

Monday Bulletin on Services to Youth

To Coordinate... To Enhance... To Serve... Through Communication...

Editor in Transition

Dear Readers,



After two years as editor of the *Monday Bulletin*, eight years as a rehabilitation consultant dedicated to Transition, several prior years as a supervisor, trainer and vocational rehabilitation counselor, I am saying “goodbye.”

The *Monday Bulletin* was created by my former supervisor and friend, Rosanne Renauer; previously staffed by Gail Faulkner and Bill Leavell, with layout and design by Julie Eckhardt, and distributed by Amie Weber. They created a tool with a history that was easy to carry forward. The *Monday Bulletin* won the 2006 National Rehabilitation Excellence in Media Award, and now has a readership of over 1000 individuals. I hope that this Michigan Rehabilitation Services legacy is continued and that I can now become a reader of the Bulletin, as I enjoy a morning cup of coffee at my home computer.

Upon retiring from MRS, I will not forget people with disabilities, and the educational, empowerment and employment issues faced by students involved in the Transition process. I intend to continue counseling and consulting, and maybe even contributing an occasional article to the Bulletin. “Thanks” goes to you, Julie Eckhardt, our producer. “Thanks” to the many writers who contributed to *Monday Bulletins*. Most importantly, thank you, readers, for your loyal readership. I hope this was a newsletter worth reading!

I hope we meet again,

Lynn Boza

Obtaining Mental Health Services for Transition-Age Youth: A Desk Aid for Rehabilitation Counselors & Transition Coordinators

Severity of condition determines the type of services an individual needs and relates to how those services may be funded. The Child & Adolescent Functional Assessment Scale (CAFAS) is used to determine functional impairment. CAFAS measures functioning at home, at school and in the community.

For individuals age 6-17, severity is determined by the following factors:

- DSM IV diagnosis
- Duration of over 12 months
- Degree of functional impairment

Treatment options can include Person-Centered Practices, therapy and medication. Services are funded in a variety of ways.

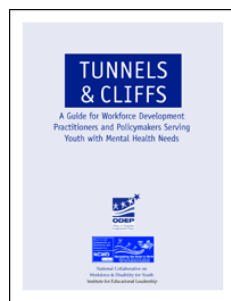
Visit the following sites to find out more:

Local Mental Health Services

www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-2945_5101-14792-,00.html

Medicaid Provider Manual

www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-2945_5100-87572-,00.html



Tunnels and Cliffs A Guide for Serving Youth with Mental Health Needs

The U.S. Department of Labor’s Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) developed this guide to help workforce development practitioners, administrators, and policy makers increase their understanding of youth with mental health needs and the supports necessary to help them transition into the workforce successfully. The guide is based on the Guideposts for Success. Obtain *Tunnels & Cliffs* free on the web at: www.ncwd-youth.info/resources_&_Publications/mental_health.html

