Minutes June 9, 2023 McKinney Vento/Foster Meeting

Staff and Programming:

Marysville: 18 M budget cuts, no changes in McK-V staffing, less support staff

Everett: 22 M budget cuts

Granite: unclear if student support position will remain

Snohomish: nest egg so no major changes

<u>DCYF</u>: updating school notification form which is coming out soon. The region wide foster care liaison meeting will be in Smokey Point in October. Region=Whatcom, Island, Skagit, and Snohomish counties.

Suggestion to DCYF to have dates on the new form for beginning and ending of respite care

Reminder to DCYF to please send out a notice to all building contacts when the new form is out and for all to use the new one.

June 28 11:30-1:30 Bonefish Grill, DCYF grad celebration where grads get gift baskets etc. They only have 8 RSVPs as of now and would like more! **PLEASE RSVP NO LATER THAN THE 20TH OF JUNE**



HB 1227 has a stricter threshold for removing children from the parental home and will be discussed in the fall more.

Ron-Cocoon House, Youth Engagement Team (YET) Coordinator-updated the group on the team approach used to help teens. Monroe shelter has 8 beds for kids ages 14-17. Their transitions department helps pregnant and parenting teens with coordinated entry and getting on a waitlist for Housing Hope. Ron helps run the Safe Place Line 8am-8pm. CH can hold youths for 48 hours then parents' consent is required. "Thrive" is the new name for the trafficking program.

<u>Interfaith</u> update: 11 beds in north Everett, 3 south Everett, 5 cars to housing parking spots, 2 beds in Marysville. Faith Family Village in the fall will open 8 pallet shelters that Interfaith will provide case management for and facilitate intakes.

<u>Treehouse</u> update: Graduation success program now includes 8th graders. Make referrals NOW. Ed. Specialists will meet with them, working directly with student, student voluntarily meets with them. Treehouse can help with: clothing, sports, summer camps, drivers ed., licenses in 6 mo. chunks.

Treehouse has an online store for clothing as well as event tickets. https://www.treehouseforkids.org/our-services/treehouse-store/

Referrals to Treehouse are good for one year and educational advocates can begin work as early as 2 years old. Basically, they support any school aged foster student. Even if children are adopted, Treehouse still follows them.

Their Launch Success Program is for young adults up to age 26, which helps with transitioning to ie. adulthood, FAFSA, housing etc.

<u>Lakewood-</u> Jeanette...spoke about a great translation tool she uses, check it out here: https://www.translatelive.com/ila/. Twin Lakes II is now open, NO budget cuts in Lakewood SD.

Molly from <u>Snohomish County</u> had an update that Debbi Trosvig left for same position in King Co. She mentioned the YHDP grant event was pushed to the fall. https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/yhdp/

<u>Edmonds</u> update: budget cuts=1 resource advocate cut, social workers moved for HS to ES. There is a new apt. complex being built in the south end and will likely have a big impact on McK-V students. Cedar Valley Elementary will also have a new apartment complex nearby with big impacts.

<u>Mukilteo</u> update: Beth V will be back next year. They've developed a new email route for transportation and McK-V requests which is much more streamlined.

Monroe has a form to link transportation and it is a \$45 fee...I didn't get the name of it, but the Granite Falls rep. talked about it.

<u>Everett</u> update: FRC cuts with Conchita's position eliminated. They won an award from the district. If you can access Tableau reporting, you can see data showing the greatest rise in McK-V students are Hispanic. Four Corners will be finished by the end of summer, with apartments up to 5 bedrooms in size, this is an 80% tax credit property. Riverfront apartments will have a few low income apartments. Madrona Square is open and EPS has 68 voucher spots there. Angelica's position for foster care was eliminated.

Future Meetings:

August—Jeanette from Lakewood will send out invitations and hopefully we can get some transportation staff to join the conversation.

October 23, 2023-DCYF Smokey Point, will review HB and new form

February 2024-Cocoon House updates

<u>Transportation</u> updates: Hop, Skip, Drive is being used and gets good reviews.

Inclement weather message needs rewording before it goes out to radio stations and social media regarding decisions made on a case by case basis. Please share your ideas on your wording.

End of year/Summer:

Marysville=Summer school K-8 in person, HS credit retrieval online

Snohomish= HS 7 day in person, APEX credit retrieval online

Granite Falls=in person

Edmonds=K-6 in person 2 sessions, HS Grad alliance

<u>Mukilteo</u>=all grades

<u>Lakewood</u>=all grade

<u>Everett</u>= HS 2 weeks at Cascade HS credit recovery, MS-math and multi-lingual and some math and English., Elementary only for Special ed Extended School Year.

Reminders: McK-Vento status remains until June, but DOES include summer school and next year UNLESS confirmed stable housing.

IF anyone has a summer resource guide, please send to Amy who will disperse.

Reminder from Treehouse, that they can pay for YMCA and B/G summer activities.