

CORE Team Meeting Minutes DEC 16, 2024 Brattleboro District

Introductions/participants:

HireAbility/Bonnie Haug-Cramp/Rebecca Auger/TeriAnne Walker – JOBS, VABIR/Josh Hallock/Liz Guillet, Interaction/Rachel -Youth Services Stabilization Case Manager, WSWSU MV Coordinator/Samia Abass, Vermont Family Network/Guest Presenter/Krista Siringo

Agenda:

- Welcome and Introductions
- Special Guest Presenter; VFN – Krista Siringo
- Announcements

Guest Presentation:

- Today's CORE Team welcomed Vermont Family Network, Krista Siringo as guest presenter.
- The mission of Vermont Family Network is to empower and support all Vermont children, youth, and families, especially those with disabilities or special health needs.
- Peer and informed resource for parents, families, of children with disabilities.
- Web Based resource collective, Phone Helpline, Workshops, Webinars, Conferences, Leadership, Advocacy, Education.
- Peer supports.
- Resources specific to Youth in Transition.
- Transition Tool Kit, available.
- Sponsors Youth Advocacy Council.
- Project; Creating a video by and for Youth in Transition. Seeking youth to participate, two - 2 hour meetings, stipend offered.

Vermont Family Network

600 Blair Park Rd, Williston, VT 05495

(802) 876-5315

www.vermontfamilynetwork.org

Announcements;

-Springfield VT, HireAbility, Transition Counselor Rebecca Auger, to facilitate new CORE Team for the Springfield district. First meeting is 1/7/2025, 1PM. Contact rebecca.auger@vermont.gov for more information and to be added to invitation.

-HireAbility announced funding limitations for the remaining fiscal year, December 2024 to July 2025. Expected reallocation of general case service dollars is not available. Primary services of vocational guidance and counseling and career development planning remain intact. Some funded services and special programs will be limited. Services for participants are individualized. Inquire directly with HireAbility counselor for more information. Summer Career Exploration Program 2025 is cancelled due to this funding shortfall.

-Krista Siringo; VFN Family Support Consultant, contact – krista.siringo@vfn.org. Annual conference, 4/18/25, Navigating Transition: Empowering Journey of Change. Watch for more information to come.

-Samia Abass MV Act, WSESU; The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act guarantees educational rights and supports for students experiencing homelessness. Samia has program information to share. sabbass@wsesudvt.org. Is willing to present at a future CORE Team meeting in 2025. Date pending.

Next Brattleboro CORE Team Meeting is Monday 1/20/25 at 3:30 to 4:30, to be confirmed via emailed invite, in person at HireAbility office, 28 Vernon Street, Suite 400, Brattleboro VT 05301, optional remote invite to be shared.