

**CARBON-MONROE-PIKE MENTAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES
DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES STATUS REPORT
MAY 2021**

Early Intervention

The EI Department received 52 referrals in April, 2021. The department is beginning to increase face-to-face services by our Provider network for infants/toddlers and their families. Guidelines from the Office of Child Development and Early Learning, the Centers for Disease Control, and the PA Department of Health remain in effect. Service Coordinators continue to complete evaluations via tele-health.

Participation in the Family Survey is at 22.93%, which is a 3.5% increase from last month. The goal for percentage of respondents has been set at 25%. The online Family Survey ends on June 30th.

Developmental Services

Last month, the department indicated that waiver capacity was still needed for six 2021 graduates who required a Community Living or Consolidated Waiver to meet their health and safety needs. The department has acquired waiver capacity and all six individuals will begin the formal waiver application process. We remain hopeful that 2021 graduates will have a seamless transition from education services to adult services through the Office of Developmental Programs.

The Pike County Employment Coalition partnered with Wayne County to offer a virtual transition event. The transition event was open to students and their family members. Participants learned about competitive integrated employment, Project Search, Supported Employment services, and received a Digital Media Safety training.

A vaccination clinic was arranged at Walgreen's in Monroe County for individuals registered with the department and their unpaid caregivers. Over 500 individuals/families were surveyed to determine if they received a COVID vaccination; if they were interested in being linked to a vaccination clinic; if they were undecided and needed additional information; or, if they declined a vaccination. All interested individuals and caregivers were provided clinic information in order to schedule a COVID vaccine. Those who requested additional information were offered training opportunities in order to make an informed decision. The department will continue to provide individuals and families with vaccination options in order to ensure all individuals who are interested in the COVID vaccine receive one.

Personnel

A candidate has been identified to fill the vacant Support Coordinator position in Monroe County. The department continues to interview for the vacant Pike County Support Coordinator position. Amy Heffner submitted a letter of resignation in Carbon County. The vacant Carbon County position is currently posted and interviews will be scheduled in the near future.

Respectfully Submitted,

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