Emerging Worker Committee Meeting
Herkimer, Madison and Oneida
May 25, 2016
8:30 A.M.
Kids Oneida

Attendance:
Karin Piseck, Alice Savino, Rochelle Ferro, Jenny Bryerton, Laurel Hartman, Marietta Phillips, Carol Ginster, Veronica Miller, Stephanie Heiland, Mary Kline, Suzanne Paddock, Kathleen Rinaldo, Robin Mattox, Art Rapp, Mary Ellen Dalton, Steven Bulger

Kathleen Rinaldo welcomed everyone at 8:33 A.M.

Approval of the 9.14.16 meeting minutes …….Approved…………M/S……..M. Phillips/C. Ginster

Changes to High School Equivalency Credential-Kathleen Rinaldo:
As of January 1, 2014, the Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC) replaced the GED in New York State as the test used to earn the NYS High School Equivalency Diploma. Other States continue to use the GED, the TASC test is currently the only test than lead to the High School Equivalency Diploma in New York State. While most New York State adults lacking a high school diploma are eligible to call us and sign up to take the TASC™ test, taking one of our free classes will greatly increase your likelihood of passing the TASC™. Our teachers work with resources designed specifically for TASC™ success; and, when you are ready, you will have access to the TASC Readiness Assessment (TRA), a TASC practice exam that helps us determine your chances of success on the test.

For more information about the TASC test, visit their website at www.tasctest.com
For more information about TASC™ test eligibility or to sign up to take the test, contact:

In Oneida: Carla Gualteri (315) 361-5922 cgualteri@bcce.moric.org
In Rome: Amelia Rose (315) 334-8000 arouse@bcce.moric.org
In Utica: Lucretia Hunt (315) 738-7306 lhunt@bcce.moric.org

*All literacy classes are offered at no cost to students*

Cross training at the Career Centers:
At each one of the Career Centers (Working Solutions) they have been providing cross training to partners who provide services for the centers, they talk about what they do, their criteria for services and how they access their services.

Career Connections partnership with Herkimer Career Center-Karin Piseck:
Career Connections, in partnership with Herkimer Working Solutions, will provide services to youth with disabilities—deemed eligible under the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA). Eligibility screening will be done using an objective assessment of the academic skill levels and service needs of each participant. Service strategies will be developed to identify relevant career pathways including education and employment goals and appropriate achievement objectives. Assistance will be provided leading to the attainment of a secondary school diploma, preparation for postsecondary educational and training opportunities, links between academic and occupational education, and preparation for unsubsidized employment. When appropriate, effective connections may be made with employers to provide meaningful work experiences or on the job training opportunities.

Services Available:
- Tutoring
- Alternative secondary school services
- Paid and unpaid work experiences
- Summer employment opportunities and other employment opportunities available throughout the year
- Pre-apprenticeship programs
- Internships and job shadowing
- On the job training
  - Occupational skills training education
  - Leadership development
- Supportive Services
- Adult Mentoring
- Follow-up Services
- Comprehensive guidance and counseling
- Financial literacy education
- Entrepreneurial skills training
- Labor market and employment information
- Transition Activities

Eligibility Criteria:
16-24 years old individuals with a documented disability who reside in Herkimer County and have a personal goal to seek an education, trade or career path.

Contact: Staci Nichols, Case Manager
Office: (315) 574-7893 Fax: (315) 866-5738
Email: snichols@archerkimer.org Career Connection Hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

NYATEP Youth Toolkit:
The NYATEP Youth Toolkit was provided for center workers to use with the new WIOA rules in 2017. Youth committee members are looking it over to get some ideas for programming in the new year. There are some really good “best practices” to look at.

Other Business:

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 9:50 A.M.

Next meeting: March 15, 2017@8:30 a.m. at…. TBD