

## **July 15, 2019 FYSPRT Meeting Minutes**

**4-6pm**

**Location: YWCA 3609 Main St., Vancouver, WA 98663**

### **Meeting Opening**

- Introductions (completed at the end of the meeting)
- Sign-In Sheet
- Comfort agreement
  - Other agreements: Step up and step back. Share the floor.
- General Announcements
  - Coordinated Care / Foster-Adoption Training update: List of those that completed training is needing to be updated, please contact Cara.

### **Knowing is Power – Brandi Williams**

- In response to recent law enforcement shootings, the Education Community Health Advocates (ECHAs) at McLoughlin Middle School are working to address student and community concerns about how to support our youth of color around engagement with local law enforcement agencies.
- “Knowing is Power” event held in June to review rights and racial profiling.
- 9 questions developed by students were presented to law enforcement agencies and a civil rights attorney.
- Some officers dressed in their uniforms while others did not.
- Following the 9 questions, students were able to ask more personal questions.
- Brandi discussed making the environment safe and not hostile to law enforcement.
- Tyler Monk facilitated the discussion and did a great job.
- Students were able to talk about their story and what happened as well as what are the next steps.
- If you are not doing a crime and not a suspect of doing a potential crime, you don't have to give a police officer your name, but it is advised to work with law enforcement if able. You have the right to video tape law enforcement as long as it does not interfere with the investigation. You also have the right to see the badge for the police officer.
- ACLU was a positive addition to panel with law enforcement.
- Youth stated that they wanted more events like that. Brandi discussed the potential for another event in October on the same topic.
- Knowing is Power also exploring future topics to discuss as well as who should participate.
- Event was completely youth driven.
- What would help officers be more relatable: casual clothes, not being serious/formal talk, activity with the officer (basketball, rock painting), and other approaches to get to know officers.

### **Youth Advocacy and Empowerment Report Out – Briana Mason**

- Youth Advocacy and Empowerment meeting purpose and location discussed, shared out last meeting minutes.
- “If you really knew me” activity completed. Each person had a minute and a half at their table to write something nice about themselves. Participants then picked things out of from their story and created genuine compliments for those individuals.
  - Did any of the compliments surprise people?
- Advice for my future self: Write it on a note. YAE will post it.
- 3 questions that you want to know about. Table discussion about current issues.
- Save the Date: Art in the Park – August 6<sup>th</sup> at Marshall Park.
  - Rock painting, splatter art, and face painting and other activities.
  - Food.
  - **FYSPRT will need volunteers to help out at the different activities – Please contact Michelle or Briana if you are willing to help out.**
- YA&E launched an Instagram page @swwa\_yae Follow and support our page. Please follow the Facebook page also <https://www.facebook.com/FYSPRT/>
- Next YA&E Meeting - We meet the first Monday of every month (August 1st) at Hanna Hall Room 118 at Clark College from 5:30-7:30pm. August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting will be in Hanna Hall Room 116.

## **Wrap up and Evaluations**