

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

March 2020

Early Intervention:

The EI Department is currently facing a deficit in funding which causes difficulty in providing quality service delivery. Representatives from the Office of Child Development and Early Learning have agreed that the current 19-20 appropriation is insufficient to support the needs of the program. The Governor's proposed budget includes a supplemental request for 19-20. It has been communicated from the state that the 20-21 budget will have funds to cover the 19-20 shortfall. Our Early Intervention staff are doing their best to authorize services to meet the needs of the infants and children with the limited funds that are allocated to their department.

Developmental Services:

We are excited about new technology that was brought to our attention. It is a camera called OR CAM MY EYES 2. This device will read money, books, papers, labels, facial recognition, and identify things that a sighted person can see or do. It fits on glasses and talks into the ear. The cost is from \$3500 to \$4200.00 and there are amazing videos on the company website. We are looking into obtaining this technology for at least one of our individuals that has a visual impairment and we are optimistic about the benefits that will be provided to assist them in gaining independence and improving life skills.

The Carbon-Monroe-Pike Human Rights Committee is implementing an initiative from the state to reduce Individual to Individual Abuse by 15%. This type of incident will soon require investigation. We will be meeting on March 26th and all of our providers have been invited to participate. Several providers have agreed to join the discussion to develop strategies that may help decrease the occurrence of incidents.

We are currently completing the Re-qualification process, which is based on the last digit of provider MPI numbers. There are seven providers due for re-qualification. Four providers have submitted their documentation and three re-qualifications have been completed. The due date for submission is 3/31/20 and three providers have not yet submitted any documentation. A reminder was sent out to them 3/10/20.

We have eleven individuals that are graduates and will be receiving PFDS waivers as they transition from high school. The graduates should be enrolled by June and start receiving services that include Community Participation Supports and also In Home and Community Supports.

Personnel

The Early Intervention department is currently fully staffed while the DS department will be hiring for three open Supports Coordinator positions. One SC position was filled in Carbon and there are three open SC positions in Monroe.

Respectfully,



Kim Chern

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