



Skagit County Child and Family Consortium
November 21, 2012
Meeting Minutes

Welcome and introductions

Featured Presentations:

SWIFT (Skagit Whatcom Intensive family Team) Program, Dawn Scott and iWRAP (Intensive Wraparound), Jonna Zieber

See handout titled *Skagit Children's Wraparound Programs* for details.

SWIFT and iWRAP are two high intensity wraparound programs offered by Catholic Community Services. Both are heavily evaluated.

SWIFT typically serves families who are multi-agency involved. SWIFT coordinates these agencies' work in a single comprehensive plan. It empowers families to identify their needs and plan and to include natural supports. SWIFT has served youth 3 – 19 years of age, but can serve youth as old as 21 years. Referrals are made through NSMHA.

iWRAP integrates wraparound with very intensive mental health services. iWRAP services kids previously served by the former CHAP program. The state goal is for service to be 6 months in length but the current average is 9 months.

Consortium Updates:

- **Readiness to Learn**

RTL's LYNCS program, which replaced ARIS following significant budget cuts and the conclusion of grants, is continuing to develop and serve families in new ways. LYNCS will undergo a reassessment in January to adjust program based on community need.

The Children's Behavioral Health component of RTL, provided by NWESD 189, is in the hiring phase. Services are being provided already in Concrete and Sedro-Woolley with very positive feedback. This component is funded by county match.

RTL continue to fund partially Community Action's Family Literacy program and scholarships for the YMCA's Summer Fun Kids Camp.

The ESD also provides an ACES/ ACEs/Attachment, Self-Regulation and Competency (ARC) program. ACES/ARC provides educators with training on ACEs, effective means to work with students who have experienced trauma, and ongoing technical assistance to participating schools. ACES/ARC is funded by local county match – but will soon be expanded through a collaboration with Washington State University.

This ACEs work sets the groundwork for an application to participate in a three-year evaluation and learning community focused on the prevention and reduction of ACEs that SCCFC is submitting to the Washington State ACEs Public Private Initiative. If selected, SCCFC will receive \$25,000 annually for three years and the community will greatly increase its capacity to address ACEs.

Please note that SCCFC will host an ACEs 101 training in December, most likely on 12/20/12.

- **EYE on Jobs**

EYE on Jobs completed Concrete, Burlington-Edison, and La Conner School District-sited workshops. Also, three employer orientations have been completed. We would have liked to have greater employer involvement. We are considering a shorter version of this orientation to be held at the local Chambers in December/January. Additionally, the parent component has been completed. That leaves the Transition fair component, which will be held next spring.

- **HIDTA**

SCCFC took over fund oversight for HIDTA funds this fall. An RFP process was completed by the Executive Board and community stakeholders. Catholic Housing Services and the Kulshan Creek Neighborhood were awarded funding for community events for middle school and high school students on general wellness, violence prevention and substance abuse prevention. Funds also were provided for Sheriff's Deputies to attend training on Drug Identification and for the Anacortes Police Department to purchase drug identification equipment. Lastly, the funds will support placing Power in Numbers posters in Cascade Mall.

- **Marijuana Legalization**

SCCFC's Executive Board had significant discussion on this issue, but given our non-profit, community wide status, thought it was best to not take a group stance, but instead will provide information to SCCFC members.

- **Substance Abuse Committee**

This committee, which replaces the Skagit Prevention Council, will meet today after the conclusion of this meeting.

Roundtable

- Andy Wheeler – Skagit Discovery School. Unfortunately, budget reductions have forced Skagit Discovery to lose a Case Manager position. However, other funding will allow Discovery to recall a Teacher's Aide position that was previously laid off.

- Jen Angelis – Sedro-Woolley School District announced that SWSD’s Superintendent Mark Venn will be retiring at the end of the school year and the process for recruiting for his position has begun.
- Kay Walter and Jen Angelis – Sedro-Woolley School District will be holding parent early child education activities and an Unplug the Christmas Machine class that helps parents make the holidays meaningful for families.
- Diane Linell – DSHS CSO – four positions are open for hiring.
- Jeff Brown, Burlington-Edison School District. The Children’s Behavioral Health Program at the ESD is completion its second round of interviews, emphasizing hiring the right people for the job. They hope hiring is completed by next week. A counselor has begun work in Concrete/Sedro-Woolley. Longer term, the ESD hopes to become eligible for Medicaid billing, which would greatly increase the program.
- Benjamin Jojola—Samish Indiana Nation. Social Services has started its third year working with Anacortes School District in which Samish as created curriculum focused on Samish history.
- Jodie Des Biens – NW ESD. The Prevention Center is growing – now a PRI designated community. The Center has hired Wendy Thomas as Prevention Coordinator focusing on drug/alcohol abuse prevention.
- SCCFC asks you to like us on Facebook.
- Kari Jelison of SCCFC Executive Board and Children’s Administration has a great Facebook page – “Skagit Connections”
- There is an opening on the SCCFC Executive Board.

Closing Announcements

- Net meeting: December 19, 2012 ~ 9:00 – 10:30 AM with featured presentation – Marijuana Legalization, captain Tom Dixon, Liquor Control Board
- Applebee’s today!

Attendees:

Andrea Patridge, Sedro-Woolley SD
 Andy Wheeler, NWESD, Discovery School
 Benjamin Jojola, Samish Indian Nation
 Bob Hicks, Skagit Co Community Services
 Bonnie Kiilsholm, Community Volunteer
 Brian Humphrey, Workforce Development Council
 Brooke Freeman, Catholic Community Services
 Dawn Scott, Catholic Community Services
 Diane Linnel, DSHS
 Jancie Condrin, Emerson, YouthNet
 Jean Champagne, Mount Vernon SD
 Jed Cates, Burlington Police Department
 Jeff Brown, Burlington-Edison School District
 Jenn Angelis, Sedro-Woolley SD
 Jennifer Sass-Walton, Health Department

Jodie DesBiens, NWESD Prevention Center
 Joelene Meckstroth, Skagit County Community Services
 Jonna Zeiber, Catholic Community Services
 Karen Rose, NW Early Learning
 Kathryn Lyons, Brigid Collins
 Kay Walter, Sedro-Woolley SC
 Lyndie Case, SCCFC Coordinator
 Michelle Johnson, Samish Indian Nation
 Mick Rasch, Upper Skagit Tribe
 Robin Hoover, Skagit/Island Head Start
 Ryein Kitchen, CMS
 Sarah Hinman, Skagit County Community Services
 Wenda Cross, Skagit/Island Head Start
 Wendi Thomas, NWESD 189