

## **Transitions - Ann McNellis**

1. Located in Rock Island and Moline
2. Who they serve - children ages 5 and up. They have to have been impacted by mental health issues.
3. Offer mental health diagnosis.
4. Community Support service- linkage, completing applications for support services, maintaining job and support service.
5. Transitional housing program-24/7 care and teach independent living skills to increase independence after leaving.
6. 14-22 yr youth program - in school services provided. MSW therapist - Meygan Hull 309-283-1208
7. Community Support services - trauma approach - works with DRS office
8. 5-18 yr Child to Adolescent Program - Shannon - 26-30 schools served
9. Mental Health Services
10. Consultation and training
11. Referral Process - call intake worker at 309-283-1228
12. Parent or adult client should make the phone call to start the intake.

## **Community Service Options - Dawn Imel - imeldawn@mchsi.com**

1. Developmental Disabilities
2. 18 agencies in Illinois
3. Local Agency serves Rock Island and Mercer Counties
4. 10-12 year waiting list
5. 3 kids in the last 3 years placed from the PUNS list
6. 3-6 life areas are looked at in determining qualification. Needs have to be identified to get the process rolling.
7. Not able to come to IEPs due to funding cuts
8. Refer at 14-14 1/2 yrs old
9. If respite is needed or serious issues are involved, they may be able to get on earlier
10. Staff is willing to come to school events to introduce themselves to parents and give information ex. P/T Conferences or Open House
11. Information is confidential. Ask family to contact CSO if they're not sure if daughter or son is on the list.
12. A person can be placed on the PUNS list at any age.
13. Medicaid reform
  - a. The service system will look entirely different.
  - b. It will be very individual/client centered.....focusing on quality of life and what the individual is interested in.
  - c. Services will move towards community integration and individual/client centered

- d. Guardians don't have the right to take rights away from individuals even if they believe the client shouldn't have the right for a given reason.

14. Guardianship Guide - available on Rock Island County Clerk website

- a. Council for Quality Leadership provides guardianship training

15. Power of Attorney - when entering into one, the client must understand what he/she is agreeing on.

16. Handout/Take Away - Card set to use when talking to families.

17. Once on PUNS list

- a. Annually updated

- b. When drawn, profile plan is developed

- i. Work on choice process

- ii. Service coordinator assigned

- 1. Needs may change as client ages

- 2. Funding continues as needs are identified and eligible for Medicaid

- 3. Psychological report is needed before the age of 22