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Youth Transition: The Growing Role of Centers for Independent Living

Avenues for Broadening the Funding and Reach of IL Services to Youth and Young Adults (Part 1)

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LVCIL's S2L and RWLV Programs

- As mentioned previously, LVCIL received a grant in 2008 from the PA Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC) to work with 25 young adults (ages 16-21) on transition-related skills in School 2 Life (S2L) and Real World Lehigh Valley (RWLV). The grant provided \$100K each year for four years.
- S2L portion of program involved one staff's time at first to facilitate events. RWLV involved one staff's time, and three or four summer staff.
- The central role of youth and their determination of programming.

S2L and RWLV

- How both programs changed over time:
 - Grant to fee-for-service
 - Young adults don't always attend both portions
 - Young adults who "aged out"
- Objective/Goal is to gain skills, including team building, pre-employment, social, and youth leadership and determination.
- Annual budget is \$75K to \$100K
- WIOA Pre-Employment Transition Services (ETS) and opportunity for Voc Rehab funding

Career Path

- Career Path started with an initial Innovation and Expansion grant from Voc Rehab in 2011 for \$150K for one year to implement program.
- Initial grant period involved three full-time staff and one part-time staff, plus administrative staff.
- After initial six months, developed Letter of Understanding with Voc Rehab to continue as a fee-for-service program.

Career Path, cont'd.

- Six years later...
 - Approximately 220 active participants in five counties at any given time.
 - Annual budget of \$650K.
 - 14 full-time staff, one part-time staff, plus administrative staff.
- Objective/Goal is to support young adults in obtaining and maintaining competitive, integrated employment. Career Path must achieve an 80% placement rate and an 85% job retention rate to maintain Voc Rehab support.

Vocational Independence Program (VIP)



- LVCIL's participation in the Vocational Independence Program (VIP) is funded by Voc Rehab through a fee-for-service agreement.
- Involves one full-time LVCIL staff, plus admin staff.
- Objective/goal is to provide competitive work experiences and skills training to students to help them explore their interests and better prepare them for life after high school.
- Annual budget is approximately \$75K.

Pre-Employment Transition Services

- Through WIOA funding, LVCIL has partnered with Voc Rehab (fee-for-service) to provide the services to students (ages 16-21, in school).
- Involves two full-time staff, plus admin staff.
- Objective/Goal for students is simply experiential, but leading to successful transition.
- Annual budget is approximately \$150K.
- Currently in negotiations with Voc Rehab to provide additional services through an LOU.

Transition Experience Program

- LVCIL received an Innovation and Expansion grant through Voc Rehab (WIOA Pre-ETS funds) to start the Transition Experience Program (TEP).
- Involves five full-time staff.
- Goal/Objective is support students in both work and post-secondary education experiences, then to pursue either competitive employment or post-secondary education.
- Annual budget of more than \$250k.
- Moving to fee-for-service at the end of this year.

Living Independently for Everyone (LIFE)



- Individual fee-for-service agreements with each school to provide individual services to each student.
- Involves portions of time from three full-time staff, plus admin staff.
- Objective/Goal is to support students in their transition goals. Students sometimes move into other services after graduation.
- Annual budget is approximately \$150K.

Success, Engagement, Education, and Determination (SEED)



- This program is partnered with the local community college and was supported initially by a grant from the PA Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC).
- Involves two part-time LVCIL staff, who are located on campus.
- Objective/Goal is success at the post-secondary level ultimately leading to competitive employment.
- Annual budget is approximately \$90K.

Leadership In Schools

- Funded from the Developmental Disabilities Council
- Involves one full-time staff, plus admin.
- Goal/Objective is to provide leadership resources for all teachers & students in PA (K-12+) and change thinking about who can be a leader.
- Annual budget is \$100K. A limited funded fifth year will focus on the development and support of statewide group – Pennsylvania Youth Leadership Network (PYLN).

Transition Advocacy

- Labor and Industry funding which was an offshoot of a Strategic Community Building project.
- Involved two part-time staff, plus admin.
- Objective/Goal was to promote employment and transportation as it related to transition. It supplemented S2L's funding and provided supports to the group to carry out advocacy-based deliverables (video's, social media, legislators, etc.)
- Annual budget was \$45K.

More Transition Services...

- All other transition services and activities are funded in a multitude of ways, as either part of previously mentioned programming, or braided funding from multiple programs.

The SC Developmental Disabilities Council



\$113,500/Annually

- Run by young adults for young adults
- EQUIP Stakeholders Group with 15 partners
- 1 Full-Time Coordinator, 6 part-time staff, 13 paid youth leaders
- FCSC pays \$26,000; SPIL provides \$14,500

The SC Developmental Disabilities Council, cont'd.



PROJECT INCLUSION \$13,800/Annually

- 7 part-time staff
- School visits
- Works with teachers and students
- Trains the community within the four school districts

The SC Developmental Disabilities Council, cont'd. 2



\$ 45,000/Annually

DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT COALITION

Project RISE

- Coalition that addresses employment barriers for individuals with disabilities
- 7 part-time staff
- Transition to Careers Subcommittee
- Governor recommended
- Over 20 partners are involved

The SC Developmental Disabilities Council, cont'd. 3

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\$50,000/Annually

- Planning committee made up of professionals & peers
- 1 part-time Coordinator, 11 part-time staff, EQUIP Leaders
- Partners with the SC CIL Network for YLF event staffing

The SC Developmental Disabilities Council, cont'd. 4



\$23,000/Annually

- Provides outreach/statewide resources
- 4 part-time staff
- Subcontracts with Protection & Advocacy, Parent Training & Information, and Arc of SC

Administration on Community Living



\$250,000/annually

- 1 full-time Director of Employment, 10 part-time staff
- Subcontracts with SC CILs
- Partners with SCVRD, DOE, USC UCEDD, P&A, DDC, SCCB, DEW, FCSC, WOIL, AA, & DDSN

The SC Department of Education

School Visits \$70,000/Annually

- 3 part-time staff members
- Changes the culture in schools
- Works closely with the SC Department of Education

The SC Department of Education, cont'd.

Transition Conferences \$30,000/Annually

- 5 part-time staff
- Statewide



Pre-Employment Transition Services



\$180,000/Annually

- 2 part-time Coordinators (midlands/upstate), 10 PT Program Staff
- Funding by SC Commission for the Blind (not our state's VR)
- Other CILs participate

SC Parent Training and Information Center (PTI)

Family Connection \$26,000/Annually

- Assists with funding EQUIP
- 7 part-time program staff
- Assisted in the process of writing this grant
- New PTI

Work Incentives Planning and Assistance

WIPA

\$155,000/Annually

- Provide work-incentive trainings/ youth focused
- 3 full-time staff, 2 part-time staff
- Subcontractor with the state's WIPA lead, Walton Options (CIL)
- Provides outreach to educators

Southeast ADA Center

State Affiliate

\$15,000/Annually

- 7 part-time staff
- Conduct trainings to consumers receiving sheltered workshop services
- Develop Disability rights training for school system
- Research brief on Employment in SC

Transition Alliance of South Carolina



- Interagency collaborative
- Recognizes connection between CILs and best practice
- Provides student engagement TA and activities
- Fee-for-service revenue and connections

Program & Funding Discussion Q&A

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