



**NE Family Youth System Partner Meeting Minutes  
NE FYSPRT  
October 17, 2024**

**Introduction**

**Increasing Tribal/Diverse Community/Family/Youth Involvement**

**Becky Hammill, Convener**

The NE FYSPRT met on October 17, 2024. Becky Hammill convened the meeting via Zoom and welcomed 22 participants with 6 family, tribal, diverse and youth members, and 16 system partners. Davina Akiu and Gail Kogle, System Partner Co-Tri Leaders were present. Davina began the meeting by sharing the acknowledgement that we are living and working on land that originally belonged to the Tribes.

**Davina reviewed the purpose of the regional FYSPRTs**

The NE FYSPRT serves as a platform for bringing the voice of youth, families, and system partners together to identify the strengths, challenges, and gaps that exist in the regional behavioral health system of care.

**And the NE FYSPRT Values Statement**

We work continuously to provide a welcoming meeting environment for all attendees. Questions about the content or process of the NE FYSPRT meetings are welcomed. All who attend are treated with respect and dignity. We value improvement and innovation in publicly funded behavioral health for children, youth, and families.

**General NE FYSPRT Business**

**A. Contract/Compliance – Community Education/Regional Issues/Work Plan  
Project Beauty Share – Julie Farley**

Julie introduced Project Beauty Share, which is a program in eastern WA that provides non-profits with personal hygiene and beauty projects for individuals and families. They provide these products to over 120 agencies and have served over 65,000 families with over 60,000 pounds of product. The organization receives new unused items from large corporations and receive new and gently used items from individuals. They have holiday gift bags and items that they provide to food banks to provide to families. The organization also has specialty items for Mother's Day, Valentine's Day, etc. The recipient organizations include NE FYSPRT's Self-Care Fair, schools, YWCA, Inland Partners NW, and they have provided products in Chewelah, Cusick, and to the Tribes. They provide product that meet the needs of our diverse community. Project Beauty Share has a warehouse and other locations throughout the community with drop-off bins for donations. To request



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products, just check the organization's website at [projectbeautyshare.org](http://projectbeautyshare.org). Donations have been down following the pandemic but a positive impact they provide is that if an organization has its own budget for hygiene products, they can help obtain bulk supplies.

Julie shared information on their annual fundraiser, the next one will be August 17, 2025. She was thanked for her informational presentation and services to the community.

**Standing Reports**

**A. Behavioral Health Advocacy**

Gail indicated that at the last forum, the group discussed the loss of pediatric inpatient beds with the closure of the PCCA. Families discussed the short notice, the difficulty with transportation to the west side where there are available beds, and the challenges with neurodivergent care being so sparse in our community. The families wanted to identify how they can have a stronger voice and find community resources for early intervention, and respite for parents and children. One definite need that was identified was services for autism spectrum disorder. Josh Henderson with Spokane County discussed the new Burien facility and provided a flyer. Eric Dotson spoke about Akin's early intervention programs. REACH was also identified. Gail will share her notes from the forum with Becky who will send them out to NE FYSPRT members.

**B. WISe Update**

Davina indicated that all WISe programs are full and most have an interest list. There had been some discussion about not enough intensive hours with WISe and Davina reminded the group that 10.5 hours per month is the minimum standard. Most programs stay at capacity of 10 clients, up to 12 if some are in transition. No agency can go over 15 clients in a team. Being on call 24/7 365 days causes massive burnout among providers and this needs to be addressed regionally and statewide.

There was discussion that the Task Force is underutilized and can be a resource for families; it's not limited just to CLIP needs. If families and teams are struggling, consider reaching out to the Task Force.



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**NE FYSPRT Regional Issues**

**A. Biennial Needs Assessment**

Becky raised multiple points throughout the meeting that were included in the 2024-25 Needs Assessment. Several other points included:

- Virtual vs in person meetings. If virtual meetings are not working for individuals, please let Becky know.
- Absence of youth – Becky reminded all members that the definition of youth is age 13-28 and that there are several members who meet that definition and should identify as youth

Becky will use the Needs Assessment to draft the 2024-25 Work Plan that she will send to members for discussion at the November meeting.

**Announcements:**

Quenstesa was introduced as the State Youth Tri-Lead attending today's meeting. Welcome.

**Meeting Evaluation/Next Meeting:** Members attending the meeting were asked to complete the NE FYSPRT evaluation. Becky clarified that if a member is paid by an agency for attending the NE FYSPRT meetings, they are not eligible for gift cards but are still asked to complete the meeting evaluation.

The next meeting is November 15<sup>th</sup> via Zoom.