

## Community Team Summary for 2006

Training Summary					
		Number of Meeting Participants			
		North Platte	Tri-Cities	York	Lincoln
Jan/Feb	Project overview	13	10	10	10
Feb/Mar	Medicaid	13	16	10	7
April	Medicaid	11	16	11	9
May	Personal Assistance Services (PAS)	13	11	8	7
June	Student Earned Income Exclusion	11	7	8	7
July	Impairment Related Work Expense (IRWE)	7	8	9	8
Aug	Blind Work Expenses	11	12	11	6
Sept	Plan to Achieve Self Support (PASS)	9	10	10	12
Oct	Plan to Achieve Self Support (PASS)	11	8	11	7
Nov	Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Eligibility	9	8	7	7
Systems Actions/Changes					
HHS/Economic Assistance					
North Platte	Attended 7 of 10 meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- improving training for Medicaid workers</li> <li>- including MIWD in new worker training</li> <li>- increased office dialogue about work</li> <li>- increased conferencing with policy people and SSA</li> <li>- encouraging work during intake</li> <li>- completing six month interviews for SSI eligibles (not required)</li> </ul>			
Tri-Cities	Attended 6 of 10 meetings				
York	Attended 6 of 10 meetings				
Lincoln	Attended 4 of 10 meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- currently exploring potential changes to N-focus that would make some eligibility determinations easier and in some cases, automatic</li> </ul>			
HHS/Developmental Disability Service Coordination					
North Platte	Attended 6 of 10 meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- implementing new supported employment rate</li> </ul>			
Tri-Cities	Attended 9 of 10 meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Medicaid eligibility options were reviewed with Service Coordinators</li> <li>- intervened with IPP team regarding 1619(b) potential</li> <li>- supervisor referred one individual to BPAO</li> </ul>			
York	Attended 4 of 10 meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- received 2 hours of basic SSI/SSDI eligibility training for 50/60 southeast area service coordinators</li> <li>- service coordinators are more aware of BPAO services</li> <li>- supervisor asked to involve service coordinators in the community meetings</li> </ul>			

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- looking into the effect of the new DD Medicaid mandate on employment</li> <li>- Lincoln Service Coordinators intervened on SEIE</li> <li>- Susie Wilson spoke to A&amp;D Waiver Service Coordinators. The workers also shared concerns about the clinics</li> </ul>
Lincoln	Attended 8 of 10 meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- implementing new supported employment rate</li> <li>- requested and received 2 hours of basic SSI/SSDI eligibility training for 50/60 southeast area service coordinators</li> <li>- service coordinators are facilitating improved wage reporting by DD providers</li> <li>- SSA's training is instigating discussion/problem solving among service coordinators</li> <li>- Clarification – individuals using MIWD and 1619(b) will not be assessed a fee for DD services</li> <li>- Clarification – PAS can be provided at the job site for individuals who also receive supported employment services through DD</li> <li>- one youth received back payment from SEIE because of SSA training</li> </ul>
<b>Vocational Rehabilitation</b>		
North Platte	Attended 8 of 10 meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- one specialist dedicated to North Platte High School, the behavioral health project, and benefits planning</li> <li>- using adult referral sheet for transition age youth to gather benefits info</li> </ul>
Tri-Cities	Attended 9 of 10 meetings	
York	Attended 6 of 10 meetings	
Lincoln	Attended 7 of 10 meetings	
<b>Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired</b>		
North Platte	Attended 6 of 10 meetings	
Tri-Cities	Attended 3 of 10 meetings	
York	Attended 5 of 10 meetings	
Lincoln	Attended 6 of 10 meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- community team work is reinforcing the Commission's state level training</li> </ul>
<b>Social Security Administration</b>		
North Platte	Attended 9 of 10 meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- increased staff communication about "work" issues</li> <li>- regular involvement in TACY meetings</li> <li>- share community meeting messages with staff on a monthly basis</li> <li>- will do training for HHS/Ogallala on August 2</li> </ul>
Tri-Cities	Attended 7 of 10 meetings	
York	Attended 7 of 10 meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SSA is emphasizing "work"</li> <li>- open conversation about barriers helps develop strategies and solutions</li> <li>- WILs are being sought out to help with PASS</li> </ul>
Lincoln	Attended 6 of 10 meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- receiving technical assistance calls from DD Service Coordination since training</li> </ul>

