

## NEEDS ASSESSMENT (SWOT) ANALYSIS SWWA FYSPRT

### STRENGTHS

- A forum for children and families to express thoughts, concerns, and ideas about the mental health system to the provider partners in the community.
- A dynamic gathering of many key partners of the system supporting youth in Southwest Washington.
- Incentives to attend meetings: Meal provided and gift cards for the youth.
- Hardworking, open-minded, collaborative, and solution driven individuals interested in bettering the youth experience in Clark County participating in the SWWA FYSPRT.
- Community engagement and attendance at meetings has increased and remained so through typically slower times (i.e.: Summer).
- Friendly and approachable environment.
- Community is supportive of wraparound supports and families having a voice.
- Natural conversations leading to equality between system partners, youth, and families.
- Increases empathy and education in the community around youth resources.
- New people attend often lending to a diverse audience.
- Youth and Family involvement has increase dramatically since the start of FYSPRT.
- There is a separate Youth FYSPRT that serves as a platform for Youth to lead discussions.
- Consistency of attenders and high commitment from the system partners.
- Good use in technology to reach youth and spread information to group members.

### WEAKNESS

- Time limitations/constraints of meetings (material coverage and people seeking to express opinions).
- Culturally relevant parties not present at the meetings: Skamania, Tribal members, Correctional Service Members, Schools, DCFS, Children's Administration, and Emergency Services. (In need of more diversity of culture around the table).
- Education on what FYSPRT is in the larger community who do not attend or know about the group or meetings.
- Family and youth member retention.
- Attracting more youth to partake in the FYSPRT discussion.
- Documents not translated into other languages (other than English and Spanish).

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### OPPORTUNITIES

- Education about community resources shared to the public and other provider partners.
- Opportunities to connect and network with parties otherwise unable to reach within a complex system.
- Training and education opportunities for families and youth in the community.
- Community events to provide opportunities to advocate for various resources.
- A catalyst to the state in voicing concerns over youth resources in the SWWA community.
- Opportunities to expand outreach and areas otherwise unable to have a platform to speak.
- Opportunity to reduce stigma around mental health and other issues related to youth.

### THREATS

- People move on from role and leave FYSVRT.
- Burnout among active FYSVRT members in regards to various unresolved factors including topics such as: continuity of care for youth needing complex assistance, an agency or institutional focus, and stigma.
- Meeting place/format may be intimidating for youth to participate.