

STRENGTHEN FAMILIES LOCALLY

3/1/21

In attendance:

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Important documents:

SFL onboarding document:

<https://dcyf.box.com/s/pirdixemujfr1hw75gj3bp0enhebg1c4>

Spokane Project Overview:

<https://dcyf.box.com/s/8929lbze46wh7ycxnj50v9adpd3z43t>

Sensemaker FAQ document: (Check here for social media post/email wording)

<https://dcyf.box.com/s/mqkjyghhd9x6u7ilsz8n5igg0d57nfey>

Reminder: Enter stories about the successes and challenges you are seeing in families!

Next meeting: April 19, 1-3 pm

Topic: Review of story building – discussions and Sensemaker

Localized Theory of Change

3rd Monday of the month, 1-3

DCYF Strategic and Equity Plan

You can read the plan here: <https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/practice/strategic-plan>

What alignments do you see with local strengths and needs? What equity-specific opportunities might we pursue?

Discussion:

- I think equity is a somewhat new lens for Spokane. I think many people still need to learn about what equity means in their lives
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- The parent focus groups offer a chance for the BIPOC communities to have a voice - identifying strengths and areas of need
 - o Community Cafe groups with a focus on equity/partnered with BIPOC serving agencies/families
- Catholic Charities:
 - o Rising Strong - serving AI/AN families - partnering with ICWA
 - o CSH - Keeping Families Together - new grant/initiative for improving disproportionality



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- Looking at age as a vaccination standard - instead of addressing the essential workers who might need it and be in historically marginalized communities
- Access to quality childcare is not equitable - issue for BIPOC and low-income families in Spokane
- Healing Families Together - brought on a consultant to engage the BIPOC communities, center lived experience voices, and make the table available to them.
- Needing to share power/make decisions with communities who are disproportionately represented in CW
- The ZoNE - leading focus groups in/with other language groups rather than providing interpreters during English sessions
- WSIPP 2017 - The greatest disproportionality occurred at the following decision points (WSIPP):
 - o The initial referral to Child Protective Services
 - o The decision to remove a child from their home
 - o A child remaining in care for over two years
- Program idea: <https://chas.org/get-care/pregnancy-pediatrics/group-prenatal-care/>
- FFPSA – definition
 - o Families First Prevention Services Act – federal funding focusing on FAR services and evidence-based care. Can also pay group care (for Catholic Charities)
 - o <https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/practice/practice-improvement/ffpsa>
- Training alongside Mandatory Reporter training - how to support families with community protective factors, roots of inequity in community
 - o How do we make this systematized and ongoing?
- Trauma training in schools? - **District 81**
 - o How/why more referrals are happening?

Timeline: 6 month overview:

2 Main goals in next 6 months:

1. Contract for Strong Community Network Facilitator (to start May)
 1. Support Community Prevention Plan writing in all 4 communities
 2. Support “Strong Community Network” or other collaboration/shared leadership structure
2. Identify 2 “starter” projects (A “step in the right direction”)
 1. 40,000 total for both
 2. Focus on Secondary Prevention, Equity
 3. Initiate June-September

Timeline:

- April - Story Building - Where we are, Sensemaking sessions
- May - Project selection #1
- June - Project implementation #1
- July-August - continued data and sensemaking, Community Prevention Plan
- September - Project selection #2
- October - Project implementation #2
- November/December - Progress review and scoping, Community Prevention Plan

Next month:

Spreadsheet of “where we are”:

Identified Needs | Supporting data | Existing Resources | Opportunities - Primary, Secondary, Tertiary

Original Date: 3/1/21
Family Support Programs Division

How do we Make Decisions?

As we move towards identifying projects, how will we make decisions on what efforts to prioritize? What are your hopes? What are your concerns?

Community Values: <https://dcyf.box.com/s/ifo8e95ipniej28yy4mxbr9tg5bjcpbk>

SFL Guiding Principles:

1. Approaches will be strengths-based, culturally appropriate and inclusive
2. Mobilization will occur at multiple levels, including state government, local government, local non-profits, schools, families, volunteers, tribes, faith communities, etc., and will occur through a variety of means
3. We will work to develop trust and strengthen shared values
4. Our work will strengthen community organizations
5. Teams will develop a continuum of information, services and supports to strengthen families
6. Communities will target interventions for families with complex and co-occurring risks

Discussion:

- Transparency: this being a new approach, DCYF is learning how to best incorporate community voice into project planning. We may not do it perfectly the first time and that's OK, but we want to keep trying to get it right.
- The ZoNE - Resident-Led process for decision-making process - decision-making metrics and processes
- Funding opportunity timeliness from DCYF - making sure people are aware of upcoming opportunities
- Using the Senesmaking/story sharing process and seeing what community members are saying
- SRHD can help with framing sensemaker data?
- Jill May - WACF - looking at how to make collaborations fore strengths-focused