



# Community Participation Supports Emerging Practices Webinar

*Western Region*

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- Welcome
- This is the second in at least four Webinars on innovative, remote Community Participation Services
- These remote services were a necessary outgrowth of the COVID 19 Crisis and the need for social distancing.
- The response to remote Community Participation Services has been overwhelmingly positive with requests for this service option to be continued after the crisis.



- About two months ago we requested CPS Providers statewide to submit descriptions of their innovative services.
- We had an internal committee review the numerous submissions, to identify Agencies in each region that could give a taste of the possibilities offered by remote services.



- Today we would like to Present 2 remote CPS services that operate in and around the Western Region.
- Our agencies and presenters today will be:

Dickinson Center, Inc.

Marsha Dippold, Director

Bryan Linton, Program Supervisor

McGuire Memorial

Amy Prisuta, Director

Nicole Moravec, Director



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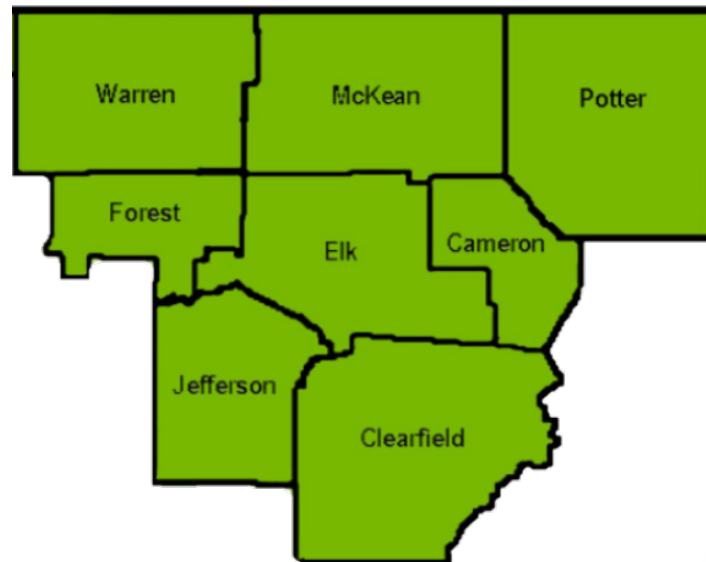


Presented by:  
Marsha Dippold  
and  
Bryan Linton



# Introduction

- Dickinson Center, Inc. is a private, nonprofit, charitable organization located in Northwest Central Pa
- Serving the following counties:
  - Elk
  - Cameron
  - Potter
  - McKean
  - Jefferson
  - Warren
  - Clearfield
  - Forest



# DCI Other Services

## Mental Health Services

- Therapy
- Psychiatry
- Blended Case Management
- Peer Support
- Mobile Psych Rehab
- Drop In Centers
- Partial Hospitalization Programs
- Coming soon LTSR

## Children's Services

- PAT
- SOS
- IOP
- In School Programs
- Staying Connected with your Teen



# DCI IDD Programs

- Group Homes
- Adult Day Programs
- Lifesharing
- HAB
- Elkwood Arts
- Employment Support Services



# General Assistance

- DCI Community Help Line
- Consumer Safety
- Staff Safety

**COMMUNITY  
HELPLINE**

**(814) 776-0205**

*Call if you need help connecting to resources such as food,  
supplies, support services, etc.*

*We will do our best to connect you with what you need.*

*This service is available:*

**Monday - Friday, 8am-4pm**

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# IDD Programs

- Contacted consumers and families
- Provided assistance as needed
- Encouraged remote contact with families
- Set up Zoom meetings between consumers, families, other providers, SC



# Initial preparedness

- COVID Back Up/Emergency Disaster Plan
- COVID Trainings and Binder
- Ongoing coordination with other agencies such as SC, OVR, other providers
- Assisted families as needed
- Safety Protocol !!  
Can't review this enough!!



# Reporting Obligations

- Filing for Unemployment Compensation
- Assistance with stimulus payment
- Letters to SSA
- Reporting to other financial agencies



# Pre Employment

- Resumes
- Practice Interviewing Skills
- Assessments and Interest Inventory
- Registration on job sites
- Discussion of appropriate work behaviors, soft skills, etc.



