

CARBON-MONROE-PIKE MENTAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES STATUS REPORT

JULY 2021

Early Intervention

One of our Early Intervention providers (Easterseals) in collaboration with St. Christopher's Hospital of Philadelphia is sponsoring an "Autism Diagnostic Clinic" for Carbon, Monroe, and Pike Early Intervention children from birth to the age of 3 years for the purpose of diagnosing autism. Two evaluations will be conducted by the clinic per month beginning in August, 2021. Referrals can only be made by CMP Early Intervention Service Coordinators for children presently receiving Early Intervention services with parent consent. This effort will provide another means for parents to learn if their children are on the autism spectrum and better enable them to obtain others services and resources expediently.

The department received 77 referrals in June 2021.

Developmental Services

On June 30, 2021, Governor Tom Wolf signed Senate Bill 664 into law which permits students with disabilities who graduated and turned 21 during the 2020-21 school year to attend school during the 2021-22 school year, receiving services as outlined in their most recent Individualized Education Program. The Support Coordination Organization contacted all 2021 graduates to notify them of the signing this Senate Bill. Individuals and families will also be notified that choosing to repeat a year of school will not impact their eligibility or current enrollment in the P/FDS waiver.

Highlights from Fiscal Year 2020/2021

- The Administrative Entity completed 109 intakes for Developmental Services
- Of the 109 AE intakes, 47 individuals were registered with CMP MH/DS' Support Coordination Organization; 3 were registered with another SCO; 7 did not meet eligibility requirements; the remaining AE intakes either voluntarily rejected services or are in pending status
- 60 individuals were removed from the waiting list. 25 were enrolled in the PFDS Waiver, 22 into the Consolidated Waiver, and 13 into the Community Living Waiver.

Personnel

The Supports Coordination Organization has identified candidates to fill all four vacancies that were reported last month. A Monroe County SC will transfer to the Mental Health Department on July 26th. A SC has been identified to fill the vacant position, with a start date of August 2, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

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DS Deputy Administrator