



**NE Family Youth System Partner Meeting Minutes
NE FYSPRT
July 16, 2026**

Welcome – Becky Hammill, Convener

Increasing Tribal/Diverse Community/Family/Youth Involvement

The NE FYSPRT met on July 16, 2026. Ashley James, Youth Tri-Lead convened the meeting via Zoom and welcomed 22 participants with 11 parent and youth members, and 11 system partners. Sabrena Hindberg, Family Tri- Lead, and Gail Kogle, System Partner Co Tri-Lead were present.

Ashley 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
Spokane Neighborhood Action Program (SNAP) – Tsai Ross**

Tsai Ross, the SNAP Outreach Coordinator, provided an overview of the services that SNAP provides in Spokane. They have been in existence for 60 years and their foundational focus is: Live, Learn, and Thrive. SNAP's goal is to improve human potential and economic security.

Live seeks to offer basic needs so clients may then develop the tools to reach full potential.

- Housing assistance (foreclosure prevention loans, rapid rehousing, mortgage default counseling, and single homeless coordinated assessment)
- Home repairs and energy assistance to help with heating/cooling repairs/costs, repairs to address changes in living situations (wheelchair ramps), weatherization, low-interest home repair loans



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- Educational opportunities for financial and housing stability
- Energy conservation

Learn offers skill-building and educational opportunities designed to help clients reach their full potential

- Energy Conservation education
- Home buyer education
- Homeless street outreach
- Money management education
- Credit building workshops
- Navigating your credit world/Decisive credit building
- D.R.A.I.N. your bad debt

Thrive offers programs and services to help clients go beyond day-to-day living and reach their full potential

- Lending and banking services such as business loans and low interest home repair loans
- Long-term care ombudsman
- SNAP resource rides – volunteers who provide transportation for seniors or individuals living with disabilities
- Options through the 211 program
- Credit building expertise

Join SNAP for the SNAP Summer Resource Carnival on Friday, July 31, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Mission Park, 1208 E. Mission Ave. in Spokane. This free, family-friendly community event will feature backpacks and school supplies for students while supplies last, along with free food, cotton candy, and popcorn. Families can also enjoy face painting, free haircuts, and connect with a variety of local vendors offering valuable community resources and information. Free parking will be available on-site. Bring the whole family for an afternoon of fun, support, and community connection before the new school year begins!

Tsai indicated if any agency wanted to be a vendor at the Resource Fair and Carnival, please contact him at tsai.ross@snapwa.org or 509.456.7627.

He was thanked for sharing all of the opportunities SNAP offers.



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B. Contract/Compliance – Community Education/Regional Issues/Work Plan

Gail Kogle, Office of Behavioral Health and Advocacy, reminded members that the OBHA Community Forum and Resource Fair is July 17th from 1:30 to 4:30 at the NE Community Center. It is open to everyone.

At the July 8th forum, the OBHA continued the discussion regarding families and youth in crisis. Some of the highlights from the forum included:

- Inconsistent treatment of children/youth in treatment and how law enforcement interacts with them. There needs to be training for law enforcement across all spectrums.
- Boarding minors at hospitals while they wait for inpatient services. All CLIP facilities are on the west side.
- Discharging minors without adequate notice and lack of coordination between the CLIP facilities and families/outpatient providers including changes in medication right before discharge, lack of family transportation, staying with the same WISE team rather than a new one
- Actions schools take when police are called and the severity of the response
- How schools work with children/youth who have behavioral health challenges – need to push for an IED, know their rights.
- PAVE – Partnership for Action - Voices for Empowerment is an advocacy group that assists families

Gail will capture this information and provide it to Becky for inclusion in the gap analysis to go to the state FYSPRT. She emphasized the utilization of mental health advance directives for youth age 13-17 who may experience crisis.

C. WISE update

Almost all WISE teams are full with interest lists. COPE is an excellent resource for families waiting on WISE services.

NE FYSPRT Regional Issues

A. Regional Issues and Information – Community strengths and areas for growth:

Meeting feedback submitted in May included a statement about improving the structure in meetings. The person who provided this feedback was asked



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to contact Becky to discuss further. She indicated this is the members' meeting and it can be conducted in the manner that works well for all attendees. The convener and tri-leads want to make it a positive experience for everyone.

There is no meeting in August. The September meeting will include a presentation from the Health Care Authority on the Family Initiated Treatment program. Becky will also plan to further discuss gaps in the system for youth in crisis to finalize the gap analysis for the state FYSPRT.

During August, if new programs are implemented or members would like a specific presentation at a future meeting, please reach out to Becky.

D. June 25, 2026 Self-Care and Resource Fair

Becky thanked everyone who participated in the June 25th Self-Care and Resource Fair. There were 583 participants. This is more than double from previous years. It was a great success and positive comments were heard from many attendees. Next year's event will again be at the Spokane Fairgrounds on June 23rd.

Conclusion

Attendees were asked to please complete the monthly evaluation to provide input into what's working and what's not working in our community relating to services for children and youth. System Partners as well as parents were asked to complete the survey so the leads can follow up to determine future meeting presentations or identify known gaps in the system. If a community organization is doing well, the leads would also like to know that information to share with the group.

The next NE FYSPRT meeting will be September 17, 2026 via Zoom.