

Brattleboro CORE Team 6/17/24

Attendees: Dylan Devlin/HCRS, TeriAnne Walker/HA JOBS, Matt Bentley/VAL, Matt Meserve/DOL, Collier Shutter/VABIR BAM, Erin Scanlon/VABIR YES, Dr. Sefakor Komabu-Pomeyie/VICL

Agenda:

- Organizational Changes
- Family Engagement
- Driver Training

Changes/News/Announcements

Brandy/HireAbility – Brat/Spr is a shared region, CORE Team is unique for each. Springfield has been low staff for a time. Two transition positions have been vacant. One is only recently filled. New staff means new staff to train. Cases have been prioritized based on need and level of engagement. Partners are encouraged to reach out if there is a shared case that they feel needs attention. New position, funded by HireAbility, to be staffed by VABIR; embedded at Brattleboro Union High School and Springfield High School, Pre-ETS Coordinator, Pre ETS services, pre-employment skills, individuals, groups, workshops, 9th and 10th graders, begins Oct 2024. Partners with VCIL and VSAC. Summer Career Exploration Program 2024 is in full swing regarding development of placements. HCRS summer work experiences are moving forward.

TeriAnne Walker/JOBS Program - referrals are up and steady. Added an additional part time case manager in Brattleboro. Can serve more youth, no longer need a waiting list.

Matt Bentley/VAL – News, changes, folks coming to them for a high school completion, Diploma, new system, all students can enter, no longer to have a high stakes entrance/placement test. Moving from credit based to proficiency based. Details in development. More specific info to come. Visit this link; [Memo: High School Completion Program Repeal - FY25 Transition Year \(vermont.gov\)](#). English Language Learner Advisor, full-time position, to open for recruitment soon. Northstar Digital Literacy assessment and certificate package is available for a fee.

Matt Meserve/DOL – Announces GS Precision Job Fairs on the calendar. Apprenticeship Training Program. Next workshop 6/19 and 6/27.

Dylan Devlin/HCRS – Revamped Transition Coordinator position, Tracy Jackson in this role. Launches in the Fall.

Family Outreach and Education about Resources

Bonnie Cramp/HireAbility – Polling CORE Team members for examples, suggestions, for parent, family outreach efforts, events, interest in holding or joining something. For future CORE Team meeting – might we consider developing something?

Driver Training

Dwindling options. Southern VT Driving School, closed, Dave K. is retired. Green Mountain Driving School is focused on Kindle Farm students and only has limited capacity for external referrals. Adaptive Driving Associates WRJ has gone to half time, partial retirement, long waiting list for assessments and instruction. Is there any support at the state level to promote development and/or restoration of driver training services.

Next: Summer, we are off for July and August. Re-group in September. Statewide CORE Team Event in October 2024.