

# STRENGTHENING FAMILIES LOCALLY

## 1/4/21 Spokane planning meeting notes

### In attendance:

Dan Aune, Jessica Hertlein, Richard Volke, Rowena Pineda, Shannon Shelland, Stephanie Widhalm, Jaimie Lovato, Rebecca Harris, Cameron Peck, Joy Lile

### Important links:

SFL Onboarding Packet: <https://dcyf.box.com/s/pirdixemujfr1hw75gj3bp0enhebg1c4>

Spokane Project Overview: <https://dcyf.box.com/s/8929lbze46wh7ycjxnj50v9adpd3z43t>

### Understanding Systems for Change Debrief:

- Wish we had more time to think about it - take it down to “our” level - what could peer mentorship look like in the world of family support/foster care?
- It was helpful that they identified “who” is responsible for the work - not just by agency, but within the broader community - how can individuals/families/providers take responsibility for the issues?
  - o Identify who “we” are - that there is a clear path for where to send families to get the help they need for true “prevention” and not “reaction”
- The overview was very broad - how to narrow down to a specific activity/step to take to reach system-level change
- Would it be useful to look at the map as a group - to help identify next steps? - review after we have compiled data and stories about where the community is “at”?

### Updates:

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- Planning Contract
  - How will we make sure to be inclusive of communities most impacted by disproportionality?
- Sensemaker - update
- Data Discussions - is there anything in particular you want to know?
  - What kinds of calls are getting screened in - most common types of abuse and neglect
  - Looking at FAR vs. investigation screen-ins - how are we already utilizing FAR and how can we use those same community resources?
  - Can we get FAR/investigation screen-ins broken down by race?
    - By zip code?



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- DCYF - overwhelming factors include substance abuse cases
- Substance abuse cases - Eat, Sleep and Console program - does that have an impact on cases screening in? - program through Deaconess - rooming with moms and teaching them
- COVID impacts - numbers/quantity of calls vs. severity of calls - what might be points of entry into the system that we want to make sure to include?

Next meeting: 2/1 1:30-3 pm

- Vickie Ibarra visiting to review DCYF data and currently known urgent needs

### Community Mapping Discussion

- Limited time to discuss
- Joy will update online map with as much known information and continue discussion at next meeting.

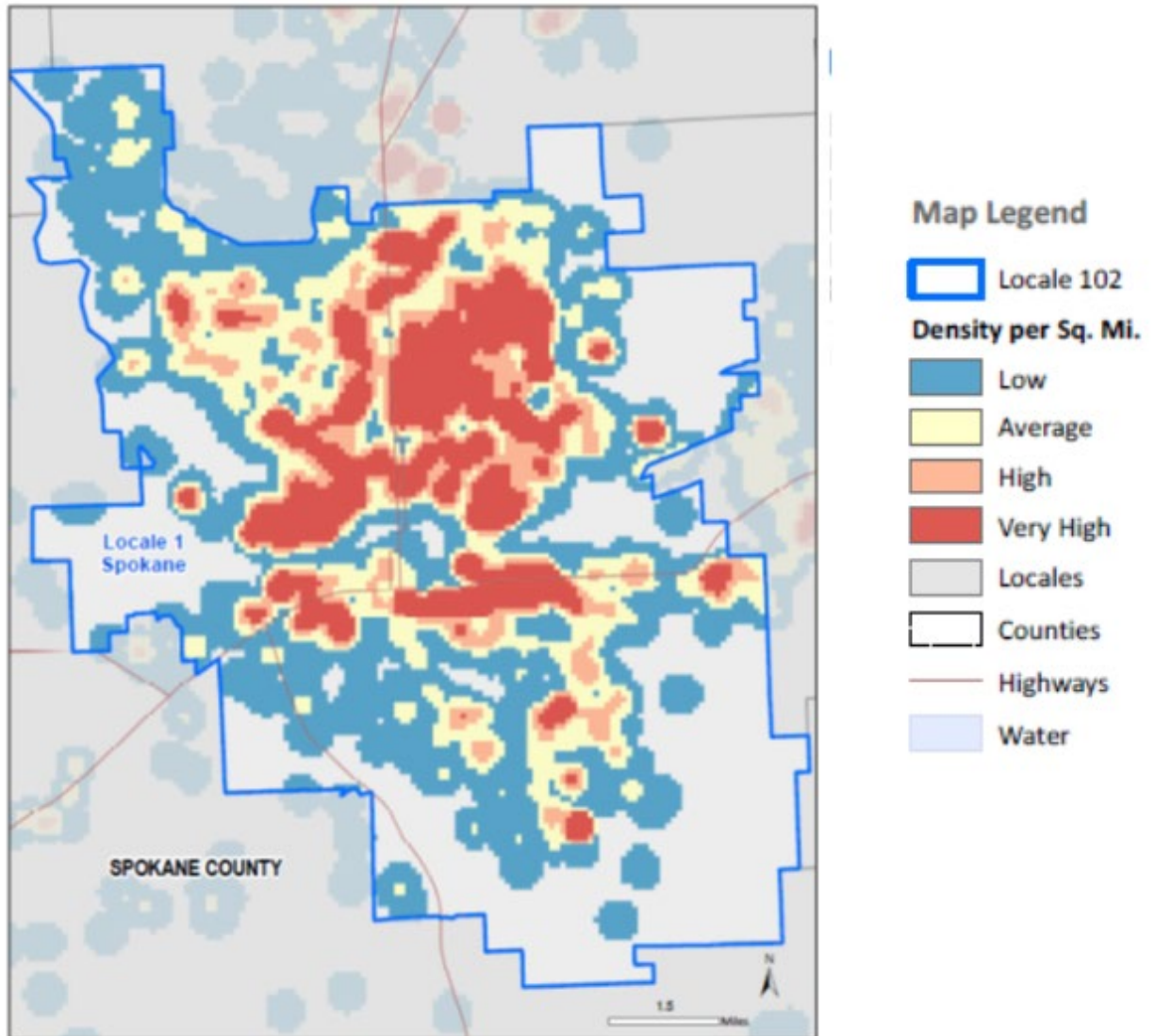
- **Shareable Map:**

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1e02ZBTMRs3i4xZcxJSdprmxmEWkYa6Ai&usp=sharing>

We will work on updating this with resources and needs at the next meeting.

- Expand the definition of resources - both formal and informal supports - churches, barber shops, etc - what are those places people go for support?
- **“Redlining” map link:**  
Discussion of “redlining”: practice of active dis-investment of some neighborhoods, often based on prejudice, racism, classism. Link shared is a redlining map from 1929 in Spokane. See clear overlaps between redlining map and Child Welfare Intake map, below.  
<https://dsl.richmond.edu/panorama/redlining/#loc=13/47.674/-117.446&city=spokane-wa&adview=full>

### Child Welfare Substantiated Intake Rates: Heat Map



**Next Steps:**

- 1/18 meeting cancelled due to state holiday
- Next meeting – **2/1, 1:30-3:00**
- Dr. Vickie Ybarra visiting from DCYF OIAA to share about child welfare data