

Re: Welcome to the Early Reach Initiative and New Updates

Dear Valued Community Stakeholders:

The Early Reach Initiative has been in effect for the past three years as of August 2016. We are continuing to provide outreach to expand the Early Reach Initiative across the four counties we service, which includes Bucks, Chester, Montgomery, and Delaware. In order to achieve a successful expansion, we have acquired three more Early Reach Coordinators. Below is their contact information and the counties that they will service.

In previous years, we have invited you to participate with the Early Reach Initiative. This year we are hoping that you will continue to build relationships with the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation and collaborate for the betterment of our youth. Therefore, we are extending another invitation from the Norristown District Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) to participate with the Early Reach Initiative. The Early Reach Initiative will continue to provide consultation, education, outreach and supportive services for youth with disabilities beginning as early as age 14. Services will focus on pre-employment training activities and preparation for the transition from school to work.

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The local Early Reach Coordinators in your area will provide the following services to youth with a disability, school districts, social service providers, community members, and stakeholders:

- ❖ Provide Pre-Employment Transition Group Services and Trainings such as:
 - Workplace Readiness
 - Self-Advocacy
 - Independent Living Skills
 - Group and Individual Counseling
- ❖ Community education & awareness workshops such as:
 - Who is the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation? (OVR 101)
 - The Six Essential Soft Skills for Workplace Success.
 - Successful Navigation of the OVR and Transition Process.
- ❖ Advocacy & Referral Services for youth and families with disabilities.
- ❖ Individualized outreach for at-risk youth with disabilities that require additional support.

We look forward to partnering with you to build a community that will support our youth during their transition process.

Sincerely,

Norristown District Office of Vocational Rehabilitation