

IVTPC

9/23/16

In attendance: Marla Michalak, IVCIL, Rebecca Johnson & Wendy Louis, Putnam Co High School, Tammy LaGow, Ottawa Freedom House, Kate McIntyre, OHS, Brenda Justi, Horizon House, Megan O'Kraski & Crystal Robart, Streator High School, Kristie Witte, LPHS, Jodi Peterson & Jayme Salazar, LEASE, Bridget Foes, BMP, Sydney Strobel, LPHS, and Jayme McLaughlin, Circuit Breaker.

We started the meeting with introductions, and discussed that we needed someone from Gateway.

We talked about the TPC grant available, and decided we will not apply for the grant at this time but discuss it as the year goes on and possibly apply next year.

We talked about the TPC Website explanation sheet and talked about how to distribute it. We discussed the possibility of handing out the TPC Website explanation sheet at Exploring Transition and putting information about Exploring Transition Summit on our website. We will also put the sheet on our website also.

Exploring Transition was discussed and Kristie explained to the group what it is about and how it works.

Marla brought up future meetings and locations. We discussed that we would like to go to different places as such:

Ottawa High School – Nov. 4th

Friendship – Dec. 9th

Horizon Industries – Feb. 10th – 4140 progress blvd.

LP High School – March 10th

Putnam Co High School – April 7th

May – to be determined

These Transition Conference in October was mentioned and several are going.

Agency Updates:

IVCIL – Sept 27th Homeschooling parent training, Boggios Teen Social Oct 7th

Ottawa High School –All her students have jobs now. They are still doing the soap sales.

Streator High School – They hired a new Transition teacher. They talked about their services. They are going on community. They will be bell ringers for Salvation Army this year. They started Project Unify. They have regular education kids volunteering in their class.

Circuit Breaker – doing community outings as rewards. They are working on transition skills and looking for jobs.

Putnam County High School – They started a PACE program which is modules of different vocational programming. They have just hired a job coach and are working toward helping the students get jobs.

LEASE – Oct. 20 Advanced Autism Workshop and Oct. 21 is Autism Communication. Nov. 4th sign language. Nov. 8th Structured Teaching beyond the classroom. Nov. 18th Life Skills Conference

Horizon Industries – Pilot project started last year to be in the community and volunteer in the community. They are trying to get a grant for customized employment. It would help get some of the workers out of the workshop.

LP High School – They bought a house on 5th and Chartres. 104 5th St. LaSalle. They have to widen doorways and make the bathroom accessible. The kids get to purchase items, paint and landscape.

Friendship – open house Oct 3rd because of 50 year anniversary. Opened a CILA in July in Streator and will open another one in Ottawa.