

# SNOHOMISH COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS

## MCKINNEY-VENTO/FOSTER MEETING 2/28/20

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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	SC 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 hosted at Cocoon House: 3530 Colby Ave. Everett, WA 98201. Called to order at 10:00am by Amy Perusse of Everett Public Schools. Introductions were made among the attendees. Amy gave a brief history of the origin of these meetings. We began in 2017 as a collaborative among Snohomish County School Districts to share resources, strengthen & build relationships among MKV Liaisons and Transportation staff and explore possible solutions to streamline best practices for supporting McKinney-Vento students with an emphasis on coordinating district provided transportation.

### **Guest Speaker: Emily Stochel of ANEW**

Emily presented information about two programs: Passport to Careers and Passport to Apprenticeship program. ANEW manages the Passport to Apprenticeship program, focused on career exploration. Eligible young adults are connected to family-wage careers through pre-apprentice and/or apprenticeship programs. Available for youth age 14 – 26 who have experienced foster care or homelessness as an unaccompanied youth. The Passport to Careers program is focused on assisting youth who want to attend college or vocational program after high school. To learn more about these programs please visit: <https://anewaop.org>

[Passport to Careers/Apprenticeship Slideshow](#)

[Passport to Careers/Apprenticeship Flier for Foster Youth](#)

[Passport to Careers/Apprenticeship Flier for UHY](#)

[Passport to Careers/Apprenticeship Enrollment Form](#)

[Emily@anewaop.org](mailto:Emily@anewaop.org)

### **Review of November Minutes:**

Treehouse Education Specialist, Stacy Bailey, presented information about Treehouse supports available to students in foster care. The Graduation Success Program focuses on High School foster students. This program is currently active in Edmonds and Everett with the goal to have this program in every school district statewide by 2022. For additional information refer to their website: <https://www.treehouseforkids.org/>.

Debbie Gomi, DCYF, Snohomish County Educational Lead, reviewed best practices for students in foster care. She provided a [packet of very useful information](#). 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).

Transportation Hubs: The idea started with NW ESD 189 to streamline transportation resources. Hubs have been developed and used by area school districts including: Monroe, Marysville, Granite Falls and Everett, in coordination with Snohomish County Boys & Girls Clubs and the YMCA childcare. Plan for May meeting dedicated to this topic with reps from Boys & Girls Clubs and the YMCA Staff. Stay tuned for additional details. Interested participants who wish to learn more or want to be involved in coordinating future Transportation Hubs should email Lisa Samaniego at Everett Public Schools: [lsamaniego@everettsd.org](mailto:lsamaniego@everettsd.org).

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PIT Count: Cocoon House (CH) will be taking the lead on gathering PIT count data from school districts in the future. This data helps the County determine where resources are most needed throughout the County.

### **Action Items:**

- Determine best date for further discussion of Transportation Hubs for those interested in attending. If your School District is interested in attending the meeting you are encouraged to invite the following people from your School District: Transportation Directors & Routers, MKV Directors & Liaisons as well a representative from the Finance/Business Department to address technical questions and provide information regarding STARS and Program 99.
- Please provide input on what programs or information this group would like to have featured at future meetings. Those present expressed an interest in the Community Service Division (CSD) programs and Washington Connection overview. DSHS Community Access Consultant.

### **Cocoon House Update:** Claire Peterson of Cocoon House (CH)

- March 26, 2020 is the Butterfly Celebration, See the website for more information: <http://www.cocoonhouse.org/> (*event ended up being cancelled due to social distancing regulations*).
- CH is expanding their parenting/Way Out classes and offering them in Spanish as well as English.
- Also hiring an Associate Director of Family Services and will begin serving children 8 – 12 years old. CH is also hiring an Associate Director of Marketing.
- Cocoon House, PFlag and Everett Public Schools have partnered to present a Professional Development class on 3/2/2020 regarding Homelessness and the LGBTQ+ Community. Will be held at EPS Community Resource Center.
- Youth engagement program (YHDP) will have a Navigator assigned to different departments across Snohomish County encompassing Family Specialists as well as health and mental health advocates.
- Human Anti-Trafficking Program has added additional advocates. They plan to offer Professional Development training opportunities in the schools.
- Snohomish Co. young adult housing can be accessed via 211 or call CH.

**\*\*Youth living at CH – Journey's Housing Program should notify their school of their address update as these youth are 18 and above and have FERPA rights.\*\***

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

- May 15<sup>th</sup> and August 21<sup>st</sup> Everett Public Schools, Community Resource Center
- If you'd like to Host a future MKV/Foster Meeting or propose other dates, please contact Amy Perusse. **Please email [aperusse@everettsd.org](mailto:aperusse@everettsd.org) with future agenda items.**
- The meeting was adjourned at 11:30am