

## **Transition Newsletter**

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Community Habilitation is a Medicaid-funded program operated under OPWDD to provide one-on-one training to people with intellectual/developmental disabilities to develop or enhance the skills needed to live more independently in their homes or in the community.

#### **Who can Community Habilitation support?**

Community Habilitation supports the person's life Plan and contains activities that are developed to help the person achieve his/her goals. It is then implemented through home visits and community activities as set by a schedule between the person with intellectual/developmental disabilities and the Residential Habilitation Specialist. Although a person can be authorized for the services regardless of where he/she lives, the service cannot take place in a certified location.

#### **Different supports for Community Habilitation**

- Adaptive skill development
- Community inclusion and relationship building
- Development of social skills
- Travel training
- Money management
- Leisure skills

- Appropriate behavior development to help the individual access their community

## Who is Eligible?

To participate in Community Habilitation, the person needs to contact Office of People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) intake team, have his/her eligibility confirmed and have that service recommended. For people already receiving supports, their care manager can assist them in obtaining Community Habilitation if appropriate.

## Spotlight

### Michael McNiff

Teacher of the Pathways to Graduation Program(P2G)

It is a pleasure to announce that we have a Pathways to Graduation Program (P2G) GED Program being taught by Mr. Mc Niff at our 401X Site. Students who meet the programs entry requirements have the opportunity to earn their High School Equivalency Diploma (HSE) and move on to careers and higher education. In the P2G program, students engage in a highly intensive high school equivalency curriculum. Students are supported by content-specialist teachers, paraprofessionals, related service providers and Mr. Mc Niff. Students who demonstrate competency in meeting content standards are recommended by their content-teachers to take the GED exam. While this is the first year of the P12X/D79 P2G program collaboration, we are confident that our partnership will be the create a bridge to success and opportunity for the students of our school community.

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Es un placer anunciar que tenemos un programa de GED Pathways to Graduation Program (P2G) impartido por el Sr. McNiff en nuestro sitio 401X. Los estudiantes que cumplen con los requisitos de ingreso al programa tienen la oportunidad de obtener su Diploma de Equivalencia de Escuela Secundaria (HSE) y avanzar hacia carreras y educación superior. En el programa P2G, los estudiantes participan en un plan de estudios de equivalencia de escuela secundaria altamente intensivo. Los estudiantes son apoyados por maestros especialistas en

contenido, paraprofesionales, proveedores de servicios relacionados y el Sr. McNiff. Los profesores de contenido recomiendan a los estudiantes que demuestren competencia en el cumplimiento de los estándares de contenido para que tomen el examen de GED. Si bien este es el primer año de la colaboración del programa P2G P12X / D79, estamos seguros de que nuestra asociación será la creación de un puente hacia el éxito y la oportunidad para los estudiantes de nuestra comunidad escolar.