<b>Public Schools</b>		
North Platte	Attended 5 of 10 meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Transition Coordinator is meeting with SSA/VR to orient himself to any changes.</li> <li>- Plans to set up a meeting with parents in September to discuss benefit assistance.</li> </ul>
Tri-Cities	Grand Island 7 of 10 Kearney 6 of 10 Hastings 3 of 10	
York	Attended 10 of 10 meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- school currently finds jobs for some students/transition educator is considering a broader range of employment options for students (from service related jobs to manufacturing)</li> </ul>
Lincoln	Attended 7 of 10 meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- school requested training for teachers on the referral/eligibility process for Medicaid, SSI, SSDI, and CDB</li> </ul>
<b>Department of Labor</b>		
North Platte	Attended 8 of 10 meetings	
Tri-Cities	Attended 6 of 10 meetings	
York	Attended 1 of 10 meetings	
Lincoln	Attended 2 of 10 meetings	
<b>Behavioral Health</b>		
North Platte	Attended 7 of 10 meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- staff within each agency must carry out the role of “champion”</li> <li>- Behavioral Health Employment Partnership has identified need for more benefits analysis</li> </ul>
Tri-Cities	Attended 3 of 10 meetings	
York	Attended 0 of 10 meetings	
Lincoln	Attended 0 of 10 meetings	
<b>Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing</b>		
North Platte	Attended 3 of 10 meetings	
Tri-Cities		
York		
Lincoln	Attended 2 of 10 meetings	
<b>Assistive Technology Partnership</b>		
North Platte		
Tri-Cities	Attended 1 of 10 meetings	
York		
Lincoln		
<b>State and regional changes</b>		
North Platte		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MIWD awareness training using family centered practice approach</li> <li>- PAS can be used in post-secondary educational settings</li> </ul>

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<b>Team Objective</b>		
North Platte	<p><b>Objective:</b> Examine our own procedures to reduce barriers for transitioning youth and their families.</p> <p><b>Result:</b> Assess internal system procedures (first message, referral process, what happens to young adult at each entry point)</p>	
Tri-Cities	<p><b>Objective:</b> Inform families that work is important and possible.</p> <p><b>Result:</b> Develop a tool to be given to students and families.</p>	
York	<p><b>Objective:</b> Implement a community based transition retention system in York for SSI, SSDI and CDB eligible youth ages 18/21 to 24.</p> <p><b>Result:</b> Investigate methods for helping post high school youth who fall through the cracks (mentoring, faith based supports).</p>	
Lincoln	<p><b>Objective:</b> Promote methods for maintaining essential Medicaid benefits when competitively employed.</p> <p><b>Result:</b> Review draft of MIWD awareness training.</p>	

<b>Pilot Youth</b>					
		<b>Obtain, maintain or advance in employment</b>	<b>Post secondary ed to prep for employment</b>	<b>Access or maintain health benefits while working</b>	<b>Other economic gain</b>
<b>North Platte</b>					
#6	Developmental disability, 20 years old, in school, working for pay, current IEP	X			
#10	Developmental disability, 20 years old, in school, working for pay, current IEP	X			
#11	Statutory blindness, 22 years old, out of school, no job, no IEP				
<b>Tri-Cities</b>					
#5	Developmental disability, 22 years old, out of school, sheltered workshop/no job, no IEP				
#9	Rheumatoid Arthritis and ADHD, 19 years old, school drop out/received GED, working for pay, no IEP	X			
#12	Cystic Fibrosis, 23 years old, college student, not working, no IEP		Community College		PASS
<b>York</b>					
#13	Developmental disability, 23 years old, out of school, working for pay, no IEP	X			PASS
#14	Cerebral Palsy and visual impairment, 20 years old, in school, not working, current IEP				
<b>Lincoln</b>					
#2	Cerebral Palsy, 21 years old, college student, not working, no IEP		College		
#7	Organic Mental Disorder, 20 years old, out of school, not working, no IEP				
#8	Mental Retardation, 21 years old, out of school, working full time, no IEP	X			