

July 16, 2018 FYSPRT Meeting Minutes

4-6pm

Location: YWCA 3609 Main St, Vancouver, WA 98663

Meeting Opening

- Introductions
- Sign-In Sheet
- Comfort agreement
- General Announcements
 - FYSPRT is sponsoring “Meaningful Movies” at the Cascade Park Library on July 19th at 6pm. Our movie choice is “The Perks of Being a Wallflower” which focuses on mental illness in teens.
 - Jerri Clark – Creating new group MOMI (Mothers of Mentally Ill). See her for more information.
 - Immortals of Indignation – Non-profit that provides help to other organizations with a focus on youth. Interested in getting involved with FYSPRT activities.

Janus Youth CSEC Services - Robin Miller, BethAnn Pospischil, Casey Lutgens

- Background on Janus Youth
 - Who we serve:
 - Homeless youth resource center 15 yo-25th birthday
 - Homeless youth street outreach 12-18yo
 - CSEC Services 12-yo-25th birthday
 - Number of Contacts: 464 at risk youth contacted, 22 receiving case management services since first of the year
 - Drop in resource center the perch
 - Street outreach- yellow brick road and CSEC
 - Jobs first
 - Housing programs (referrals through the housing solutions center)
 - CSEC case management
 - Oak bridge youth shelter
 - Resource connections: mental health services (specific services for this population), drug and alcohol, harm reduction center, professional development, job searching, educational opportunities, housing, health insurance, parenting/family resources, vital records
- Risk factors for trafficking
 - History of abuse or neglect
 - Mental health issues
 - Substance abuse
 - Poverty
 - Domestic Violence
- Over-represented populations in CSEC populations
 - People of color
 - People experiencing homelessness
 - LGBTQ+ folks
 - Immigrants
 - Youth who have run away

- Predators target insecurities in people and then filling them to get with what they want
 - Not just girls but happens a lot to boys too
 - Not usually done in chat rooms, not to beautiful people, not usually taken
- Red flags: chronically truant/homeless/runaway/gang involved youth, excess cash, hotel room keys, multiple cell phones, having unexplained expensive services, signs of branding (jewelry or tattoos), lying about age/false ID, lack of knowledge of whereabouts, provocative clothing, sex toys, condoms, lube, dramatic personality changes, evasive behavior, tattoos/gang brands, hotel key cards, excess cash, nice things with no explanation, no eye contact
- Washington age of consent is 16 with someone 3 years older, although if there is anything of value exchanged, than it is considered commercial exploitation. If over 18 years old, there must be proof of force/fraud/coercion.
- What can be done?
 - Janus Youth is now using intake questionnaires that normalizes trafficking so that they will stay for services
 - Relationship with a trusted adult is key to intervention
 - Removing online services such as Backpage (see movie I am Jane Doe for a compelling look at sex trafficking)
 - Cell phone and internet education for youth as young as middle school
 - Advocate for law enforcement and community to get concerned and take action to reduce sex trafficking in places in our community (e.g. Fourth Plain, Highway 99)
 - Identify ways to combat the porn industry and let women know they have rights to take videos down
 - Get into schools to do presentations, participate in School Safety Summit which include influential individuals
 - Use the “anti-bullying” banner as a way to begin engagement on the topic

Group Activity – Briana Mason led us through a group exercise that required everyone to choose between 2 options, with some being basic and others being more challenging. We then had a discussion about learnings from the exercise and how it made us feel.

State Updates:

- WISE Symposium was well attended. Highlights included:
 - 3 priorities for our FYSPRT – CA involvement, education, system resource fair
 - Youth panel sharing experience – how can we get more youth peers by supporting age 18-20 to be eligible as a youth peer in our region
 - For our next big FYSPRT Hope Out Loud event, suggestion to look into having Noah Schultz as a key note speaker
 - Reminder to continue to explain what WISE is
 - Presentation on fetal alcohol syndrome was informative
- Homeless Youth and access to services remains a statewide topic
 - Office of Homeless Youth has grants for funding solutions and services

Wrap up and Evaluations