

Notes from 3.2.22 Nevada CSN Meeting:

Attendance: Melody, Alyssa, Dana and Barb-Facilitators. Brenda Frachiseur; Sydney Curry; Marah DeFlavia; Bobbie McKenzie; Char Weiss-Wenzel; Eli Gallup; Jim Amaral; Laura Harter; Laurie Demartini; Marlena Mahunn; Meri Mohr; Monica L'Etoile; Nick Ready; Roxy and Chad Young; Rossnina Dort; Sue Van Wazer; Susan Sanford; Jenn Singer; Mogen Welty-Geisick.

The meeting began with an icebreaker question asking attendees to share in the chat one positive outcome they have seen in providing youth services. Graduating high school, engaging in services as a youth leader, were just a few outcomes shared.

The meeting then moved onto presentations from seven local youth providers. Each provider was asked to share about their services, any challenges they face, and opportunities to collaborate. Brief notes on each are provided below.

Marlena Mahunn spoke about the RAYS program. Shared a brief video. Service is an alternative to youth suspensions. Currently in one high school, but plan is to roll out county-wide. Youth voluntarily join the program, where a Restorative Plan is developed. Youth are asked to take responsibility for their behavior, and make amends through service they are interested in and is meaningful to them. The program does not accept youth that have engaged in fights. **Marlena is always looking for volunteer opportunities for the youth.**

Jenn Singer spoke about Bright Futures for Youth – program consolidates the Friendship Club; NEO Youth; and, SAFE for Homeless Youth. Programs support youth in need of support. Please refer any youth you think might be in need. **Opportunity for collaboration, currently participating in the Youth Point In-Time Homeless Count.** Jenn noted that 50% of chronically homeless adults were homeless as youth. Nationally, 36% increase in homeless youth between 2014-2018.

Brenda Frachiseur spoke about Big Brothers/Big Sisters. In 2019 merged with El Dorado, Covid hit at the same time. Provide trained mentors to youth ages 3-18. Most referrals from school, help the youth find their potential. Provides continuity to the youth. **Biggest challenge is also the opportunity to collaborate: Need Volunteers!**

NOTE: 211 has a volunteer hub and is a great place to collaborate to find volunteers.

Monica L'Etoile-Young Parents Program. Located at Silver Springs HS, serves all pregnant youth in the county, up to age 19. Run positive parenting programs, child care services, health services, transportation. Also cash benefit to pregnant youth living in a family receiving CalWorks to stay in school and graduate. **Challenge is to capture "older moms" (ages 18 and 19). They are eligible! Opportunities to collaborate: Refer moms to program, they have lots of resources including the diaper project.**

Chad and Roxy Young spoke about the [Redemption Youth Ranch](#) program they operate from April-October. Outdoor ranch experience for youth that have experienced trauma. Free to all. Use the entire ranch for youth 7-17 year's old in Nevada County and beyond. **Challenge is need for mentors. Opportunity to collaborate with Probation!**

Morgan Welty Geisick spoke about the Foster Youth Program in the Superintendent of School's Office. Works with CPS to support youth in foster care, kinship care. Trainings, support groups, tutoring.

Developed Youth Mentors with lived experience to support younger kids. Partner with Nevada Indian Education. Provides Independent Living Program for transitional youth ages 16-21. #1 in completing FASSA's in the State! For youth in care as of age 18, can provide transitional housing till age 24. Program requirements continually change and expand, so refer youth if you think they can benefit from services. ***Collaboration opportunity coming up with the Discovery Fair, trying to recruit resource families, everyone is invited to set up a table and participate. They can also help with training on topics important to youth.***

Jim Amaral from Nevada County Juvenile Probation shared their Restorative Justice philosophy: Repair the harm caused as a result of the crime; Encounter, what is the best way to repair harm?; Transformation, using EBP to provide services that are effective. ***Challenge-families do not recognize there is a different way to deal with issues, Covid has challenged families. Look for small, incremental changes. How to collaborate? Call Jim. He can send an officer to your program to work with a youth.*** Jim will be reaching out Redemption Youth Ranch to explore a contract with Probation.

We discussed how the community can help? Everyone needs volunteers! BB/BS needs mentors, starting at age 16! Also is hiring for a Program Manager. Use 211's Volunteer Hub. Bright Futures for Youth can also help with volunteers, and make sure to make referrals.

Laura Harter announced that Partners FRC has day and evening parenting classes starting.