WC RQC Meeting 8/20/24

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Agenda Items

- Recap of last meeting
    - Paperwork needs to be plain language
    - Recognizing that some people shouldn't have to do renewing of disability (more paperwork)
    - Upcoming trainings
    - Data reporting??
        - from agencies that serve people with disabilities
        - Ways to mitigate critical incidents from happening
        - Too much redundancy in what caregivers are filling out, caregivers should spend more time with who they are supporting
- Regional Capacity Building
    - ICI + DHS gave a presentation yesterday at the WC RCB mtg
    - WC is thinking about doing a PATH
    - Identify trainers in our region. What do we have? What do we need more of?
    - Q: Does anyone have any connections or is anyone certified in PATH?
- School to Work Conference recap and conversation
    - TNT and Dr. Lunak (Superintendent of MPS) and Duane B (Director of special education at MPS) and people from community
        - Clay county
        - LSS
        - Blue Sky
        - Employers
    - Trying to get businesses on board with hiring people with disabilities

- Didn't see what the next step was . . .
    - Start incorporating able curriculum in the school
    - Incorporating people with disabilities curriculum to put them with everyone else, not separated into specific spec ed
    - ESY? - like an internship, hiring a job coach
        - How is that going to happen?
    - Timeline? Seems open
    - What is the role of the RQC in this?
        - Clay County's role: Continuing to be part of that transition from school to adult services. Offering support. Partnering with stakeholders (the school, Voc. rehab)
- Business education
    - When the Arc does reverse job fair, is there a curriculum/program we use?
        - Speakers that offer inclusive hiring
        - Inclusive hiring tips and tricks resources in folder (reverse job fair-Arc gives this out)
- Action item: Meeting with MN Voc Rehab
    - Job fair? ND does one yearly. Maybe MN would?
- Diversity job fair every year. . . Maybe we can join that
- Beyond Boundaries (Jessica) potentially doing more inclusive hiring
- Action item: Making a resource of worker friendly businesses/inclusive hiring
    - Who goes out of their way to make an inclusive environment
- Action item: reach out to ECFE? There are a lot of people who work with children
    - Classes specific for families with a child with disabilities
    - Start out in Moorhead, then reach out to other regional ECFE's
- Example: Peace Academy's Ambassador program
- Ideas: MPS Jumpstart, CAPLP Headstart, going into an elementary school and reading a book for the class, utilizing the district
    - Barrier: Transportation

- Listening sessions with our region
    - Virtual sessions
    - Q: Do we want to do one big session or do one per county?
        - Regional employment listening sessions, focusing on the rural piece of it
        - Seeing what they're seeing with employers, what are barriers, educating businesses as well

- October is national disability employment awareness month
    - Maybe connecting with Kim at TNT, team up to have a celebration
    - Sherri: Have people with disabilities who are employed come and give their story and their experience
- Transition to adulthood event last week, recap
    - ND Assistive tour
    - Technology to help with independence
    - In Fargo, but affiliated with star service
- Waiver basics webinar tomorrow by Cortney Kressin (works at The Arc)
    - Statewide
- More information sessions?
    - Transportation
    - Post-secondary
        - Molly McKinnon
    - SSI
        - PACER did one and people from SSI came
- Voting Series
    - September 9, 15, Oct 2
- Special Olympics needs more coaches
    - Email Katie or Wayne
- Parent Groups
    - Michele Dumass runs a parent group in Perham

- Not age specific

- Jess in Moorhead has been trying to get a parent group together
- Detroit Lakes has a parent group by Wendy Fritz
    - More transition age kids
- Would love to get everyone together to meet
    - Maybe all joining the hybrid session
    - Piggy backing off of the Arc dances?