

STRENGTHEN FAMILIES LOCALLY

5/5/21

In attendance:

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Important documents:

SFL onboarding document:

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

Stevens/Ferry Project Overview:

<https://dcyf.box.com/s/4iouwydo34s7lckxp89kq3sg93in60as>

New Sensemaker “Share a Story” flyer:

https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/sites/default/files/pubs/FS_0057.pdf

Next meeting: May 2nd, 1-3 pm

Topic: Priority Project Planning, cont.

3rd Monday of the month, 1-3

Community Updates:

- Questions and discussion:
 - o DCYF used to have a program where CPS-involved and state-dependent kids were able to get therapy within the schools – this has been a challenge to maintain during Covid
 - Concern – seeing patten on kids who have therapy during school becoming dysregulated and having more behavioral challenges in the school setting
 - o Fewer foster care homes in Ferry county – partly due to the pandemic, maybe 1 or 2 and a few on the Colville reservation
 - Increased relative placement helps make up for lack of foster homes

Legislative updates:

- Bill passed: Fair Start for Kids
 - o Supporting early learning and child care workforce and interventions/supports for families
 - o https://housedemocrats.wa.gov/tmp/sites/37/2021/01/Fair-Start-for-Kids-One-Pager_Final.pdf
- Large budget increases across DCYF to expand supports for prevention and equity - ECEAP, Working Connections, Concrete Goods and Services, ECLIPSE, Home Visiting, Play-and-Learn
- Dual Licensing Pilot Project:
 - o combined licensing for foster and child care providers
 - o https://dcyf.wa.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/070120_DualLicensing_Slides.pdf
 - o Is there interest in bringing DCYF staff to Ferry and Stevens for childcare-focused discussion?

Discussion:

- Healthy Ferry County Coalition – Childcare project – 3 centers in Ferry County - Republic, Colville



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- Limited hours are a problem, would love to see more childcare availability
- Can't run a business because of cost, need more breaks for care providers - most is with family which is not licensed
- Relatives can be paid through FFN but it's not much. Possible solution is a "backbone" organization like Rural Resources who can provide more expanded care and lower cost
- Dual licensing - might be useful for children with disabilities
- Trauma-impacted children - how to disrupt the source of the trauma - intergenerational impacts
- Childcare is an infrastructure and economic issue - needed to attract and retain people to the community as workers

Priority Project Discussion

Easy Retro discussion tool:

<https://easyretro.io/publicboard/DTGt8u1PRNUAzS9w3FTtPkHfiQl1/2d62932b-c1fa-44ba-99ed-d678da8296d5>

Opportunity Map and Impact Graph: understanding connections and relationships between needs and priority projects: *(Didn't get to the impact graph)*

<https://miro.com/welcomeonboard/BIF5JYOCFXIGRssDNGMr7yJwZRN23toLozUA2YdZj07Gnl4TviOC10xNQcf9nwKr>

Community Map - how to incorporate geographic areas of need

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?hl=en&mid=16x5g-FvHLCIV8895hb2ZjLbVZJKy0I2U&ll=48.36698827583819%2C-118.5215252253906&z=9>

Opportunity Matrix - laying out what people have said in conversations and discussion:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1RYzR5MkJ6Rg8FkaNwzaFoZIRFyIK9Cqww2KlteC8PE4/edit?usp=sharing>

Discussion: (notes from discussion in red)

- **Specific projects or programs**
 - Case staffing meetings - come together to "wrap around" families when needs arise (5 votes)
 - Davenport - did a similar case staffing approach with reps. from the school, counseling, family, etc. several years ago – lost momentum
 - Lots of things can be done for a family outside of CPS - especially when it's a family struggling or not knowing where to go
 - Family Navigator for high-risk populations - support to understand and access resources when needs arise (4 votes)
 - Could work with school counselors and local health clinics for access/contact
 - Could be a challenge in a dispersed, rural population - how to cross county lines and get resources where they are needed. Could you have access in a certain place - like a telehealth access point?
 - Coordinated System of Care - coordination between services and supports with "no wrong door" point of entry (3 votes)

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- Meeting families where they are at - families need to know that they are being heard and that the agency will try to meet their needs
 - People have to feel welcomed at the place that they are in - if a certain agency has a bad reputation or is not connecting well with clients they won't keep trying to get services there - need to have a caring support on the other side of the phone – empathy
 - Racial and economic stereotyping can get in the way of this - if you don't have your needs met when you try the first time you won't want to again
 - Trainings for providers - trauma-informed and healing-centered care (2 votes)
 - How do we help teachers with self-care and their own mental health?
 - Accountability for teachers
 - Training that will help teachers and staff understand how to provide better trauma-informed care and healing-centered classrooms - Journey Toward the Caring Classroom or other approaches that help teachers design better classroom settings
 - Family Spirit home visiting (culturally responsive 1:1 parent education program for tribal families) (1 votes)
 - Access to services through Telehealth in schools, clinics, libraries (0 votes)
 - Strengthening Families - parent education with tribal family adaptation (0 votes)
 - Family Resource Centers - expanding/supporting existing centers to provide more supports (0 votes)
- **Expansion of existing programs**
 - WISE expansion to provide more services to families with children with behavioral health needs (3 votes)
 - Paid by Medicaid for children with behavioral/mental health needs. Respite, in-home care. Struggling to find staff to support current WISE programs
 - How to better support kids who have a lot of medical needs? In-home providers that pay more for in-home supports
 - Parents for Parents - expanding legal/peer supports during CPS process (3 votes)
 - Supports to make mental health/SUD payments (Medicaid, etc.) more accessible (2 votes)
 - Supplement Family, Friends and Neighbor childcare providers with additional funding (is this feasible?) (0 votes)
- **Approaches to include**
 - Involve school staff and volunteers in child protection and family support as "resource hubs" (4 votes)
 - "Bridging" funds to encourage collaboration between small, local, well-networked agencies and larger agencies which have skills and capacities in prevention (4 votes)
 - Strengthen natural supports - grandparents, neighbors, friends, church (4 votes)
 - Is there a possibility to supplement FFN care supports to expand respite opportunities?
 - Healing-centered engagement for trauma (4 votes)

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- "Physical spaces in remote places" - increasing accessibility by providing space for service providers and families to meet - churches, schools, community, libraries, tribal centers (3 votes)
 - Tribal community centers - might be available but less private spaces - also tribal youth centers
 - Schools - might not be as private for the child - people see them going in to spaces to access services
 - The least families have to travel and/or the more it can go in the home, the easier - transportation is a major issue
- "Co-Op" school providers at multiple schools (2 votes)
- Enhance connections between CW, ICW, and schools (0 votes)

Next Steps:

- Joy will bring a shortened list of the top choices to the Healthy Ferry County Coalition and see about other opportunities to share with Better Health Together.
- We will discuss approaches for the top priority project at next month's meeting.