# Employment

- On The Job Support
- Off the Job Support
- Ongoing coordination with employers
- Review of Job duties



# Links

- Dickinson Center Inc.
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- Facebook
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- Journey Health Systems
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# McGuire Memorial

*Amy Prisuta – Director*

*Nicole Moravec – Director*

# McGuire Memorial Remote Services & CPS



# McGuire Memorial Background

- Co-sponsored ministry of the Felician Sisters and the Diocese of Pittsburgh
- Located in Western Pennsylvania - founded in 1963
- Non-for-profit, non-denominational facility with unique programs for children and adults with profound physical and intellectual disabilities
- Provides both residential and day program services



Employment Option Center



Main Campus - Intermediate Care Facility



Life Enrichment Adult Program

## Need for Remote Services

- McGuire Memorial closed the Employment Option Center and the Life Enrichment Adult Program on March 16, 2020
- Teams researched a variety of digital approaches for remote instruction
- Staff worked to think outside of the box to find ways to continue to provide activities



# Platform for Remote Services

Various platforms were researched for virtual instruction - **Reasons we chose Google Classroom...**


- Familiarity
- Accessibility
- Communication
- Feedback






# Preparing for Remote Services



- iPad setup/distribution
- Training staff/families
- Supplies needed for activities






**Covid-19 Resources**  0 students


 



**Lisa Schaney**  27 students


 



**Darian Cole**  2 students


 



**Scott Florence**  2 students


 



**Al Solazzo**  2 students


 



**Nancy Taylor**  2 students


 



**Staci Jobe**  26 students


 



**Music**  36 students


 



**Greenhouse**  43 students


 



**Spirituality Classroom**  40 students


 



**Valerie McCracken**  27 students


 



**Molly Morley**  12 students


 



**Willi Cleckley**  25 students

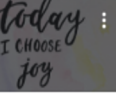
 



**Alyssa Andrew**  27 students


 



**Josh Morehouse**  35 students

**Abby Couper** *today I CHOOSE joy*  40 students

**Lori Theadore**  39 students

**Community**  36 students



# Lori Theadore

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## Upcoming

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Share something with your class...



Lori Theadore  
8:48 AM



Its National Fry day! Here is a video on how frozen french fries are made!



How It's Made Frozen Fre...  
YouTube video 5 minutes



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Lori Theadore  
8:21 AM



Good morning! Happy Monday!! Today we will be starting a new book! Here is chapter 1&2 of Bridge to Terabithia. I hope you enjoy!



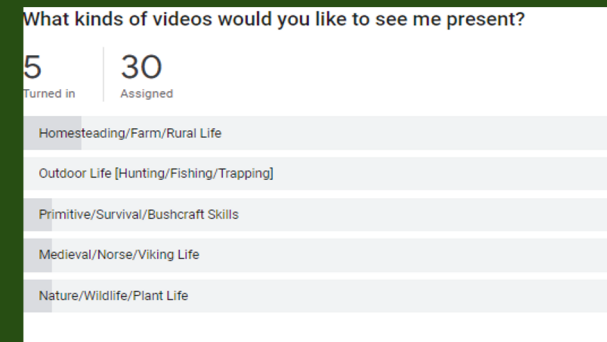
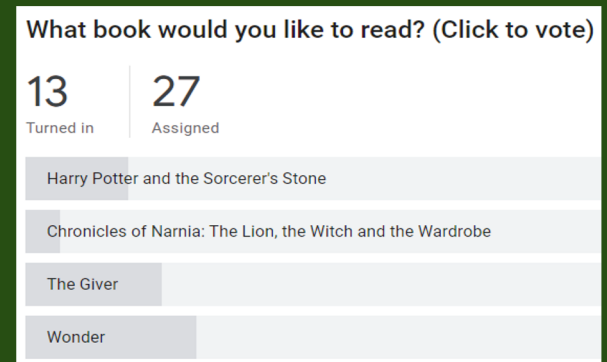
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Bridge to Terabithia Chap...  
YouTube video 11 minutes

# Person Centered Planning

- Surveys/Questionnaires were made to find the areas of interest of the individuals
- Individuals had the opportunity to choose which classroom activities to participate in



# Topics Covered During Remote Services

- Virtual Tours
- Musical Events
- Art Projects
- Baking Activities
- Science Experiments



