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Community Connection Service Outline

Purpose:

The purpose of the community connection service is to assist a person to become a valued member of their community, develop sustainable relationships and build natural supports within their community.

Services provided by a Community Connector at each phase:

Discovery Service/ Person Centered Planning (2 hour sessions, once per week, for approximately 2 - 3 months)

1. Meet one on one with the person using Person Centered Planning tools to identifying what is important to and for the person around community inclusion and relationships.
2. Facilitate discovery conversations with person's support team to get further input on goals around inclusion and relationships for the person
3. Identify the person's strengths, interests and barriers around community inclusion and relationships
4. Identify the person's goals (themes) around community inclusion and relationships
5. Develop a summary of Person Centered discovery and list of outcomes and action steps around the person's identified goals that include strategies and supports to assist the person in making connections with people in the community

Connection Service (dependent on the person's identified goals, 2 to 4 hours per week, for approximately 3 - 4 months)

1. Research and identify possible opportunities for the person to connect in their community or with a person with intent to develop a personal friendship.
2. Create and teaching specific support and strategies around the person's strengths and barriers to the specific connection opportunity
3. Provide one to one support to the person when meeting or participating in the community connection (first and ongoing meetings or participation)
4. Assess the person's reactions, interactions, and skill level, during the connection opportunity to identify further supports and strategies to train and develop interpersonal social skills.
5. Provide tools and teach social skills to the person
6. Act as a liaison to the community and person supported

Sustainability Service (dependent on the person's identified goals, 2 hours per week, for approximately 3 - 4 months)

1. Assess the person's ability to maintain relationship or community connection more independently or with natural support
2. Identify a plan with the person, community member, and support team to fade community connector support
3. Provide training and resource to support team for sustaining person's relationship in the community
4. Provide strategies and tools around interpersonal social skills to the person and their support team.

Community Connector Specialist:

RSI's Community Connector is trained in Person Centered Practices, is a Person-Centered Thinking Coach and has been implementing these services for 2 years through the Department of Human Services Innovation grant. During the grant, RSI's Community Connector was mentored by Angela Novak Amado and has studied the research of John McKnight, Mike Green, and Beth Mount to develop our community connection process. He is also a certified coach in Motivational Interviewing through EckMaahs and Associates Training and Consulting LLC. RSI is a licensed 245D provider, therefore, we've determined that our Community Connector will comply with 245D training as best practice and will

follow the person's assessed risks and supports needed for maintaining health and safety as identified in their current CSSP & CSSP Addendum.

Billing:

The Community Connector service can be billed under the waiver service 'Specialist Services' for those on BI, CAC, CADI and DD waivers.

Rate:

Our rate for our Community Connector service is \$51.44 an hour or \$12.86 per unit.

Hour requested for each service: (these hours may vary depending on the person's goals and supports needed)

- 25 hours for the Discovery
- 30 hours for Connecting
- 30 hours Sustainability