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Mohawk Valley Collaboration
RCIL and YWCA Utica, NY

Resource Center for Independent Living is an Independent Living Center, providing supports, resources and services to individuals with disabilities; YWCA is the sole provider of abuse services in Oneida County.

Our work has and will effect change in all residential and non-residential programs at YWCA and in the advocacy, adult day services and licensed home care departments at RCIL. Our collaboration's efforts will affect people with all types of disabilities.

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2016 Products and Publications

- **Needs Assessment Plan**, approved August 2016. This plan outlined and guided our process; it identified the roles and responsibilities of collaboration members, helped develop the questions to ask listening session participants, and addressed the gathering of information for analysis. It was written by the collaboration, technical assistance provided by A. Brown, Vera Institute. The development of this plan gave the collaboration the direction and focus needed to gather the relevant information we needed to identify our agency's areas in need of improvement.
- **Needs Assessment Report**, approved October 2016. This report included the key findings identified during the Needs Assessment, laying the groundwork for our Strategic Plan. This was written by the collaboration, technical assistance provided by A. Brown, Vera Institute.
- **Strategic Plan**, approved 12/29/16. This plan provides a detailed explanation of the key activities the collaboration will be working on during the implementation phase of the grant, and includes a detailed timeline for completion. This too was written by the collaboration, with technical assistance provided by A. Brown, Vera Institute. This plan, and especially the timeline will help with keeping the collaboration, and other staff members on track as we work our way through our activities, leading to enhanced services at both agencies. The collaboration has enlisted the help of other

staff members from each organization, to help with the development of both policy and training curricula for staff.