

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES LOCALLY

Stevens-Ferry SFL Meeting Notes

1-6-21

In attendance: Mason Burley, Andrea Estes, Shannon Selland, Erinn Havig, Tia Amich, Duston Galusha, Alison Ball, Janie Lovato, Heather Cantamessa, Geri Phillips

Updates/Important documents:

- **Note about geography:** Because of the random selection process, DCYF staff need to ensure that the SFL project incorporates Ferry county as well as Stevens. This is not a complete change, we will continue to work with Stevens county partners and work on “place-based” approaches. We will also work to ensure that communities and tribes in Ferry county are engaged and invited to participate.
- **New! Project Onboarding Documents:**
 - o SFL Onboarding Packet: <https://dcyf.box.com/s/pirdixemujfr1hw75gj3bp0enhebg1c4>
 - o Stevens/Ferry Project Overview: <https://dcyf.box.com/s/4iouwydo34s7lckxp89kq3sg93in60as>

Special Guest Presenter: Dr. Vickie Ybarra, DCYF Office of Innovation, Alignment, and Accountability

Slides: <https://dcyf.box.com/s/h0ggw7xntjrnkdekyuer74wpdzge2klu>

DSHS RDA Community Risk Profiles:

- [DSHS Community Risk Profiles](#)
- Stevens/Ferry data retrieved from RDA: <https://dcyf.box.com/s/b1xsog55b5z8tag73m28o0p4ywjzr9ke>

Discussion:

- Who is tracking information for foster youth who are pregnant?
 - o Collected through DCYF, Presented in FFPSA
- Slide 15: Note that sexual abuse/exploitation intakes were not present in Stevens/Ferry data
- Covid-19: How is the data presented resonating with your experience?
 - o DCYF – seeing a lot of intakes and mental-health related needs



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- Providers are also stressed, taking care of themselves while trying to provide services. Resources are scarce. Provider staff also fear for their jobs and budget cuts.
- Final discussion:
 - Biggest needs - the organizations who are there to support are also under stress and in fear - how can we "help the helpers" or keep them in mind
 - Helpers can't even keep their doors open - access to services and care is drastically reduced
 - Isolation - in a rural community
 - Very rural, frontier-like
 - Loneliness is a factor during pandemic
 - What do we know about suicide rates? Risk factors for families and evidence of need
 - DBHR monthly data
 - Vickie will look into this
 - Not able to grieve for losses of family and community members in preferred ways
- Providers - availability is very low
 - In rural counties, virtual connection is actually a big help - don't want to see this go away after the pandemic - it's helpful to have a mix of virtual and in-person
 - Lack of providers - often transporting kids longer distances
 - Colville Reservation has had to close doors and access to health care and programs has gone way down and there is minimal access virtually.
- Bringing employers to the table - how to bring in more good paying jobs with benefits to families and prevent neglect related to poverty

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