

Carbon Lehigh Transition Coordinating Council Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2019

In Attendance: Valerie Gulycz- Parkland SD, Brittini Kholi- OVR, Amy Kahora- Whitehall Coplay SD, Nancy Kling-PIC, Meranda Hess- Lehigh County Mental Health, Andrea Quintana- Southern Lehigh SD, Jennifer Kleckner- Parkland SD, Cortney Lakis- VIA, Kristy Trautman- CPMHDS, Katie Herczeg- CLIU, Amy Killeen-OVR, Stephanie Ruttly- ARCIL, Nicole Markurics-OVR, Tiffany Richards-CLIU, Dana Cohen- Allentown SD, Katherine Talada-AVAIL/KES, Shaun McElmoyle-CLIU, Heather Caricari- Centennial School, Kelly Theophille-CLIU, Lisa Lux- CLIU, Steve Hawkes-CLIU, Traci Kinney-CLIU, Kendyle Mills- CLIU

Agency Updates

CLIU 21-

Project SEARCH and **VIP** are accepting applications.

*Please contact Melissa Johnson at johnsonmelissa@cliu.org or Dawn.Daignault@hrcinc.org for the Kalahari location

VIP / Project SEARCH OPEN HOUSE

Vocational and Independence Program (VIP) and Project SEARCH
High School Transition Programs for students who are interested in gaining independence and integrated competitive employment in a local business.



Join us as we share information with families and potential interns about the programs and application process. VIP and Project SEARCH are offered through a partnership with the following: Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21; Office of Intellectual Disabilities; Office of Vocational Rehabilitation; Goodwill Keystone Area; LVCIL; and three host businesses: Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network, Lehigh Valley Health Network Muhlenberg, and Cedarbrook Nursing Home.

WHEN:
Thursday, February 6, 2020
(Snow Date - Thursday, February 20, 2020)

WHERE:
Lehigh Valley Health Network Muhlenberg
2545 Schoenersville Road
Bethlehem, PA 18017

TIME:
6:00-7:30 p.m.
Program Presentation & Light Refreshments

RSVP not required, but is appreciated by
Thursday, February 6, 2020.

Barbara Montanari
montanarib@cliu.org
610-769-4111, ext. 1058

OVR

Electronic applications accepted. They will provide assistance with electronic applications. Please contact if help is needed. Will attend IEP meetings, but contact via email as early as possible

possible

-So. Lehigh County (Salisbury, So. Lehigh, E. Penn, Palisades) contact is Corey Cook cocook@pa.gov

-Northern Lehigh (NW Lehigh, Northern Lehigh, Parkland) and all Carbon is Mara Wolfe- marawolfe@pa.gov

-Allentown (ASD, Catasauqua, Whitehall, etc.) is Brittini Kholi- bkholi@pa.gov

-Early Reach Coordinator for all districts is LaRonda Moorefield- lmoorefiel@pa.gov


OVR provides parent training, group training, travel training, work based learning, community based instruction, Project Search through Real World Lehigh Valley, PETS, and much more

They are still operating on a waitlist that will be reevaluated to look at their financial situation ever 3 months. People will be taken off the waiting lists at that time. **DO NOT STOP** filling out the application or inviting them to IEP meetings beginning at age 14 for Early Reach services. They will continue to serve those enrolled in P.E.T.S programs



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Trainings for districts, IU, and vendors are beginning to take place to help provide a continuum of services.



