

# SNOHOMISH COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS

## MCKINNEY-VENTO/FOSTER MEETING 11/15/19

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**IN ATTENDANCE:** 19 staff from 12 districts, Representatives present from, DCYF, Snohomish County and Treehouse.

District/ Agency	First name	Last Name	Title
Arlington	Brenda	Dobry	Administrative Assistant, MKV
DCYF	Debbie	Gomi	Education and Disproportionality Program Consultant
Edmonds	Arlet	Gess	Transportation Dispatcher/MKV Router
Edmonds	Kelly	Moses	Director, Federal Programs
Everett	Angelica	Glaser	Foster Care Success Coordinator
Everett	Gina	Key	Admin Assistant, Categorical Programs
Everett	Amy	Perusse	KIT Coordinator
Everett	Chad	Golden	Director of Categorical Programs
Everett	Lisa	Samaniego	KIT Transportation Admin Asst.
Lake Stevens	Sarah	Danielson	Director of Student Intervention
Lakewood	Jeannette	Hamilton	Administrative Assistant
Lakewood	Sherri	Sandquist	Transportation Supervisor
Marysville	Deanna	Bashour	MKV & Foster Care Liaison
Monroe	Kathy	Bernhardt	Family Liaison
Mukilteo	Cynthia	Davis	Office Assistant, Categorical Prog.
Mukilteo	Beth	VanderVeen	Director of Student Services
Shoreline	Carol	Matsumoto	Student Services Specialist
Snohomish	Jami	Cross	Admin. Assistant Academic Services
Snohomish County	Stacy	LaFlam	Veterans Services
Snohomish County	Jesse	Jorstad	HSD
Stanwood-Camano	Michelle	Kunzman	Family Support Specialist/Liaison
Sultan	Nyssa	Weideman	Administrative Assistant
Treehouse	Heidi	Barden	Education Advocate

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### **INTRODUCTION**

Meeting was held at Everett Public Schools Community Resource Center. Amy Perusse of Everett Public Schools called the meeting to order at 10:00am. Introductions were made among the attendees.

### **What's new with 2-1-1 and Coordinated Entry?**

Jesse Jorstad, Lead Data and Program Analyst for Snohomish County HMIS presented Snohomish County, Coordinated Entry System (CES). Adjustments are being made with data and screening systems. New "Vulnerability Screening Tool" launching in 2020 will streamline CES, connecting clients more efficiently. Through YHDP, Unaccompanied Homeless Youth (UHY) will have a youth navigation team. Eligible UHY will have a housing navigator for up to 6 months. Families who meet the McKinney-Vento but not HUD definition of homeless, should still call 2-1-1 and will get information for housing resources but will not be referred to a housing navigator.

### **Treehouse Support for Foster Students**

Heidi Barden, Treehouse Education Advocate presented supports available to students in foster care. Treehouse Education Advocates coordinate services and provide wrap-around support for foster youth, pre-school to high school ages. Stacy Bailey, Treehouse Education Specialist explained their Graduation Success Program for foster students. This program is currently active in Edmonds and Everett, and they are ready to learn how to get involved with your district. The goal is to have this program in **every school district statewide by 2022**. The Graduation Success Program assigns an advocate to assist foster students throughout their high school years. One of the benefits is that the Treehouse advocate can assist when students transition to new schools/districts. For additional support available through Treehouse please contact Treehouse directly and refer to their website: <https://www.treehouseforkids.org/>.

### **Foster Care School Support Best Practices**

Debbie Gomi, DCYF, Snohomish County Educational Lead reviewed best practices for students in foster care. Debbie reminded us that there are not enough foster homes in Snohomish County. Before moving a student from one school district please discuss best interest for school selection with the student (if applicable) and school staff. Debbie provided the group with a [packet of very useful information](#) about programs available for foster youth and alumni of care who are interested in pursuing their education beyond High School. **Programs are available to assist foster youth up to age 26.** Further information can be found by contacting DCYF and here: [www.independence.wa.gov](http://www.independence.wa.gov). **Also distributed this great resource: Grandparents and Relatives** Do you know about the services and supports for you and the children in your care? (DSHS 22-1120x (Rev. 7-19)) This eleven-page pamphlet provides a comprehensive list of various resources, benefits, and support services available to relatives raising children. [English, Other Languages.](#)

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### **Transportation Hubs**

Heard an update of the Boys & Girls Club Transportation Hub in Everett, the latest district in our county to implement a partnership with the clubs. The program has been very successful this year in providing more efficient transportation service for students transported to and from out-of-district. Currently, districts in our county who have used the Boys and Girls Club partnering model for transportation hubs include Marysville, Granite Falls, Monroe, and Everett. All report back that this has been a win-win arrangement for students and for parents, as well as for reducing the number of vehicles out on lengthy commutes. All report consistent schedules for students and families, less time for students on buses, students engage in a positive, supervised environment before and/or after school where they receive homework help, have access to a computer lab, reading time, and any other support needed by adults. There are snacks and restrooms available, instead of riding around on a bus making its way along a local route before heading out to the out of district location. Using the Boys and Girls Club reduces the time our students spend on the bus, while providing a safe space for them to complete schoolwork, build supportive relationships, and have fun. Students also receive a free membership to the Boys and Girls Club, valid through the calendar year (Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>), which can be used at all club locations (including summer opportunities!)

There was much discussion about the program and processes involved to establish hubs in neighboring districts. Some asked about transportation location coding and how to approve the location in the versa trans/STARS reporting systems. Other questions came up about the processes internally for the districts to set up and approve an MOU and then there was the question of whether this is costing the district anything and if so, how is the additional cost covered.

It was suggested that we schedule a meeting dedicated to this topic as either a separate meeting or as a break-out session following the next MKV/Foster meeting in February. Interested participants who wish to learn more of want to be involved in coordinating a future Transportation Hub meeting can email Lisa Samaniego:

[lsamaniego@everettsd.org](mailto:lsamaniego@everettsd.org).

### **Brief Review of [the August Minutes](#)**

#### **2020 Proposed meeting dates (pending confirmation of room availability):**

- February 14<sup>th</sup> at Everett Public Schools, Community Resource Center
- May 15<sup>th</sup> at Everett Public Schools, Community Resource Center
- August 21<sup>st</sup> at Everett Public Schools, Community Resource Center

If you'd like to Host a future MKV/Foster Meeting or propose other dates, contact Amy.

**New Business:** No new business. The meeting was adjourned at 12:02pm.

*Please email [aperusse@everettsd.org](mailto:aperusse@everettsd.org) with future agenda items.*