

April 2021 FYSPRT Meeting Notes

Introductions

Stephen: youth groups with good turn out

Chris Simonsmeyer:

Juvenile court administrator

Who we serve: 12-18 youth, misdemeanor and felony

Provocation: local sanction

Run a detention center

Parole/prison: state

Offers 3 mandates

-Provide schools to respond to truancy (15 days or more)

-Diversion

-Probation

Struggling to get kids in mental health and sud services (especially lower level)

About 6 months to get an intake for WISE (120 youth identified for WISE)

Increase in serious felonies

Mental psychosis and domestic violence crimes

A lot of family stress

Low amounts of gang related activities

Youth and families lost a lot of tools due to covid-19

Numbers are down, so staff are focused on work groups

Honors gender identity, and inclusivity training (LGBTQ+), looking at court forms, accessibility grievance process for detention

Sex offender caseload (24 months)

Juvenile drug court (very low caseload)

Restorative justice:

Use to be cleanup crews, now there are meaningful service projects

Equity and inclusion: sub committees

Incentives and goal oriented

Recovery court

Update on Blake ruling

Woman in Spokane found with meth in jeans, got jeans from friend and didn't know it was there

Not constitutional to give mental state assessment in order for judge to know if they were able to know they really knew

Many new resentences

3 cases dismissed

Legislative debate (senate and house bill) on how to amend (we will find out more in a week or two)

Possession: controlled substances

Status offenses: not involved in blake's ruling, goes to juvenile justice rather than adult court for under age alcohol, drug use

YAE/Adulging 101 meeting update

Legislative update

Children and youth=negotiating budget

Respite is moving forward

Governors proclamation workgroup for 1 time funding as youth go back into school

5-10 million dollars, peers/workforce, enhance services for homeless youth

Speed dating activities

New evaluation form

Whatever e-gift card you want (can still opt to be mailed a card)