Boling Center CAC mtg
5/15/13
11:30am – 1pm

Sandi Klink, MCIL
Melvin Jackson, CLEE, CAC Vice-Chair
Ginger Walton, CAC Chair
Jenness Roth, BCDD
Bruce Keisling, BCDD
Elizabeth Bishop, BCDD
Frederick Palmer, BCDD
Carolyn Somerville, Children Special Services, Shelby Co Health Dept
Gina Brady, DLAC
Belinda Hardy, BCDD
Derick Flake, STEP Inc
Laura Murphy, BCDD

Online:
Laurie Fleming, Vanderbilt Kennedy Center
Emma Shouse, TN Council on DD

Approval of Minutes – passes with corrections

Old Business
Ginger – Has been working on retirement process of updating CAC membership. Some folks have expressed interest in joining the group and Ginger (and other CAC members) will follow up on further recruitment.

OVERVIEW OF BCDD PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

Denice Perkins – speech pathologist, BCDD
Director of 2 social skills groups (Social Star Troopers, Social Transformers)
- Serves kids who have social skill difficulties (may or may not have Asperger’s).
- Goes beyond speech therapy or case management
- Program has been around approximately 12 years.
- Because both groups are getting older, the discussion has turned towards independent living and developing personal relationships, especially outside of parental relationships.
MCIL reports similar issues in their peer support groups.

- Receives referrals from residents and referrals.
- Group often facilitates itself and Denice primarily oversees
- Trainees (social work, speech pathology, audiology, pediatrics), also work with the group → trainees are often close in age to participants and can build rapport around this.
- Qualifications of participants: age (approx. 15 - 23); they also have to “fit” in the group → Denice receives a referral and then interviews teens with their parents to make sure they can “keep up” with the group
  - don’t have to have a diagnosis, just social communication issues, also have to be “high-functioning” without significant behavioral issues
- Parents/whoever can call Denice to get more info or refer someone to the group. 
dperkins@uthsc.edu or 901-448-6561
- Meets every other week at 4pm on Tues or Wed and lasts about an hour
- Celebrate birthdays and holidays; take field trips, etc.
- Programs such as this have arisen out of expressed needs.
  - MCIL also has groups like this (free through Dept. of Education): PALS (12-18) and Rockers & Rollers (older group, mostly autonomous).
    - These groups accommodate all sorts of disabilities.
    - PALS is currently being re-organized and will take referrals. People can contact Christina Clift at MCIL for referrals. Christina@mcil.org or 901-726-6404

Rodney Johnson, Empowering Young Males for Success (subset of RCP)

- Relative Caregivers Program (RCP) – Designed to support children who are being cared for a non-parental relative (EG sibling, grandparent)
- Empowering Young Males for Success
  - Most mentoring programs are aimed at “at-risk” boys. This program is different in that the kids are enrolled based on family situation rather than behavioral issues. In this way, it is a preventive/enhancement model.
- Participant Qualifications: Ages 10 to 15 (rather than age out after 15, boys take on leadership roles within the group); have to come from an RCP enrolled family; capped at 15 participants as of now
  - Referrals from Family Advocate Counselors / RCP / community partners
- Looking for volunteers
volunteer acceptance process includes: fingerprinting, background check, interview
  - looking for volunteers who are at least older than the participants

  - Meets 1x/month, 10am – 12pm on a Saturday
  - Tracking through RCP and follow-up by Rodney
    - Could track grades as outcome measure
    - Could track process and performance outcomes by tracking # of activities and such

  - These kids also have the opportunity to participate in the Youth Enrichment Program (coed program)

  - More info:
    - http://www.uthsc.edu/bcdd/services/programs/rel_caregiver.php
    - https://www.facebook.com/SCRCP

Belinda Hardy, All Days are Happy Days Summer Camp 2013

  - Since 2002, Started from lack of services for kids with ADHD, especially over the summer
  - Gretchen Gantz – camp director
  - Have 5 or 6 counselors who were campers themselves; Boling trainees also work at the camp
  - Age-based groups
  - Site has changed throughout the years, but enjoy using the Lichterman Center as the site (current site)
  - Fee: $175 before May 1, $195 after
  - Criteria for scholarship: disability and financial need
  - Also accepting volunteers

  - More info:
    - http://www.uthsc.edu/bcdd/training/community/ADHDcamp.php
    - please see attached PowerPoint, created by Belinda Hardy

Emma Shouse – Updates from the DD Council

  - TN is sending a team to a conference about employment of people with disabilities next week / hosted by national governors association → will report back at next CAC mtg
  - Leadership program – Ned Solomon is hosting Youth Readiness Days (day-long training for high school and transition – age students about self-advocacy, employment, other independent living issues)
Laurie Fleming – Updates from Vanderbilt
- Ditto on the conference
- Quarterly mtg on employment partnership group coming up
- Next Steps program just graduated its third class (3 students) last month

Gina Brady – Updates from DLAC
- New Director has taken office and has been visiting Memphis
- An exciting time at DLAC
- Will have data collection updates for next CAC mtg
- State transition age changing from TN’s 14 to federal 16; IEPs don’t have to have benchmarks. There will be public comments heard, but changes will likely to be made anyway.
- Heroes fundraiser coming up in Nashville – Kid President will be there!! $35 tickets – Sept. 14, 12pm-2pm
- Vocational Rehab will open its categories to make services more available to more people.

Dr. Palmer - Updates
- DD Network - joint agency leadership mtg – June 26, 2pm-3:30pm at DLAC office on Union Extd (but possibly Boling if Adobe Connect facilities are needed) → Dr. Palmer, Gina, Elizabeth, Melvin, and Ace can come; others on the CAC are welcome to attend as well.
  - As part of the DD Act, the network in each state is required to work together on shared issues – been working together since 2004 or 2005
  - Common general priorities :
    - Employment
    - Transition (leaving school / independent living)
    - Self-Advocacy
- Submitted UCEDD grant in early March. Have not heard back, but only foreseeable issue is perhaps sequestration budget revisions. Anticipate hearing back from them around late June.

Dr. Keisling – Updates
- Near conclusion of settlement with Arlington Development Center – one thing that may be done with settlement $$ is to be proactive in assisting people with a
development disability but do not have an intellectual disability (EG people with CP with no cognitive affectation) → pushing for family waiver model: discretion with self-advocate to dictate the funding

- Conference call and mtg with DIDD to discuss recent ruling of DOJ against Oregon for violating the ADA in re: their state’s system of service which, like TN, moves people with ID from school to sheltered workshop systems. This case has TN looking at its own practices. Violated Title II, Olmstead Mandate.
  - DIDD is looking at increasing compliance with national standards
  - TN DIDD is working with various groups to look at models for creating better employment, a new waiver system, and a toolkit for families to move towards more traditional employment options.
    - Let Bruce know if you would like to be involved with this.
    - More info:

- Working on changing clinical service delivery – mtg with Le Bonheur on migrating to electronic medical records system.

Elizabeth: Disability Mega-Conference
- Check out the website and register online!
  - [http://www.tndisabilitymegaconference.org/](http://www.tndisabilitymegaconference.org/)

UPCOMING CAC MEETINGS IN 2013:
- Aug. 21
- Oct. 16