SWWA FYSPRT Meeting Notes 10/21/2024

Overview:

• Participant introductions focusing on youth services and partnerships. Presenters tonight AKI Foundation and Regional Statewide FYSPRT Tri-Leads.

AKI Foundational Youth Services Presentation Highlights:

• By Annette Kleinfelter:

- Annette Kleinfelter, founder of AKI, highlighted the organization's mission to combat youth homelessness, particularly for transgender and female-identifying youth. Established in 2020, AKI provides safe, stable housing, trauma-informed care, and integrated mental and physical health services. The organization runs two residential programs for youth aged 13-18 and a transitional living program for ages 16-20.
- **Core Values:** Focus on tenacity, staff retention, and relational health, with a high staff-to-youth ratio (1:2).
- Partnerships: Collaborates with Catholic Community Services and Compass Health.
- **Future Plans:** Expansion of housing programs for young adults (18-24) and a new program for transgender youth opening in 2025.

Regional Statewide FYSPRT Presentation Highlights:

- By Kris Royal, Patty King, and Quentesa Garraway
 - Statewide FYSPRT Initiatives: How to submit and link between Regional and State FYSPRT's.
 - Emphasis on collaboration to resolve regional needs and significant challenges like transportation.
- Youth and Young Adult Continuum of Care Subgroup:
 - Legislative group addressed prevention, early intervention, crisis, and recovery services highlighting the current focus on transportation and funding requests.
- Recent Recommendations to the Governor:
 - Support for bridge residential programs, expansion of youth peer programs in schools, and exploration of recovery high schools inspired by models from Seattle and Oregon.

WISe Program Update:

- Referral Sources Insights
- Cross-System Involvement
- Concerns about Service Availability
- Trends in Youth Needs
- Staffing and Workforce Issues
- Community Engagement