Regional Transition Networks

Work Group Meeting

June 11, 2014

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

MCR3, 25 Industrial Park Road

Middletown, CT

**Agenda**

* **Introductions** - Vanessa Taragowski (ACES), Deb Kohan (ACES), Stephanie Critch (ACES), Christine Veilleux (CREC), Liz Battaglia (CREC), Mimi Riccio (EDUCATION CONNECTION), Fran Peters (EDUCATION CONNECTION), Amy Norton (EASTCONN), Lois Eldridge (LEARN), Dr. Patricia Anderson, Sally Esposito, Missy Wrigley, Becky Guildner
* **Year-in-Review**
	+ Dr. Patricia Anderson
		- State of the State for all groups
		- A few groups had presentations regarding 18-21 YO programs
		- Due to budget cuts, Dr. Anderson will only be able to attend one session per year per RTN.
		- Need to collect participant data for each session (sign in and evaluations for all sessions).
			* Becky will send out reminder
	+ ACES
		- Deb and Stephanie co-chaired 13-14
		- Expo went very well
		- This year, charged all tables $50 to cover the cost and held in March instead of November
	+ CES – Absent
	+ CREC
		- Sent out survey to group – everyone in agreement to having private organizations, school districts, state agencies, but no private consultants
		- Changing hours to 12-2 to increase participant numbers
		- Meetings – Pat came for state of the state and 5th year; round tables around 5th year; transition curricula, and technology; and problems and solutions gallery walk.
	+ EASTCONN
		- First year Transition Network separate from LEARN
		- Increase in people attending
		- Meetings – Pat (State of the State); resource sharing – soft skills; self-determination/self-advocacy and college readiness; job placement information strategies; DDS; BRS; transportation; employer panel
	+ LEARN
		- Started year with group survey – inviting outside people – everyone wanted to keep to districts and state agencies
		- Changed time to 8-10
		- Meetings – Pat (State of the State); Kennedy Center (held at East Lyme); How to create a sustainable AT team; Linda Yoder (cancelled due to illness); everyone shared favorite Transition Assessments
		- Will follow up with another survey for upcoming 14-15 year
	+ EDUCATION CONNECTION
		- Meetings – Pat (State of the State); Arlene Lugo and Karen Stigliano presented on Technology and Transition; panel - BRS, DMHAS, DDS; Missy presented on CCSS; Bill presented on Soft Skills; also held transition night for parents with BRS and DDS

Next year topics:

* + ACES
		- Meeting topics: Pat, Agency Panel, Legal Issues around IEP, Adaptive Technology
	+ CES
		- Absent. Meeting topics: Pat . . . .
	+ CREC
		- Meeting topics: Pat, DMHAS, Sharing meeting, and Transition Fair
	+ EASTCONN
		- Meeting topics: Pat, Employer Panel, Transition Goals, Employability skills, Technology
	+ LEARN
		- Meeting topics: Pat
	+ EDUCATION CONNECTION
		- Meeting topics: Pat, Law, Autism Waiver, DDS, Walgreen’s – Joe on employers

**Pat (other topics and tools)**

* **Linda Guillorn** – BRS EPIC Soft Skills Curriculum – has offered to present on the EPIC Soft Skills Training available on the following website as well: <https://elearning.connect-ability.com/catalog.cfm?k>= Contact Linda at: linda.guillorn@ct.gov/ 860-418-6732.
* **Back to School** – will take IEPs and walk through checklist and complete IEP scoring rubric – Pat and Missy are available to come help with this at RTN meetings as well in district
* Community Enterprises is willing to present **– Industry Specific Training and Placement Programs (ISTPPs),** trained for a particular setting, there is a cost for the training. Contact: Carla Guaouette - cgaouette@communityenterprises.com / (860 )683-2178 or you could find out more about the ISTPP model that was originally developed with CE by BRS by contacting: Mark Henry, Department of Rehabilitation Services (860-424-4859) or mark.henry@ct.gov
* Workgroup on Task Force created **Guideposts for Success PPTs** for students and families. See attached 2 PPTs for the Guideposts for Success (adult and student versions) with accompanying
* **DMHAS representatives for an agency panel –** Lisa Zurolo Lisa.Zurolo@ct.gov / 860-262-6978 or Amy Marracino - Amy.Marracino@ct.go / 860-262-6974**Transition IEP Checklist** – see attached – most recent version
* **CORE Transition Skills** – see attached – most recent version
* **IEP Transition IEP Scoring Rubric** – will be presented at Back to School and available after that for use with RTN groups as desired.
* **Professional Development Models – A Year Later**
	+ What new/different models of professional development were used?

(World Café, video, webinar, etc.)

* Jot Thought – typed each Transition CC on paper, passed around, write down first word that came to mind (Lois will forward to SERC and SERC will share)
* **2014-2015 SERC Support**
	+ SERC can coordinate 4 half-day sessions total.
* **Regional Transition Networks- Review Operational Protocols**
* **2014-2015 Meeting dates, Locations and Contact Information Update**
	+ Need all meeting dates, times and locations from RESCs – send to Becky as soon as possible
	+ List Stephanie for ACES contact instead of Vanessa
* **Adjourn**