

## Rutland County Core Team Meeting

Monday, December 11, 2023

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

Attendance: Kathi Cassidy, Alexis Pennington, Sam Duczeminski, Hillary Wolfe, TeriAnne Walker, Sefakor Komabu-Pomeyie, Maria Burt, Sarah Rasmussen (mom to a project search consumer), Brya Emery, Sam Abatiell

Presentation: Samantha Duczeminski, HireAbility Work Incentive Counselor-(Detailed handout sent in meeting invite)

- Social security Age 18 redetermination
  - After 18 an individual must be reevaluated to see if they meet adult criteria for social security within 12 months after they turn 18
  - Will ask for doctor information and other documentation to determine if they meet adult rules and whether or not they continue to receive SS
  - If they don't qualify they can file an appeal, they can participate through section 301
- Student earned income exclusion
  - Under age of 22, regularly attending school SS can deduct a certain amount of gross wages to determine what the amount of SS will be
  - \$2,290 can be deducted per month as of 2024
  - Annual limit of \$9,230
- ABLE Account (Achieving a better life experience account)
  - Disability that occurred before age 24
  - Can put money into the account and Medicaid will not look at that money as a resource or accessible funds
  - Can deposit a combined total of 18,000 per year
  - \$517,000 max lifetime limit
  - List of criteria for what they can withdraw money for
- Question: What is counted as a resource SSI (SSDI does not have resource limits):
  - Not counted- one vehicle, land, property, etc. full list online
  - <https://www.ssa.gov/ssi/text-resources-ussi.htm>
- Benefits Helpline VT for general SSA questions. 800-361-1239

Partner Announcements:

- Brya College Steps:
  - In busiest time, looking at enrollment for spring 2024 and fall 2024 semesters
  - Send referrals early
  - Having spring events
  - Website for contact list
  - <https://www.collegesteps.org/contact>
- Sam Abaitell

- Changing time of Rutland workforce partners meeting: Fourth Wednesday of the month at 2:30pm.
- First new meeting date: 1/24/2023 2:30pm
- Mike from CCV will be there
- February meeting: Louis Trees representatives will be attending to talk about outdoors/environmental/ construction work
- March: Chris Fucci to talk about reality and business consulting
- Reach out to Kathi Cassidy for Sam's contact information to be placed on the list serve
- HireAbility
  - Two new counselors: Sam Kowalski (spring 2023 start date), and Alexis Pennington (November 2023 start date)
- VABIR
  - New BAM Manager: Wendy Kaller (based in Bennington)
  - New Assistant Director: Karen Thomas
  - Rutland Office: two new employment consultants for adult population: Michelle Sherwin, Luke Daily
  - New BAM in Bennington: Brian Maroney

Next Meeting: February 12, 2024 on Teams 3:15pm

Presenter: TBD

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