



**NE Family Youth System Partner Meeting Minutes
NE FYSPRT
November 18, 2021**

Introduction

Increasing Tribal/Diverse Community/Family/Youth Involvement

Davina York, System Partner Co-Tri Lead

The NE FYSPRT met on November 18, 2021. Becky Hammill convened the meeting via Zoom. Co-System Partner Tri Leads Davina York and Gail Kogle, Youth Tri lead Ashley James and Family Tri Lead Helen Harding were present. Davina welcomed 25 attendees with 11 family, tribal and youth members, and 14 system partners. Davina began the meeting by sharing the acknowledgement that we are living and working on land that originally belonged to the Tribes.

Davina shared the purpose and mission of the Northeast Family, Youth and System Partner Round Table (NE FYSPRT).

General NE FYSPRT Business

A. Contract/Compliance – Community Education

The Fig Tree Resource Directory/Services

Matthew Haworth with The Fig Tree provided a historical perspective of the origination and concept of the Fig Tree. The organization publishes a monthly newspaper and annual resource directory. Mr. Haworth indicated that the concept of the newspaper is peace journalism, with a focus on making a difference and inspiration. The website thefigtree.org is updated regularly. The organization offers resources that are more comprehensive than those identified by calling 211 or other organizations and covers much of extreme eastern WA (and Okanogan County) and northern Idaho. Sixteen thousand print copies of the directory are provided to faith organizations, those organizations in the directory, and others to share with clients. Anyone can call the agency and ask for a print version of the directory.

The website identifies resources for testing and vaccinations for COVID19 and they will be updating it with food locations for the holidays in the next few days.

An individual can find resources by using the Table of Contents or the index. There are several pages with multiservice organizations.

The website now identifies a map that can show resources close to an individual's neighborhood. Approximately 90-95% of the resources identified in



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the print version are now on the map. The NE FYSPRT members felt that the map was a great addition to the directory and will be very helpful.

Mr. Haworth will send the calendar for Thanksgiving to Becky Hammill for distribution to the NE FYSPRT members.

He explained how to add an organization to the directory by emailing resourcedirectory@thefigtree.org.

Mr. Haworth was thanked for his comprehensive overview of this important resource in our community.

B. Regional Issues

Old Business: SMS issues

Becky will be ready to present the transportation issue to the December statewide FYSPRT. She is working on the document to present to the group for consensus for leadership to review it and possibly request HCA review of transportation contracts to be more current (especially in addressing transportation for children/youth).

C. New Business - Open Forum

- No issues were identified for the Statewide meeting in December.
- Members asked for an update regarding the respite beds at Excelsior Wellness Center – there were questions regarding whether the beds were available yet and who was eligible to utilize them (Excelsior clients only or other agencies as well).
- Future meeting topics: members asked for information on the DCR/ITA system and protocols, voluntary admissions to INBH, the new diversion hospital operated by Pioneer Services, INDEx, a center operated by Disability Action Center NW, housing opportunities (perhaps SNAP, Catholic Charities, or VOA could speak to housing), resources for families and young children (Zia Freeman indicated she had a training on holiday stress for adults who are taking care of young children and she offered it to NE FYSPRT members).



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Additional information was requested on food and gifts for families during the holidays. It was noted that the Christmas Bureau, Tree of Sharing and Project Beauty Share are all operating this year.

A speaker for the Stay and Play at Vanessa Behan crisis nursery would also be a good topic for 2022.

Meeting Evaluation/Next Meeting

Members attending today's meeting were asked to complete the NE FYSPRT evaluation. The next meeting will be remote via Zoom on December 16, 2021.