



# Community Transition Services Stakeholder Group (CTS) Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2022- 9:00am to 12:00pm  
Virtual Meeting

## Welcome & Introductions

DCYF Deputy Director of Community Engagement Deanna Stewart welcomed attendees, reviewed virtual meeting protocols and completed introductions.

## Landscape Analysis Presentation

DCYF’s Office of Innovation, Alignment and Accountability (OIAA) Research and Analysis Administrator Sarah Veele provided an update on the Landscape Analysis.

- [Landscape Analysis Presentation](#)

<b>Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is not enough support outside of the case manager.</li> <li>• From what I am hearing, it sounds like each child would need additional support outside of the case manager.</li> <li>• Yes, that is correct.</li> <li>• There is a need for legal advocacy before they leave Juvenile Rehabilitation (JR)</li> <li>• Agencies are not fully funded to best support our young people. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There are a lot of helpful programs that are under-funded.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Agencies need to collaborate.</li> <li>• What service provider lists do you find helpful for reentry services?</li> <li>• We will reach out to you to discuss options.</li> <li>• Would like to expand beyond just service providers and look into family support networks, such as elders.</li> <li>• Ask communities and individuals who are doing the work for advice/recommendations. It is important to know who is in the community and who the young people have access to.</li> <li>• Those six counties with the least amount of services are all in the top ten most rural in Washington.</li> <li>• Programs like Hope for Homies has been very helpful for me. We need more organizations like this.</li> <li>• There are no resources in Whatcom county for young individuals.</li> <li>• Mentorship is very important. Kids are not attending school; how will you get them to attend substance use treatment?</li> <li>• I am trying to partner with schools to have conversations with the youth and slowly develop leaders in the community.</li> <li>• The system has an expectation that treatment is the cure all, but it is not. Connection and trauma informed care is important. We need to rebuild trust and interaction between young individuals and mentorships.</li> <li>• I like the idea of delegation. If the program is run properly, more supports can be in place. It is important to make sure basic needs are met before treatment is focused on.</li> <li>• We need to focus on prevention and stopping the cycle. We need to think about trauma and interventions, and how trauma affects the young persons’ amygdala and epigenetics, and how that influences their behavior and understanding consequences.</li> </ul>
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### Working Session

Members participated in a working session activity to collect feedback on gaps in services and supports for Esperanza.

- **Meeting Feedback**

<b>Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• It might be helpful to talk with the young individuals to see what they identify as needs/gaps so we can better serve them, instead of relying on assessment tools.</li><li>• Items in the challenge column could fit into the gap column.</li><li>• Supports can overlap with current gaps.</li><li>• We felt that mental health support and therapy for everyone overlapped into most of the domains.</li><li>• Would love to hear more about the facility in Portland.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ We will reach out to the individual who mentioned this facility to gather more information and send that out to the group.</li></ul></li><li>• Does the group want to identify gaps with the criminal history/aggression/drugs and alcohol domains? These topics are individualized and would be good to try and identify gaps in services.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ We need to figure out what the source of the attitude or behavior is so that we can deal with the problem, not the symptom.</li></ul></li><li>• We need a program that understands needs are different for each individual. Some programs have very high expectations that can lead to a young person being kicked out of the program. Programs need to be open and flexible.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Some housing programs are extremely objective.</li></ul></li><li>• Churches are a great resource because they are full of individuals who can share collective knowledge.</li><li>• We need to address transportation gaps.</li><li>• We struggled with the schooling domain. My group felt it was more of a system gap than a schooling gap.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ School is the gap</li></ul></li><li>• It is important that youth see these skills in others that look like them</li><li>• Would it be possible to get the documents a little sooner next time? I was not able to spend much time in the recommendation document yesterday due to meetings.</li></ul>
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### Closing Remarks & Adjourn

<b>Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The following meetings are scheduled for February 16, 2022 and March 17, 2022.</li></ul>
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