

Notes Barre/ December

Many thanks to Emily for taking notes and our great presenters today! Below and attached you will find the notes and materials from this morning's meeting. Please be sure to join us on January 20th to learn about Upper Valley Services and Amici Associates!

College Compass pilot at CCV Montpelier

Chris Kennedy, College Steps Director, joined us to introduce a new pilot happening at CCV Montpelier. College Compass has partnered with VocRehab to offer a peer mentor supported college experience for VocRehab consumers.

- Ideal students for the program are invested and want this service. The student has an open VocRehab case and wants to attend CCV Montpelier. The student would be someone who would benefit from support with executive functioning, learning college resources and organic supports such as tutoring services and accommodations, and would enjoy being supported by other college peers.
- We are looking for referrals for CCV Spring Semester. Students can be graduated high school or taking Dual Enrollment (including if the student is taking Intro to College and Careers).

How do we get more information?

Email Rocko if you're working with a student who might benefit from College Compass.

Do students still have to pay CCV tuition?

Yes. Students using Dual Enrollment vouchers or who are taking Intro to College and Careers do not need to pay tuition. The cost of the College Compass program is covered by VocRehab.

What if I have a student who isn't set up with VocRehab, yet?

Connect with Rocko to refer the student

Could a student and family meet with Chris or a current participant of the program for an informational interview?

Yes! These meetings are happening virtually. Reach out to Rocko if this is of interest.

Feel free to email Chris (chris@collegesteps.org) or Rocko (rocko.gieselman@vermont.gov) with questions.

JOBS - Washington County Mental Health Services

Approximately 25 young people are part of the JOBS program. This program is meant for young people who have mental and emotional health considerations that impact their daily lives. JOBS provides case management services for these individuals.

Jeanne Boucher (VocRehab VRC) is the liaison for the JOBS program. Heather and Noelle provide the direct services through the JOBS program.

The best way to make a referral is to email Noelle or reach out to Rocko.

Contact Information:

Noelle Pronovost - noelle.pronovost@wcmhs.org

Heather Houle - heather.houle@wcmhs.org

How could we create a potential pipeline to facilitate the transition of a student graduating and entering adult services?

Heather and Noelle have often met with students while they are in high school. The earliest a student can be officially referred is 6 months prior to graduation. Students need to be enrolled in WCMHS to participate in JOBS.

Community Developmental Services (CDS)

Heather Blakey presented a PowerPoint presentation (see attached slides) for general information related to services.

Consumers can also access employment services through UES by connecting through VocRehab.

Contact information:

- Ann Hill - ann.hill@wcmhs.org
- Heather Blakey - heather.blakey@wcmhs.org
- Mary Kay Kasper marykay.kasper@wcmhs.org

How would we connect individuals and their families WCMHS to learn more?

Ann Hill is the ideal person to connect with. Even if the student isn't interested in services at this time, it's beneficial to connect them to CDS as an introduction in case there is a need at a later date.

There will be another version of the slide show created to share with students and their families. Stay tuned!

Welcome To Core Team, Rosie!

Rosie Nelson is the newest member to our Core Team. Rosie is the Admissions Counselor at Northland Job Corps in Vergennes. <https://northlands.jobcorps.gov/>

- Job Corps is still taking applications and providing virtual tours. Current students are the priority for returning to campus and in-person learning.
- Rosie is available to present virtually to schools and agencies.
- Please reach out to her directly for Job Corps related questions

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Success and Support

The recent self-advocacy workshops by Sefakor Komabu-Pomeyie (VCIL) have gone very well at U-32 and Spaulding. Both schools noted high levels of student engagement including from students they were surprised by. Please reach out to Sefakor to schedule a workshop for your school! sefakor@vcil.org