

12/5/2024 10:00 via Teams

Mini-core team brainstorming session.

In attendance- Mark Gebo, Jenn Cobb, Heather Waryas, and Becky Auger

The group introductions/roles.

History of Core team in this area- Mark shared that there has not been a robust core team for this area. Becky noted that there has been a gap in staffing for the HireAbility transition counselor. Our goal will be to get core team up and running this year.

Defining the Core team-

A group of individuals from a common geographic area who represent programs that have a vested interest in providing services for transition age youth.

The focus is on best practices and providing positive opportunities for youth.

The goal would be shared responsibility in collaborating, networking, and identifying resources available for transition, career opportunities, educational advancement, independence.

Defining the similarities and differences in programs.

A focus on equity for students with a variety of skills (IEP, 504, general ed, and life skills)

Part of the HireAbility Transition counselor job description (coordinate and/or participant in four core team meetings a year, one of which is the summit)

Focus on students first, with businesses a very close second.

### **Who would attend a core team meeting?**

The group did some brainstorming on who should be invited to our first official meeting- HCRS (Jobs Program and Youth and Transition), Coop coordinators, Youth Services, WBL coordinators, Flexible Pathways coordinators, Vermont Adult learning, P2P grant staff, Vermont Family Services. Counselors, Case Managers, etc. Attendance is not mandatory, and people are welcome to attend when available.

Mark your calendar-

**Youth Summit –Statewide Core team event. Save the date- October 7<sup>th</sup> Killington**

This is a great time to connect with other members of transition teams.

Our first official meeting- **Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00- 1:50**

(We looked at a variety of times and thought that afterschool is a busy time with staff meetings and IEPs, etc. To get started we aimed for the beginning of Jan.)

Minutes created by Becky