

December 5, 2019 Core Team

Location: Job Corps

Present: Ray Mason

Mary Ellen Giglio

Kemal Onar (phone)

Susan Buck

Mike Dooley

Jay Stetzel

Sue Clark (Admissions for Job Corps) did a presentation. Vermont has a goal of 200 Vermont students to be enrolled at Job Corps at any given time. Vermont students are given priority over students from other states.

There was a discussion about the benefits of Job Corps. Among which are, housing, driver's education, High School completion (diploma or GED), industry recognized trade certification, employment support, life skills, after hours and weekend activities.

Talked about how students living within a 25-mile radius can be "non-residential" students, meaning they can commute if they chose to do so.

Talked about dual enrollment- attending school of residence for academic and Job Corps for trade. Currently Mount Abraham is the only school in the State with this agreement, looking to expand this.

Talked about how Job Corps has a financial incentive of \$1000 for getting a high school diploma and a job or \$500 for just getting a job upon completion of the program.

New students start every Tuesday. Tours of Job Corps can be whenever a potential student has time to visit, as long as Job Corps is given a heads up.

Group discussion

"What is the value of the group?"

Wanting to ensure the students of Addison County are getting the support they need

Ensuring students are getting the resources they need, identifying all possible resources, and needs for additional resources.

- There was conversation about senior/transitioning youth plans and how to assist these people with making sure they have the tools and/or access to the things they need to be successful.

Discussion of the transportation barriers faced by people seeking supports and what are idea, suggestions, options.

Discussed what is the need for short-term career focused/industry specific trainings. This led to Mary Ellen's presentation.

Mary Ellen

Mary Ellen talked about the financial reality fairs that are happening around the County and how the hope was to have a career/networking fair shortly after to hopefully capitalize on the students' mindset of career and financial reality.

There was conversation about dates and times. Also looking for where in the schools these should be run, how they should be organized, how many employers/training partners to invite.

There was a suggestion of creating a "how to do a job fair" flyer to support students in being successful at these fairs.

Suggested doing almost any day in April for the fairs.

Labor market

There was a question of the labor market and what are the jobs that Vermont students are really going into. Hoping to identify what these are so places like, Vermont Adult Learning, the Career Center, and Job Corps can be more mindful and purposeful in training and education opportunities and options.

Wondering if there are any current tools being used that have this information.

If not, could the Core team create such a tool?

Next meeting:

January 2nd 3:15 at Vergennes Union High School