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Wayne ARC Awarded BIP (Balancing Incentives) Grant

Wayne ARC receives grant to pursue alternative housing and work options for the people they serve.

Wayne ARC is pleased to announce that they have been awarded a Balancing Incentives Grant through the Office of People with Developmental Disabilities. The \$203,570 grant will pay for consultants to evaluate and recommend housing options and work opportunities for the people we serve and will also provide for staff training.

While New York's Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) for individuals with developmental disabilities have made significant progress in meeting the commitments of the Transformation Agreement there is still significant progress to be made in reaching the multi-year plan to achieve robust integrated employment and self-direction models, expand community based housing options and develop a responsive and accountable quality infrastructure. Therefore, the BIP Transformation Fund offers a unique opportunity to engage New York's broad network of highly qualified Developmental Disabilities providers, advocates and local governments in developing systemic improvements that address barriers encountered when working to transform the system of care for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Wayne ARC Executive Director, David Calhoun, sees this grant as a great opportunity to provide housing and work environments that meet the needs of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. "We are very excited to be able to offer additional resources for the individuals we serve and their families as well as being able to expand options that further integrate people into the communities in which they live and work. We think of this as a win-win situation, it will benefit both the communities of Wayne County and the people with developmental disabilities served by us".

Wayne ARC is a private, not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization serving over 1400 people with and without developmental and intellectual disabilities throughout Wayne County. Wayne ARC is also a premier employer locally with over 550 employees. For more information regarding Wayne ARC or to inquire about employment opportunities, please contact us at 315-331-7741, visit us on the web at www.waynearc.org or connect with us on facebook.