

## CORE Team Minutes NOVEMBER 24, 2021

### Introductions/participants:

VR, VSAC, CCV, Youth Services, HCRS DS, HCRS JOBS, VCIL, College Steps/Guest Presenter

### Announcements:

- Leigh Marthe/CCV – Enrollment at CCV is down in numbers for the first time 6 years. Believed to be Pandemic related decline. New mandate in place for COVID vaccination to be verified for any on campus class or activity. CCV is redesigning the way they address and serve ADA. There will be a new disabilities specialist for each region. See CCV website for news and updates.
- Suzie Wagner/VSAC – Curtis Foundation of Vermont scholarships are available, Scholarship of Value. New pilot project focused on males graduating from high school to support them obtaining an industry recognized credential. Talent search program open to any Windham County high school or alternative school programs.

### Guest Presenter: Brya Emory/College Steps

- Highlight – College Steps is expanding. Two new CCV sites in development, Montpelier and Winooski. Strategic Plan in development to support growth of the College Steps Program across Vermont.
- [www.collegesteps.org/admission](http://www.collegesteps.org/admission)

College Steps offers a number of programs in Vermont with multiple options to access services.

**College Steps Program:** students receive support based upon access to programming. Click on the following links to find information on our [levels of support](#) and our [admissions process](#). Students can be full-time or part-time, seeking a degree, enrolled in dual-enrollment courses, or pursuing our non-accredited Certificate in Higher Education. Students receive support with goals in our 4 pillars (academic enrichment, social involvement, independent living, pre-employment). On average, students are supported 2-3 years but this may vary based on goals.

[Watch our VT Webinar](#) to learn more.

Location Options: Castleton, NVU-Johnson, NVU-Lyndon

Funding Options: Medicaid Waiver/Agency/State Funding; LEA (IEP); Private Payment

**College Steps Residential Program:** In addition to participation in the College Steps Program, there is space for 2 students to be supported by a professional roommate in an off-campus apartment (very close to campus). This program is run at Castleton University in conjunction with CAP. Interested students do have to transition to CAP services for the duration of the program (2 years) but may transition back to their Designated Agency upon completion.

Location Options: Castleton

Funding Options: Medicaid Waiver/Agency/State Funding

**College Compass:** In partnership with Vocational Rehabilitation (VR), College Compass provides support to students who are interested in or are currently pursuing a certificate or degree program (matriculating or dually enrolled students to include ). This programming focuses on supports outside of the classroom—executive functioning, group-based homework support, class/assignment prep, self-advocacy support, etc. Based on program evaluation, students are offered between 4-10 hours of scheduled support. On average, students are supported 1-3 semesters. Students must have an open case with and referral from VR.

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**Location Options:** Castleton, CCV-Montpelier, CCV-Winooski, NVU-Johnson, NVU-Lyndon

**Funding Options:** VocRehab

**Questions?** [Email Brya Emery](#), Director of Admissions and Enrollment or [Schedule a Professional Outreach Appointment](#) at your convenience.

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#### **CORE Team Fall Project Update:**

- We continue to collect updated Partner and Resource contact and scope of templates. Goal is to review, complete, and post this collective listing to our regional page on the Vermont Family Network website in January 2022. CORE Team members and partners are asked to please complete your template if not already done. If you need a copy of the template, please reach out to [bonnie.haug@vermont.gov](mailto:bonnie.haug@vermont.gov).

#### **CORE Team Schedule Changes:**

- Scheduling poll completed. **New CORE Team schedule for 2022 will be 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays monthly, ODD MONTHS 3:30 to 4:30, EVEN MONTHS 2:00 to 3:00.** This change is done in an effort to make the CORE Team meetings more accessible to all members and partners.
- We encourage all partners to commit to attend as often as possible or to arrange for an alternate representative from their organizations. Our regional CORE Team is strong due to its members regularly collaborating in partnership.
- The **next CORE Team meeting is Wednesday December 22 at 2:00 to 3:00.** This is the last meeting of 2021.
- The **January CORE Team meeting will be Tuesday January 25, 2022 at 3:30 to 4:30 via ZOOM.** Invite to come.

**Next CORE Team Meeting is 12/22/21 at 2:00.**