

CORE Team Minutes November 22, 2022 Brattleboro Region

Introductions/participants:

HireAbility/Brandy Reynolds/Bonnie haug-Cramp, VABIR/Collier Shutter/Don Tretler, Youth Services/Sarah Wood, CCV/Cody Miller, College Steps/Brya Emery, Brattleboro Housing/PartnershipMatt Attesi, VCIL/Val Hughes, HCRS/JOBS/Erika Korb, VCAP/Caroline Trevarrow

Agenda:

- Welcome and Introductions
- Special Topic; Clarification and roles of HireAbility/VABIR/VCAP programs
- Group discussion of CORE Team meeting schedule and development of proposed changes for 2023
- Announcements

Special Topic:

The partnership of HireAbility (formerly Vocational Rehabilitation), VABIR (Vermont Association of Business, Industry, and Rehabilitation), and VCAP (Vermont Career Advancement Project)

These three providers work hand in hand. HireAbility Vocational Counselors provide the case management, planning, and resource access for participants who have health based barriers to employment. VABIR Business Account Manager and Employment Consultants partner directly with Vocational Counselors. They assist our participants with employer contacts, readiness for work, job development, and work adjustment. The VCAP program enhances HireAbility services for individuals who are specifically seeking or engaged in training.

Announcements:

Youth Services/Sarah- program has a new Department Director, Megan. The position of Housing manager is open and expected to be filled soon. More information is pending.

College Steps/Brya- Applications for College Steps, College Compass are now open for the Spring 2023 and Fall 2023 semesters. Video and in person meetings are available. Inquire early, space is limited. collegesteps.org, contactus@collegesteps.org, 888-732-1022.

CCV/Cody- Peer Mentoring is now available to students at smaller CCV Centers, such as Brattleboro. This is 1:1 peer tutoring, study habits, and academic assignments support. Remote/ZOOM. Inquire through CCV Advisor.

CCV/Tech Centers/Financial Aid/Cody- The Curtis Fund offers a new scholarship for 2023. For students completing an industry recognized, non-degree, certificate credential, at a community college or technical training center. Scholarship covers full tuition cost. thecurtisfund.org.

HireAbility/Bonnie- Shares, some area banks have staff willing and able to come to schools, programs, to provide youth oriented Financial Fitness workshops. We have recently had a nice turnout for this provided by M&T Bank, formerly Peoples United, and hosted by Green Mountain High School. Contact your area bank(s) for more information.

VFN/Vermont Family Network- A collaborative virtual event is scheduled for 11/30/2022 at 10:00AM. The workshop, [College & Careers: Personalized Support Planning](#), will be held on Nov. 30th from 10-11:00 a.m. Learn how Progressive Education can help ease stress for a youth with a disability and their family as they consider college and careers during or after high school. Progressive Education can help a young person identify their path and develop the skills to succeed through exciting, real-world opportunities and one-on-one counseling. A panel of presenters from HireAbility VT, College Compass and Community College of Vermont will highlight their collaboration in developing and supporting a personalized plan including mentorship, campus engagement, skill building, and strong team-based communication. vermontfamilynetwork.org.

December; CORE Team LIGHT. We will not have a special guest in December. We will use this date to review and confirm our 2023 CORE Team schedule and goals.

Next CORE Team Meeting is 12/27/22 at 2:00 to 3:00 remote via ZOOM. Invite to be shared.