



NE Family Youth System Partner Meetings & Activities

April 6, 2017

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The NE FYSPRT met on April 6, 2017 at Spokane Community Services Bldg., 312 W 8th Ave., Spokane, WA and was called to order by the Youth Lead Morgan Gabriel. Also present was Family Co-leads Becky Bates and Helen Franklin and System Lead Liz Perez. Twenty (20) members and guests attended representing families, youth, and system partners.

PRESENTATIONS

Rosey Thurman and Dan Ophardt, attorneys with TeamChild, provided an overview of their organization and the services they provide.

TeamChild is a legal aid group providing services to youth age 12 to 21. They do not represent individuals in criminal law cases but do provide assistance with educational issues such as 504 and discipline issues, mental health services, accessibility to services, housing, substance use, and emancipation, for example. Anyone can make a referral, including family, individuals themselves, school counselors, etc. They provide services in Spokane County only. However, if an individual living in Spokane County has an issue in another county, TeamChild may help provide assistance.

TeamChild works in collaboration with Gonzaga Law School for issues relating to sealing of juvenile records. Confidentiality, including whether an individual even contacted TeamChild, is always maintained. Priority for services are those individuals at risk or those with juvenile court issues.

TeamChild has two local attorneys (Rosey and Dan) and the organization has offices in King, Pierce, Snohomish, and Yakima Counties.

Seventy-three percent (73%) of youth referred to TeamChild get back in school. When an individual has been served by TeamChild, new offenses have been cut in half. TeamChild legal services are free and voluntary.

TeamChild staff train community members on the legal issues their clients experience. Trainings provide concrete tools and strategies for advocates to make sure youth get the services they need.

Rosey provided brochures on the organization for NE FYSPRT members and was thanked for her presentation.

STATEWIDE FYSPRT

Becky provided the statewide FYSPRT team with the NE FYSPRT feedback. It was acknowledged that BHAS still needs some adjustment to ensure accuracy of the information. NE FYSPRT received recognition that WISE information is a monthly agenda item.



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WISe UPDATES

Stephanie provided an update on the status of the WISe teams. There are 26 active teams, including two in Stevens County (one in Chewelah and one in Colville). The BHO continues to work with the outlying counties to provide support and consultation for their implementation of WISe teams.

Passages Family Support is going live this week. They have one fully staffed team with staff vacancies on the other teams. They have had three referrals and are ready to accept clients.

Institute for Family Development has 9 families with one opening. Staffing remains an issue.

Lutheran Social Services has two teams with one opening. They are fully staffed.

Excelsior has five teams and are processing referrals.

FBH has 9 teams and are processing referrals for their openings.

New Alliance (Stevens County) does not have on-call staff and they are still recruiting for staff.

Stephanie reported they're getting referrals across the spectrum, including individual practitioners. Quarterly, the BHO reviews its own data and will provide information to the NE FYSPT.

NEW BUSINESS

Becky provided evaluation data from DBHR on the WISe program through June 30, 2016. Natural supports were a significant point of discussion. Knowing the value of natural supports is valuable to success. By the end of an individual's service with WISe, natural supports will come forward. Research shows that individuals require 18 months in WISe services rather than fewer months to ensure success. Members discussed the value of coming back for "checkups" after graduating from WISe. The results of the initial research were preliminary and the research group was small. Care Coordinators had concerns in that the data produced by BHAS was not accurate. There are questions regarding the CANS and how the tool worked.

This evaluation was required by the lawsuit and it is unknown what additional evaluation processes will be accomplished in the future. There were only 3 teams during the evaluation period and some of the bigger counties were not involved because they were not live. WISe is offered to every individual coming out of inpatient care. The number of families declining WISe is not tracked but it is a small number. Currently, there are 23 children in CLIP: 7 voluntary and 16 involuntary.

Stephanie indicated that if anyone wanted a presentation on WISe, she would be able to provide information.

Justin Johnson, BHO New Alliance contact, was introduced.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Travis Rybarski, statewide FYSPRT, was introduced. He is now in Spokane and will be participating in the NE FYSPRT meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m. Next meeting is 5/4/17. Helen and Becky will be at a meeting on the west side in May. Youth 'N Action and the County will present next month.