Pre-Employment Transition Services (PETS) Six-Part Webinar Series

<p>IEPs and Auxiliary Aids October 17, 2019 (10:00 am – 11:00 am) Part 1 of the PETS 6 Webinar Series will focus on IEPs and Auxiliary Aids for students with disabilities. OVR's roles and responsibilities at an IEP meeting will be reviewed. The presentation will also include a discussion on the use of PETS funds for Auxiliary Aids. Presenter: Kaitlin Salvati, OVR Eastern Transition Specialist https://pa.tanpgh.zoom.us/j/zoom/register/WN_4CmgE6RP6N2958d9C</p>	<p>Workplace Readiness Training November 7, 2019 (10:00 am – 11:00 am) Part 4 of the PETS 6 Webinar Series will focus on Workplace Readiness Training for students with disabilities. Workplace Readiness Training teaches students how to get and keep a job. The presentation will define the service and give examples, detail modes of delivery, explain how to document the service, and provide resources and tools for implementation. Presenter: Melissa Wert-Thrush, OVR Central Transition Specialist https://pa.tanpgh.zoom.us/j/zoom/register/WN_G7A_4tAsTnZTsVAEuDRhw</p>
<p>Self-Advocacy October 24, 2019 (10:00 am – 11:00 am) Part 2 of the PETS 6 Webinar Series will focus on Self-Advocacy Instruction for students with disabilities. Self-Advocacy Instruction helps students build skills to solve problems and communicate their own needs and interests. The presentation will define the service and give examples, detail modes of delivery, explain how to document the service, and provide resources and tools for implementation. Presenter: Melissa Wert-Thrush, OVR Central Transition Specialist https://pa.tanpgh.zoom.us/j/zoom/register/WN_LK53uSgT4DCzRoc3nV0ta</p>	<p>Counseling on Post-Secondary Options November 14, 2019 (10:00 am – 11:00 am) Part 5 of the PETS 6 Webinar Series will focus on Counseling on Post-Secondary Options for students with disabilities. Counseling on Postsecondary Options helps students decide if college or training after high school is right for them. The presentation will define the service and give examples, detail modes of delivery, explain how to document the service, and provide resources and tools for implementation. Presenter: Beth Ann Fanning, OVR Western Transition Specialist https://pa.tanpgh.zoom.us/j/zoom/register/WN_uj0TS_0SXEMGCTIKZw</p>
<p>Job Exploration Counseling October 31, 2019 (10:00 am – 11:00 am) Part 3 of the PETS 6 Webinar Series will focus on Job Exploration Counseling for students with disabilities. Job Exploration Counseling helps students learn about jobs and pick a career. The presentation will define the service and give examples, detail modes of delivery, explain how to document the service, and provide resources and tools for implementation. Presenter: Beth Ann Fanning, OVR Western Transition Specialist https://pa.tanpgh.zoom.us/j/zoom/register/WN_Xi4Y7bPRQaIrsnmaTtHA</p>	<p>Work Based Learning Experiences December 5, 2019 (10:00 am – 11:00 am) Part 6 of the PETS 6 Webinar Series will focus on Work-Based Learning Experiences for students with disabilities. Work-Based Learning uses community workplaces to provide students the knowledge and skills that will help them connect school experiences to real-life work activities and future career opportunities. The presentation will define the service and give examples, detail modes of delivery, explain how to document the service, and provide resources and tools for implementation. Presenter: Kaitlin Salvati, OVR Eastern Transition Specialist https://pa.tanpgh.zoom.us/j/zoom/register/WN_EAogRz8SnetrUSE1r3jnA</p>

For more information, contact:
Kimberly Robinson at kjrobinson@pa.gov or 412-208-4524

VIA
Student Work Experience Program –
Students are matched with one of the area's top employers for a nine-week **PAID** internship at \$10.

35 per hour.

- PETS through OVR
- In class soft skills presentations
- travel training

LVCIL-

- **Vocational Experience Program (VIP)** - focuses on work-essential skills, independence and employment readiness. 5 Days per week working at Cedar brook Nursing Home. Partnered with CLIU 21 with this program.

- **Living Independently for Everyone (LIFE)**- school-based program for any age student to enhance school district transition services. They include: One on one counseling, small groups, work-essential skills training, Person-Centered Planning, Transition Planning, IEP consultation, Extended School-

Year programming

-Pre-Employment Transition Services (PETS)- Ages 16-21 prepare students for competitive employment and independent living. Services include: travel training, PAID work experiences, and job shadowing.

-Skills Training-

Work Essential Skills Training.

