

AB 86 Sierra ASSESTS Consortium
ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES WORKGROUP

Friday, September 18, 2015
10:00-11:30am
Holiday Inn, Auburn

WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS

Beth Moore-Transition specialist from NJUHSD

David Luke-Dept of Rehab

Touch of Understanding:

- Development Director: Doug Newton
- Youth FORCE: Meghan Adamski
- Founder and Director: Leslie DeDora
- Board Member: John DeLury

Gwen Joy – AWD Workgroup Co-Chair: Learning Disabilities Specialist and head of DSPTS at Sierra

Jeff Clark - Co-Chair: School Psychologist and Resource Specialist at Roseville High School

Cyd Rochford: Resource specialist at Rocklin HS and part-time Learning Disabilities Specialist at Sierra

Gaby Lunasco: AEBG Steering Committee

Mike Brockman: School Counselor from Roseville Adult School

Stephanie Ortiz: Steering Committee Rep and Sierra College Dean

EXISTING PLAN REVIEW

Jeff: Start to look at tables from March 2015 Final Plan, cross-reference with Santa Barbara (as example of consortium that's farther along with AWD work)

- what is in works
- what is missing
- where to look next
- ideas

Mike: How to work together to best leverage existing resources?

CHALLENGE/TASK: How to meet 2 week deadline to prioritize Plan (Tables 3-6), meet October 31st reporting deadline? (Stephanie: Previously submitted Plan can be changed/modified.)

TRANSITIONS to be Addressed:

- 3.6 Adults with disabilities to Adult Education, Community College, or job training
- 3.9 AWD to educational training programs and employment

TABLE 6: Professional development

- need for Autism training (ATOU- training not only covers autism, but also visible and invisible disabilities)

Beth Moore: DOR offers training in Autism and other disabilities for free to staff and partner agencies; Resources for both students and for faculty/staff working with those students with disabilities; Jeff asked Beth to share transitions nights events details with stakeholders

TABLE 4: Adults with Disabilities: Strategies to Address Identified Gaps

- 4.6 Large number of un-served adults with disabilities:
 - Outreach needs (Gaby: LGBT model of outreach in college level)
 - Mike: survey to former students to id gaps in regional services
 - Beth: lots of outreach and marketing done to reach students, workability 18-22 age called every year,
 - Jeff: need for researcher to find out gaps/identify numbers of AWDs beyond age 18-22, need a way to capture older adults and find them
 - Gaby: possibly use Veteran group to capture/find some students
 - Stephanie: Veteran Center at Rocklin campus (smaller at Nevada campus) is a “National Best Practice Center” and will be at Stand Down in October

Biggest BARRIERS to AWD participation: Housing, Transportation, Counseling, MH support

REGIONAL RESOURCES:

- <http://www.atoucares.org/> (Community, Access, Resources, Education, and Services) - Directory listing, Outreach to create a regional hub
- Placer Independent Resource Services (<http://www.pirs.org/>) - Independent living center; per David Luke – need to bring to AWD Workgroup (Stephanie asked David to extend invite to next meeting)
- Everyone encouraged to bring in additional regional AWD- serving partner agencies (Direct to www.sierrassets.org for meeting dates)

TABLE 5: AWD Accelerating Student Progress toward academic/career goals

- Need for TRANSITION/BRIDGE programs, pathways programs, maybe cohort learning (per Mike), transitional programs at SC on drawing boards through Student Equity
- First Year Experience at SC up and running for all students, self-selected
- Beth: DSPTS speaker comes to HS, take students to SC, robust programs to connect HS to rest of lives, student followed (Cyd-also at transitional specialist) Transition Partnership Program,(TPP w/ DOR) may be followed through college 80 kids a year served, employing 20-30%.
- Mike: is it possible to expand TPP program to older students not already in HS transition?
- David: can match TPP partners w/ federal money at DOR, difficulty in hiring staff because state agency wants federal dollars, difficulty in capacity
- Jeff: is money available from SC?
- Steph: Yes, but need proposals, State looking for innovation, what is working should be expanded, doesn't need to be formed: deliverables, how outcomes from Neil Kelly would be met (Mike B will resend slide w/ outcomes to group)

COUNTY-BASED DISABILITIES PROGRAM NAVIGATORS

Gwen: How to get trainings, one-stop shop/resource center, need for personal touch to help navigate-Jeff and Mike-Kasia DeMauri @ Golden Sierra Disability Navigator for region, position never went away, but not well understood regionally

Steph: Golden Sierra WIB cannot serve Nevada County

Mike: One-stop recurring theme, but capacity is an issue, what if SJC had the position

David: Always struggling for resources, basic needs tough to meet for clients due to rural environment, hard to patch together enough resources to get to work...without staffing and someone who knows community to patchwork agencies

John: Perhaps put comprehensive set of programs and plans in online database?

Mike: Trying to build "assets" website of SJC to help centralize and use for providers, but need an actual person to address

Jeff: Alta for significant disabilities has regional navigator/person, but not available for higher functioning AWDs

Steph: Scope of work proposals for "quilter", e.g. consultancy agreement to connect with referral services to monitor and build resources for sites

Mike: use workability worker or someone from DOR, position exists, can pull together and propose in next 2 weeks

Jeff: should we prioritize tables?

Mike: will pull together items in a google survey and group can rank, keep coming back to human touch, need for a person that exists in a region

Steph: maybe need 2 people, one for each county

Jeff: what are qualifications? Teacher, counselor, full time/part time...need to articulate scope of work

David: someone from independent living staff will have wide knowledge

Mike: Person/scope of work and professional development goal

SANTA BARBARA CONSORTIUM PARRALELS

Id's transitional /bridge and PD, enhanced opportunities for employment with adults

ATOU: have relationships with industry/workforce to make sure there are places to hire AWD

Beth: tightknit community to help get students hired, relationships, employers come to program-matching, Raleys

NEXT STEPS:

MB: google survey by next Tuesday, by end of week (25 Sept) to assess needs/ interest

Beth : will send job descriptions and interact w/ FREED to create scope of work

First week of Oct deadline for plan additions

Need for ASD in trainings employers,

David: Business Advantage Network does some trainings

05 October all information to Mike and/or Gaby to compile for 06 Steering committee meeting

DELIVERABLES:

Everyone: MB will send out google survey to rank areas of priority, plus add comments

DUE DATE: 25 SEPT

Beth Moore: Job descriptions from FREED to MB by 25 SEPT

MB: will get results to GL by 29 SEPT

GL: Compile and post to group by 02 OCT for review

GL: Review with Steering Committee on 06 OCT at SC meeting

RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DELIVERABLE	DUE DATE
Mike	Google survey to group RE: priorities for group and professional development	22 SEPT
Everyone	Complete Google survey and submit	25 SEPT
Everyone	Email Job Descriptions for coordinator to Mike Brockman	25 SEPT
Mike	Results of Google survey and job descriptions to Gaby	29 SEPT
Gaby	Compile and post report for group review	02 OCT
Everyone	Review report and additions, suggestions	05 OCT
Gaby	Submit report to Steering Committee	06 OCT