

WASHINGTON COUNTY YOUTH IN TRANSITION PROGRAM

In March 2010, Amy Lincoln Moore was hired to be the System of Care Team Leader for the YIT Grant. Amy has been employed by the Vermont Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health as the Peer Navigator for Washington County since October 2008.

Amy leads the YIT Intake Team that consists of members:

Nora Lovelette: Youth in Service Bureau

Noelle Pronovost and Maria Noyes: JOBS WCMHS Program

Eric Lucier and Emile Pryme: WMCHS

Amy is continually seeking out all agencies and organizations currently working with the same age groups 16-22. As part of the Housing question that all regions are working towards, we have hired a housing consultant, Karen Winchell who is working on finding apartments for transitional and Independent housing.

Washington County also believes that to make a difference in the System of Care (SOC) that is currently available, Pilot programs/new ideas need to be implemented.

PILOTS:

One Pilot program produced through the YIT Intake Team is buying Track phones for Young Adults in Transition. It has become very clear in this region that Young Adults are unable to be contacted by possible employers and/or landlords because they have no easy method of communication. Five phones were purchased and currently one Young Adult is in this program.

Another Pilot Program Amy is working on in Washington County with Courtney Bridges, VFFCMH YIT Coordinator for the SAMSHA grant is to bring WEST (We Eliminate Stigma Together) among high schools in this region. This is a project that involves students in activities to reduce the stigma of Mental Illness. It helps local students realize that 1 in 5 students among them has a disability, even if you can't visually see it. Our hope is to have this pilot program be introduced to all regions through-out the state before the grant ends.

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