Students and young adults with disabilities will learn valuable skills to prepare for competitive employment: This can be a great option for someone through the summer

Work-Essential Skills Training (For Ages 16-27)

- Career Exploration
- Soft Skills Training (e.g. conflict management)
- Person-Centered Planning

-Career Path- Must be out of school and eligible for or receiving OVR services. Services include: Community-Based work assessments, job development, job coaching and extended job coaching.

- **SEED-** Working with LCCC provided students who are attending independent living skills, self-advocacy, person-centered planning and coordination of college services.

* **For more information on any service contact 610-770-9781 or visit www.lvcil.org**

ARCIL- Carbon/Luzerne, and Schuylkill County

Offers Service Coordination for under 60 years of age

DAC Group (Disability Action Crew) Members are the eyes and ears of Advocacy, Accessibility, Job Discrimination, Fair Housing, Transportation, Education, etc.

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* For more information on any service contact (570) 455-9800 or visit www.anthracitecil.org

Kaleidoscope Family Solutions-

Medicaid-approved agency who focuses on in-home and in-community services that promote the healthy development of children, adults and families through one-on-one behavioral, educational, respite, social events, parent and peer support groups and daily-living supports.

* For more information contact Amanda Sanabria at asanabria@kfamilysolutions.org

SPIN

-Located in Bethlehem

-Offer Employment Services including OVR services:

Work Based Learning

Community Based Work Assessments

-Community Participation Services

-Residential Services

*For more information contact Jenifer Schaadt at jschaadt@spininc.org

Clubhouse of Lehigh Valley

Supports individuals living with the effects of mental illness ages 18-21 living in Lehigh County. Through participation in a Clubhouse, people are given the opportunities to rejoin the worlds of friendships, family, meaningful work, employment, education, housing, and to access the services and supports they may individually need. A Clubhouse is a restorative environment for people who have had their lives drastically disrupted, and need the support of others who believe that recovery from mental illness is possible for all.

*For more information contact Chris Stout at cstout@yourgoodwill.org

Bayada

A trusted leader in home care by providing clinical care and support services at home for children and adults of all ages. Services include:

- Pediatrics

-Home Health Care

-Hospice

-Habilitation

-Physician Services

*For more information please visit www.bayada.com

Lehigh County Office of Intellectual Disabilities

Lehigh County Mental Health Program is now accepting people on the autism spectrum to go on a waiting list for waiver services.

-Help build capacity in the child's own community by using Life Course Tools

*For more information on waivers please contact Meranda Hess at

merandahess@lehighcounty.org

Carbon-Monroe-Pike Mental Health and Developmental Services (CMP-MHDS)



PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

RESOURCES FOR PEOPLE AND FAMILIES WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES (ID)
AND/OR AUTISM (ASD)

This guide is to provide individuals and families resources to network with each other, to locate community resources and supports not provided by the County and or State, and to assist people with having Everyday Lives. The resources included are geared towards individuals with intellectual disabilities and/or Autism Spectrum Disorders. For more information on the content of this guide, contact James Funiosi at jfuniosi@cmpmhds.org or 570 420-1900, Ext 3434. Please be aware that some organizations have fees.

FAMILY SUPPORTS

PA Family Network (via The Vision for Equality) 1-844-PA Family
Pocono Parents of Down Syndrome info@theppods.org; www.ThePPODS.org
Pike Autism Support Services (P.A.S.S.) info@passnepa.org
Pocono Autism Society (570) 421-2299; beth@poconoautism.org;
www.poconoautism.org

SELF-ADVOCACY

Speaking Out (Carbon & Monroe) 570 421-4245

SERVICE CLUB

Kiwanis Aktion Club (Monroe) 2nd & 4th Thurs of month, 6:30 pm-8:00 pm at
DES, 400 Powerhouse Lane, Stroudsburg, PA

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

Pocono Alliance PoconoInfo 2-1-1 or 570-517-3954;
www.poconoalliance.org
Special Kids Network (814) 279-2581; kminor@paelkshomeservice.org;
www.paelkshomeservice.org

GRANTS

Biondo Foundation 570-202-0119; info@biondofoundation.org;
www.biondofoundation.org

