Youth SMP Subcommittee

March 21, 2023

Minutes

Current Challenges, Opportunities, Wish list

-Sarah GWRSD— 3 priority areas, Tier 1 program support, universal prevention; 2. Restorative justice and restitution practices and 3. teacher system and support. Areas of focus SP, dating violence, substance misuse prevention. District MTSS-B Team working

Jen Murphy – met with Jen Thomas – funding, resources are challenges. SAP position to be filled. Dedicated staff to support response to student needs upon identified substance use. More education in engaging ways for students.

Jen Doris, NH DOE, No Safe Experience Campaign coming up. Toolkit will be available for schools. Posters and printed materials, rack cards, promo items coming. Summer series for prof devpt is planned. Stay tuned. No current grants open. More info in August. 12 schools funded this year. A pre-webinar will come for next year’s opportunities. Seeking grants for sustainability of office staff. All staff is based on fed funds which have an end date. Staff capacity is a challenge and sustainability is a challenge. North Country is more involved in MTSS-B now, including Conway.

Eric Moran – prevention – Area Ossipee Community Center – working to open a center. Need resources, financial support. Volunteers are involved. Want to have fun games, activities for youth. Opportunities for hands-on learners and more avenues for occupations, training and post-secondary learning.

Lauren Orsini – Children Unlimited. Family Resource Center available to connect families with information, referral, family supports, parenting support. Kinship navigation program available for caregivers raising children who are not their bio children, often grandparents. Positive Solutions Parenting Class, Tue program 9-10 or 6-7pm by zoom. Also Every 3rd Tue 9am Kinship Group, Conway Library; Kingswood Youth Center youth support group starting. Would like to see action items between meetings. Would like to explore common causes and how to address those in concrete ways.

Katy Bedley – SAP at Middle, High School still important. Concerns in numbers of students impacted by SUD, who have kinship caregivers. Doesn’t seem to be curriculum at elem. Level. Like LEAD program. Teachers work to address SEL but doesn’t seem to be targeted education.