

**LSUHSC Human Development Center (HDC)
University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD)**

**INITIATIVES AREA (IA) UPDATES
20 June 2018**

Early Childhood Update

EHS-CCP

Recruiting for next school year (Aug 1) including up to 15 children with disabilities
PD for 80 ECE teachers and administrators in July

LEND

11 diverse interdisciplinary trainees completed the year long leadership program in May recruited
and selected 12 diverse interdisciplinary trainees for 2018-2019 year

Interdisciplinary Feeding Clinic

Clinic is scheduling appointments for children who need feeding evaluations beginning in July
ASD Interdisciplinary Diagnostic Clinic
No clinic in July or August; resume in September

ELC

Construction started on new classroom (completion target Sept 2018) will be adding 12 new seats
to the 20 we currently have total of 6 seats are reserved for infants, toddlers, preschoolers with
SHCN

ACE Educator Program

2 additional staff recently trained as ACE Educators
1hr, 2hr, 1- 2- or 3 day presentations and movie screenings on Adverse Childhood Experiences
and Resilience available

iCON (Inclusive Childcare Outcomes Network)

Conference moved to October

K-12 Update

LASARD

Annual stakeholders meeting is scheduled for last week of June. LASARD will have ten partner
LEAs for 18-19. This the last year of a three year contract w/LA DoE. So we are vigilant for any
opportunities to compete for TA support in schools state-wide.

LAS*PIC

Six Pre-doctoral interns will begin the 18-19 internship year on 7/2. Orientation lasts through 7/12
including ADOS training. The six interns are placed in six partner LEAs. The class is much smaller
than typical, despite 58 vacancies in school psychology state wide, due to a lack of funding support
beyond HDC's contribution. We will be exploring other opportunities for funding during the 18-19
school year.

TIERS Group completed product development of a portfolio of K-12 social-emotional learning curricula for the LA DoE. The 1st phase of a project to train Data Action Teams was completed for the Michigan Department of Education.

With the loss of staff as of 6/30, TIERS Group will largely cease to exist. The web presence will remain for the near future.

Transition, Employment & Community (TEC) IA Update

Employment/Transition

Postsecondary Apprenticeship for Youth (Pay Check Pilot) – Currently there are 11 students Jefferson Parish Schools System students in the pilot who will be exiting in 2018 and some in early 2019. HDC will also be enrolling Inspire NOLA and Collegiate Academy students next semester and Jefferson Foundation Charter Academy next semester.

Pay Check students will begin job shadowing and matching for the paid apprenticeship portion of their program beginning at the end of April and continuing through August. New students will be enrolled each semester as the pilot begins expanding participants/students.

Pay Check Partners include: LRS/LWC, Delgado CC, UMC-New Orleans, Jefferson Parish Public School System, Inspire NOLA, Collegiate and Jefferson Chamber Foundation Academy

Transition and Employment

Submitted continued funding contract for JPPSS/Paycheck for additional students for 2019.

The Transition Capacity Building Initiative (TCBI) grant with JPPSS is being amended to accommodate their request to have two of the remaining full days to be scheduled August and September of the 2018/2019 school calendar.

Completing Mentoring grant from LA DCC and is currently working with two IDD Medicaid employment providers (one in Alexandria-Rapides ARC) and one on the Northshore (Teem Academy). Agencies received individualized mentoring through a mutually developed capacity enhancement plan, access to CORE and one day trainings and will now receive outcome incentive payments (from Northshore FHF) since identified outcomes have been met.

Benefits Planning Services

HDC provides Louisiana Benefits Planning Services (LA-BPS) through a SSA-WIPA RFA to all Louisiana SSA recipients. David Legendre contract completed on June 30, 2018 and Rose Angelocci will begins June 1, 2018.

Supported Employment Training and Technical Assistance

- HDC attended several EFSLM Vision Quest/Employment work group calls and meetings
- HDC staff attended LRC meeting January 25, 2018
- Provided three CORE (3 day) Employment Training to CRPs, and ten one day employment trainings

Other Employment Initiatives

HDC working with collaborative team to begin planning for Department of Labor Youth Build **funding announcement** (due mid-September 2018) to provide employment pathways to low-income unemployed youth (16-24) who are no longer in school. YouthBuild programs participants learn construction skills through building affordable housing for homeless and low-income people in their neighborhoods and other community assets such as schools, playgrounds, and community centers.

Meetings with school personnel students and families to provide education/outreach and to discuss apprenticeship pilot.

- HDC staff continues to advocate for and promote Employment First by providing Community Trainings and participating meetings and trainings offered by/through FHF, GODA Employment Coalition, Work Pays, LRC and stakeholder meetings as scheduled.
- HDC continues to work on the development of a collaborative funding model for an Apprenticeship to Careers and Employment model.
- Worked collaboratively with GODA, DD Council, and Advocacy Center to discuss implementation of Employment First Executive Order
- .HDC continues to work collaboratively with ALL PAYCHECK apprenticeship pilot entities (LRS, UMC, Orleans and Jefferson parish schools and two LEA charters).
- HDC employment staff sits on the national APSE Public Policy Work Group and attend monthly meetings via Go to Meeting. Recent focus has been on comments and advocacy for WIOA and sub-minimum wage rules.
- HDC Employment Staff attends LRC meetings as LRC member and Exec. member
- HDC employment staff attends Louisiana APSE governing board meeting in May.
- HDC employment staff, as Louisiana APSE members and WorkPays members attended quarterly meetings.
- HDC co-chair of the recently awarded Employment First State Leadership Mentoring-Vision Quest award – LA State Vision Quest meetings are held monthly with state agency collaborators. State team worked to prepare a State as Model Employer (SAME) Executive Order which was signed on Monday, March 19, 2018! Sue Killam named in the Governor's EO to be on the SAME Task Force. The State as a Model Employer Task Force has the following identified duties:
 - a. Develop policies, strategies and services designed to achieve the seven percent employment target.
 - b. Establish a five-year plan with annual goals that will enable the state workforce to reach parity with the percentage of working age people with disabilities in Louisiana.
 - c. Provide guidance and other support to agencies and institutions of higher education of higher education on recruitment, retention, accommodation and accessibility for persons with disabilities.