

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

April 2020

Early Intervention:

The Early Intervention Department has been up and running “in place” since the pandemic began. On March 17, we had been notified by OCDEL (Office of Child Development and Early Learning) that all services were to cease being face-to-face encounters. Since then our staff has been busy contacting families to inform them of the situation, to provide families with resources, and to inquire if they would be interested in receiving tele-health (tele-intervention) services, in the event they became available. We have since moved to that model and the providers have been very receptive in taking on that responsibility. Presently, we are providing well over half of our families with tele-intervention service via varying platforms (e.g., GoToMeeting, Zoom, Skype, telephone). Our Service Coordinators are adjusting to new procedures with conducting review meetings, Transition meetings (which are held prior to the child’s turning 3 years old), and Annual Evaluations now in the same manner. Beginning the week of April 13, Service Coordinators will participate with evaluators and families in Initial Evaluations, as well. Rather than mailing questionnaires to families, Service Coordinators are phoning families of children who are at-risk for developmental delays for our Tracking Program.

Developmental Services:

The Developmental Services department is also completing their job duties remotely to serve the individuals in Carbon-Monroe-Pike. The Supports Coordinators are completing monitorings, ISP meetings and team meetings by phone conference or video conferencing. The Administrative Entity is having weekly conference calls with our provider agencies to communicate updates from The Office of Developmental Programs. Providers have been sharing information on how to provide services safely which includes staff wearing masks, taking temperature for staff and residents. They are also ordering groceries online and having them delivered. The SC Supervisors are having video conferencing with their SC teams to check in and offer support when needed. They are also providing community participation supports remotely that include music therapy, sending activity kits by mail, door decorating contests and an egg decorating contests.

Developmental Services is tracking testing for staff or individuals served by CMP for Covid-19 as well as the results of the tests and the health of the individuals that have tested positive. The providers will enter an incident if someone that they provide supports to is diagnosed and the CMP will enter an incident for individuals that test positive but are not receiving waiver-funded services.

Respectfully,



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