Grand Opening January 2015!

**Community Center Trajectory Worksheet:**

**Organizational Contributions:**
*Skills, Experience, Attributes, Talents that contribute to the culture.*

- 30 plus years providing services and supports
- Experience in Targeted Case Management (TCM)
- Experiences in networking and partnering
- Early adopters of new ideas!
- Active in the Community
- Embraces change!

**VISION for the New Community Center and its role in a GOOD LIFE for people in our community**

**Long term desires and goals:**

It is our long term goal that the New Community Center be a hub for community life engagement activities in Monroe City. Promoting personal growth through opportunity, experience and exposure.

It is our vision that the Community Center will become part of the larger community... viewed as a resource and a valuable part of an inclusive diverse community that people engage in and promote to others.

**Conditions:**
- Good Leadership
- Talented Staff
- Training & Skill Development
- Access to Technology & Staff skilled to use it

**Preferences:**
- Wide variety of activities, classes, etc. to engage diverse group of people (ages, etc.)
- To access classes outside the center
- Engage volunteers to teach some classes in the Center and utilize talents in the Community
- Financial Support to assist in Center operation

**Vision:**
- Fun Activities!
- Participation by Individuals
- Participation by the Community
- Community Engagement
- Real Life Experiences!

**What we DON’T Want**

- Segregation
- Lack of Respect
- People idle, people sitting around doing nothing
- Staff congregating together and not engaging visitors to the Center
- Meaningless activities
- Activities that are not age appropriate
- Lack of Enthusiasm
- Lack of Motivation
- Inappropriate Activities, Supplies, etc.
- Boring... Same old, Same old activities and environment
- Lack of Planning

**Public Forum Held to engage community members**

**LOQW Board Meeting – Initial**

**Contest held to name Community Center**

**Present Name Contest entries to LOQW Board for vote**

**Funding Request & Name Contest Finalists to SB40**

**Anticipated Opening of Community Center in January 2016**
Community Center “To Do” List…

- Name Community Center
- Use Integrated Supports Star tool to help target the characteristics of staff we want in the Center
- Post Job Opening to the Public
- Outreach to recruit talented energetic staff
- Hire Staff to Coordinate the Community Center
- Begin Marketing & Outreach
- Meet with TCM Service Coordinators to change authorization of services and update goals
- Plan activities, classes, partnerships, etc.
- Order supplies
- Organize old program room for new community center culture
- Set hours
- Get announcement in newspaper & on Facebook
- Schedule and plan for “Grand Opening” with Chamber of Commerce and Ribbon Cutting
- Continue with ongoing marketing and outreach

Charting the Life Course

What is Charting the Life Course?

How does it relate to the New Community Center?

Charting the Life Course is a framework that was developed to help individuals with disabilities and families at any age or stage of life think about what they need to know, identify how to find or develop supports, and discover what it takes to live the lives they want to live. Individuals and families may focus on their current situation and stage of life but may also find it helpful to look ahead to start thinking about what they can do or learn now that will help build an inclusive productive life in the future.

Charting the Life Course is based on the following beliefs and principles:

- Life a journey; our lives are not static, they change every day
- It is all about vision; anything is possible with the right vision
- Everything is connected; what you do today affects your life in the future
- Our overall compass for people with disabilities and their families is quality of life

The New Community Center will embrace the philosophy of Charting the Life Course, its framework, and tools for conversations in day to day activities, in staff development and planning, and of course the overall culture of the center encouraging individuals with disabilities and families (in all their various forms) to engage themselves and embrace their role in the larger community as a whole.