

Barre Core Team Notes – 1/20/21

Focus: Disability service providers

College Compass pilot program – slots are full for this semester but it is looking positive to offer this program in the future. Students will need to be engaged with VocRehab. Contact Rocko if you have any questions.

Upper Valley Services – Jenna Busconi, Service Coordinator jbusconi@uvs-vt.org

- Referral process: contact UVS for questions, UVS is refining referral process
- Community supports, housing, employment supports and job coaching, focusing on increasing independence
- School staff can prepare students the best by supporting assistive technology or having it “ruled out” as an option before connecting with UVS

Amici Associates – Leo Vecchione, Clinical Director leo@amiciassociates.com

- Referral process: “nontraditional” but not actively recruiting
- Serve 8 individuals with complex needs and many transitioned out of restricted environments to living in their own communities. Clinicians work to support individuals with self-regulation and learn how to build relationships with people in their lives.
- Amici sub contracts with other designated agencies and schools.
- Francis Foundation is similar to Amici but serves a larger number of individuals. Leo has been a consultant with Francis and is connected with UVS.
- [Vermont Crisis Intervention Network](#)

Vermont Center for Independent Living – Dr. Sefakor Komabu-Pomeyie, Independent Living Coordinator sefakor@vcil.org

- Requesting student involvement for Feb 15th for a panel discussion about advocacy within a classroom.

Resource sharing and/or challenges

- Heather reported seeing an uptick of young people turning 18 and parents not realizing they can request guardianship or forgot to apply for it.

Link to recording:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hq4lbwu2Y5QAYhQA8mKY1oFWDu0JlgnZ/view?usp=sharing>