

Rutland County Core Team Meeting

Monday, December 12, 2022

***Mission Statement:** Collaborating to develop, provide, and manage an effective transition process for students in Rutland County.*

Attendance: Teri-Anne, Kathi, Matthew, Lea, Alexis, Darren, Melissa, Heidi, Cindy, Ildiko, Sefakor, Dana

Presentation:

Dana Oliver, Program Innovation Coordinator, Secondary Ed. Initiatives at Community College of Vermont

Please see attached presentation and reach out to her with any questions: del12210@ccv.vsc.edu

Partner Announcements:

From Vermont Family Network:

Contact: Martha Frank mfrank@vfn.org

Here is an additional post-secondary resource:

College & Careers: Personalized Support : here is the link to the [video recording](#)

From Community Care Network:

Contact: Alexis Pennington adyer@rmhscn.org

We have started our possibly year-long construction project on the entirety of Rutland Mental Health. We are renovating the front door on the Behavioral health side and will then move inside to renovate the front entry way, carpets, ceilings, and many other things. So, if you come see us at the South Main St. location please excuse the mess! We have one entry way currently, based out of the DS (developmental services) front entrance. If you have a meeting with someone and don't know where to do, please don't hesitate to ask.

From VCIL:

Contact: Sefakor Komabu-Pomeyie sefakor@vcil.org

This is a humble request to meet one of our students, Jenny from UVM who is conducting research around the topic: "How has COVID-19 affected Middle-Level Special Education teachers in Vermont?" This is one of the research studies under VCIL and UVM partnership as they both try to serve the community with their research findings.

Below are the questions she would like to ask you if you are available at any time from this week to the end of the of the year. This meeting will be recorded on zoom for 30 minutes.

Please, let me know with your available date and time if you would like to help this student and I will send you the zoom link.

Below are the six questions she would like to ask:

Question 1: *How long have you been a Special Education teacher? What has your experience been like as a Special Education teacher?*

Question 2: *How has the pandemic impacted your ability to teach?*

Question 3: *Did the pandemic have any positive impacts? Negative?*

Question 4: *What challenges do you face as a Special Education teacher?*

Question 5: *In what ways have you supported students with disabilities?*

Question 6: *In what ways do you think school administrators can support students with disabilities?*

From DOL:

Contact: Ildiko McKeighan Ildiko.mckeighan@vermont.gov

The VT Department of Labor is here to assist youth and adult who are maybe looking for extra help in gaining work skills, trainings, and finding employment. Vermont Department of Labor can assist gaining skills to obtain their employment career directions. Some of the programs available under WIOA are Occupational Skills Training to gain industry recognized credentials, Paid and Unpaid Work Experience, or On-The-Job Trainings. We can also assist youth in connecting them with employers for apprenticeship programs. The Rutland WIOA team – Matthew, Darren and myself- would be happy to take referrals and discuss further the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Program/Services.

Next Meeting:

Presenter: Paula Nadeau from the VT Association for the Education of Young Children to present on opportunities for youth interested in a career in Early Childhood Education

Monday, February 6th, 3:15pm via Zoom

Link:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87096998319?pwd=dXNmY2ZyZkFKdFBKY2pCajJTRkwrUT09>

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