# Additional Topics Covered During Remote Services

- Health & Wellness
- Holiday Celebrations
- Literature
- Virtual Games/Tours



# Greenhouse Classroom

- Video tours of State and local parks
- Wildflower and bird recognition videos
- Science quizzes/activities



# Spirituality Classroom

- Live Catholic and Non-Denominational Services
- Mission leader posted daily uplifting stories



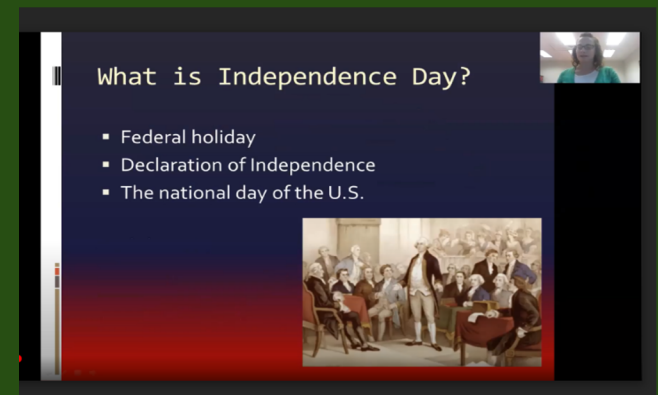
# COVID-19 Resources/Classroom

- Social Stories
- Videos
- Hand Washing/Germ Activities
- I'll Be There For You Staff Video



# Billable Remote Services

- 1:1/ & 1:2/1:3 Virtual Community Participation Supports
- Virtual School to Work Transitions





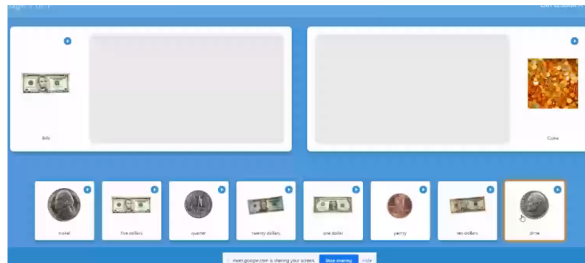
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Identifying and counting coins

Making change

Identifying values

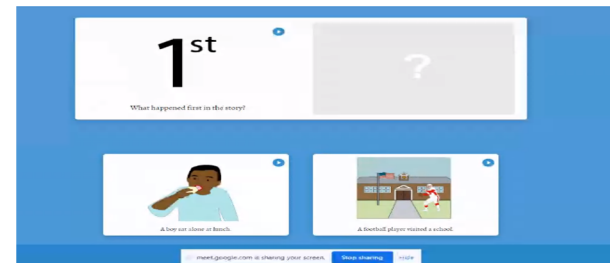


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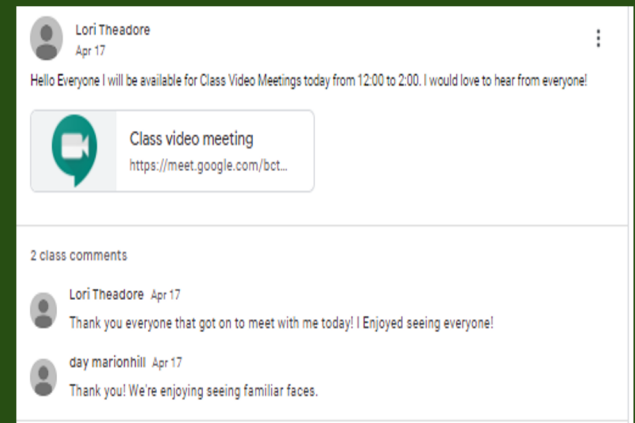
Reading comprehension

Answering questions in sentence form



# Benefits of Remote Services

- Maintain relationships
- Continued normalcy/routine
- Flexibility
- Self Paced
- 1:1 Individualized and small group instruction



# Ongoing Remote Services

- McGuire's day programs reopened on July 6, 2020 part-time in order to ensure the individuals were able to social distance
- McGuire Memorial will continue to offer remote services for the individuals who are not scheduled to attend the day program
- Some individuals are only comfortable or able to return at a modified schedule



## Question & Answer Session

To submit a question for our presenters, navigate to the question pane of your GoToWebinar panel and enter your question in the text field.

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