



## Clinton County LEARN / LICC Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 11/30/11

<b>Attendance:</b>	Karen M. Krise	Central Intermediate Unit # 10
	Marilyn Ely	Lycoming-Clinton MH/MR
	Vicki Lewis	Penn State Cooperative Extension
	Anita Rathgeber	Infant Development Program
	Barb Wilson	Lycoming-Clinton MH/MR
	Deb West	Lycoming-Clinton MH/MR
	Hedy Ulsh	Lycoming-Clinton Early Head Start
	Michael Bruning	Lock Haven Children's Center

### **Agency Updates/Correspondence:**

#### **Infant Toddler Early Intervention:**

Marilyn reported that they were looking at child find numbers. Referrals were up in November, however there have been recent concerns about the number of referrals in Clinton County in many different programs. Marilyn got some information from Centre County about doing screenings in child care centers. There was some discussion about using the Ages & Stages Questionnaire for this and different strategies for use. The decision was made to look into trying it out with Building Blocks.

#### **Preschool Early Intervention:**

Karen reported that her secretary is back from maternity leave. She has a new fiscal administrative assistant that is doing well. Karen gave some information on the Keystones to Opportunity grant that is available to districts. Birth to five programs are included in the grant which is targeted toward literacy goals. If any of our local districts receive a grant, they will need to partner with early childhood programs. Karen will keep the LEARN Team updated as the grant process progresses.

#### **Infant Development Program:**

"Parents as Educators" program is busy – two new staff recently went to training in Monroeville. They will be searching for clients. IDP is filling up quickly in the preschool program.

#### **Early Head Start:**

Hedy reported that a new teacher started yesterday. They are getting ready for a mental health committee meeting coming up on 12/14/11. This committee meets two times a year.

#### **BVS:**

Lindsay explained that there are 6 district offices across Pennsylvania, and BVS is under OVR. Lindsay is out of the Altoona office. There are 5 caseworkers for employment. Teachers go out and work with individuals of all ages, from low vision to no vision. They also do a summer academy at Hiram G. Andrews for teenagers at transition age to work on transition skills.

### **Penn State Cooperative Extension:**

Vicki reported there has been much reorganization in this department. Each educator will be on a statewide team. They have 25 fewer staff to provide trainings. She will be attending a retreat on December 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, and hopes to have a better idea about how training will be done. Laurie Welch will continue as a wage/payroll employee to provide some childcare trainings.

### **On-Going Business:**

#### **Finance:**

No expenditures to report.

#### **Screening Committee:**

A screening event was held on 11-14-11, ten families signed up but only 4 attended. 1 referral was made to the IU.

#### **New Business:**

- There was some discussion about updating Vicki on the Clinton County LEARN Team/LICC as she takes over this role for Laurie Welch.
- The Community Resources brochure has been updated and Marilyn will send it out to everyone.

**Next Meeting:** 1/25/12 @ 9:30am at IDP

*Respectfully submitted by Karen M. Krise, Secretary*

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