SPECIAL EDUCATION ASSISTANCE

Education Law Center 215-238-6970
Office for Dispute Resolution and Special Ed Consult Line 1-800-879-2301; odr-pa.org/parents/consultline
ARC of Northeastern PA 570-346-4010; www.thearcnepa.org
Local Right to Education Task Force IU #20 migdalia.neely@gmail.com; www.ciu20.org

THERAPEUTIC HORSE RIDING

GAIT TRC 570-409-1140; gaitpa@gmail.com;
passnepa.org/recreational-programs
Equi-librium 610-365-2266

HEALTH CARE NEEDS

Eastern PA Health Care Quality Unit (HCQU) 610 435-9050; easternpa-hcqu.org
Elks Home Nurse Program 814-781-7860; www.paelkshomeservice.org



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Main Line Rehabilitation Associates

Provides the following services:

- Adult Day Program
- Structured Day Program
- Accessibility Adaptations
- Equipment
- Technology and Medical Supplies
- Benefits Counseling
- Community Integration
- Home Health
- Employment Skills Development (Career Assessment, Job Coaching, Job Finding)
- Financial Management Services
- Non-Medical Transportation
- Personal Assistance Services
- Personal Emergency Response System (PERS)
- Respite
- Home Delivered Meals
- Service Coordination, Therapeutic and Counseling Services (including Cognitive Rehabilitation Therapy)

*For more information visit www.mainline-rehab.com

Lehigh County Mental Health

Provided services directly include:

- Adult Mental Health
- Children's Mental Health
- Child and Adolescent Service System Program (CASSP)
- Crisis Intervention
- 24 hour Emergency Mental Health Services. Call (610) 782-3127.

*For more information contact Corinna Labish at corinnalabish@lehighcounty.org

Centennial School of Lehigh University

Centennial's mission is two-fold. First, we serve students with severe emotional disturbance and autism, using a school-wide positive behavior support model to teach the social and self-management skills they need in order to participate in and benefit from their educational program. Our goal is always to help the students reintegrate back to their home school. Second, we are Lehigh University's lab school where we train teachers in the field of special education.

The link below from our website contains employment information about working at Centennial:

<https://centennial.lehigh.edu/welcome-centennial-school/employment>

A link for Lehigh's College of Education:

<https://ed.lehigh.edu/>

Human Resources Center, Inc.

Provide individualized support to all people, regardless of their “abilities.” To promote meaningful life choices, encourage self-advocacy, independence and community inclusion.

Services include:

- Supervised Community Homes
- Life Sharing
- Home and community services
- OBRA
- Community Integrated Employment- Albrightsville area only
- School to Employment –Albrightsville area only
- Vocational Training Centers
- Adult Training Facilities

*For more information contact dawn.daignault@hrcinc.org

The Private Industry Council of Lehigh Valley Inc. (PICSEP)-

Services can include the following phases:

Intake, Assessment, Soft and Hard Employment Skills Development, Interview Practice, Interview Assistance, Assistive Aides or Technology Development, Onboarding Assistance, Orientation Assistance, Job Task Analysis, Intensive Job Training, Development of Natural Supports, Job Retention Services, as well as Long-Term Follow-Along.

*For more information contact Nancy Kling at nkling@picsep.org

Lehigh Carbon Community College/ SEED Program

Program set up to help transition students from High School to College with Academic accommodations. Works with adults or first time school students with special education needs.

-SEED program degree has 2 paths: Career track with on sight coaching or the Vocational Track. **GRANTS NOW AVAILABLE**

-Coaching meet in the spring look at IEP, most recent RR with diagnosis, and determine academic accommodations

Easter Seals

Committed to helping students to successfully transition from high school to work. We offer flexible scheduling for our comprehensive training modules on Independent Living and Workplace Readiness. We work with each school to customize the delivery of these training programs in a way that best meets the

needs of the school and its students.

***For more information visit: easterseals.com**

AHEDD-

Employment is sole focus. AHEDD is available to any family who needs assistance with the electronic application for OVR and also provide assistance in:

- Resume development
- Interview guidance
- Career explore activities
- Work incentives counseling
- Customized Employment services
- Job development
- Job coaching
- Identification of transportation and assistive technology needs

***For more information contact 1-866-902-4333_ext 63001**

AVAIL-

Provided through Keystone Autism Services. Our program serves young adults ages 12-35 residing in the Lehigh County as they transition to find competitive employment and/or post-secondary education.

AVAIL was made possible through a grant given to Keystone Autism Services by the Department of Human Services. The AVAIL program supports young adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and their families. Each individual is assigned an Employment and Integrated Supports Specialist who will offer:

- Career planning services to identify a career direction, develop a plan for further education and/or achieve competitive employment.
- Job finding assistance to prepare for employment, find a job and offer support to maintain competitive employment.

-Supported Employment supports training and/or supervision for the maintenance of competitive employment.

- In-home and community supports, in collaboration with the young adult's family, to provide assistance to acquire, improve or retain skills for living and working more independently in the home and community.
- *LifeCourse Framework* model, utilized with individuals and their families to develop a plan for a full life.

Our Employment and Integrated Support Specialists (EISS) provide support up to 6 hours a week. In addition to our services, family members will also be supported and mentored in the development of ongoing natural and community supports for their adult child. AVAIL's overarching goal is to help young adults find and maintain competitive employment by using their strengths and abilities

Contact: Lauren Basile: lbasile@keystonehumanservices.org

Maxim HealthCare Services

Provides Pediatric and Geriatric tailored nursing services. Free in-home consultation

Services include:

- implementing clinical care plans
- coordinating home medical equipment, pharmacy, and supplies
- administering medication and or therapies
- assisting with mobility and transfers
- tracheostomy care
- Enteral feeding/tube feeding
- Ventilator care
- Complex intravenous therapy
- Personal care
- preparing meals/feeding
- Educational, training and supporting family

*Please contact Allentown2@maxhealth.com or 610-740-3800

-CAP-Pennsylvania Client Assistance program

A small advocacy program that can help obtain pre-employment transition services, understand OVR and CIL services, know your rights and responsibilities under programs and Title 1 of eh ADA, Navigate OVR, Resolve any concerns with OVR and a CIL.

Type of advocacy

- self advocacy work with them to help them develop skills,
- individual advocacy- intake process advocacy consultation
- systemic advocacy- transition, PETS, growth for all clients

*For more information visit www.equalemployment.org



2019-2020

Carbon Lehigh Transition Coordinating Council

Dates, Times (9:00 – 11:00 am) and Locations

Thursday, October 3, 2019: (IU Administration Bldg. Room D/E)

Thursday, December 5, 2019: (Transportation Office, Walnutport)

Thursday, February 13, 2020: (IU Administration Bldg. Room D/E)

Snow date: Thursday, February 27, 2020: (IU Administration Bldg. Room D/E)

Thursday, April 16, 2020: (Transportation Office, Walnutport)

December 5thth Presentations

The Synergy Project:

Presenter Morgan Harper is a BSW intern from Kutztown University. Bringing a passion to work with underserved youth, she looks forward to gaining knowledge on assisting and working with youth.

Julian T. Foster, MSW is Allentown Synergy's Street Outreach Social Worker. Bringing several years of experience working with underserved youth, he provides short-term street-based therapy to unstably housed to empower to resolve their crises.

Tim Joyce coordinates street outreach for Valley Youth House. He has been working with young people since 2005.

Good Shepherd:

Presenter: Jennifer Schueck, MS, OTR/L, CBIS, has worked with Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network in outpatient Pediatrics since 2006. She specializes in treating patients with pediatric feeding, brain injury and developmental/Autism Spectrum Disorders and educates providers, families and patients on Good Shepherd Pediatrics' programs and resources.

Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network offers a variety of rehabilitation and wellness services for patients from birth to 100 plus years. Recognizing the struggles our teen and young adults clients face, we are excited to share new programs and opportunities to support students as they transition to adulthood.

Helping Children Learn

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