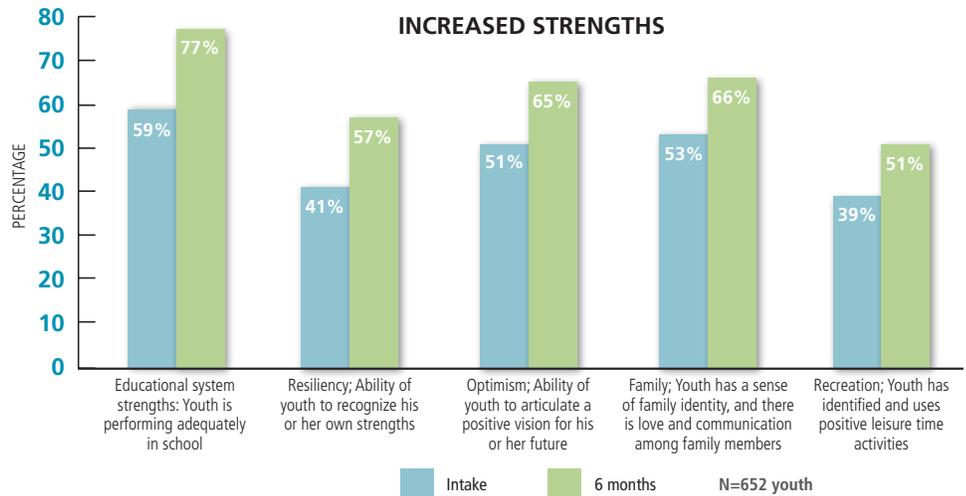


In addition to improvements in behavioral and emotional needs, youth enrolled in WISE reported developing strengths. The chart shows growth in the strengths of children and youth while enrolled in WISE.



Youth and Family Voice

In 2016, a statewide survey of children and youth, and their caregivers, who participated in WISE 60 days or more indicated the following related skill development:

- 74% percent of youth indicated they are doing better in school
- 64% of caregivers indicated their youth/child is doing better in school
- 92% of youth indicated that they are doing better at home
- 74% of caregivers indicated that their youth/child is doing better at home

Regional WISE Highlights

North Sound Behavioral Health Organization, reports the following successes:

- One client will enter the Washington Youth Academy – our first success supporting this process.
- Several older teen clients have obtained jobs.
- A mother regained custody of her children. She has been clean and sober and no further CPS involvement for over 6 months.
- Intentional emphasis on family voice and choice – it is sometimes the first time parents are supported in being the leaders of the children’s care and it can be very empowering AND more likely to have longstanding positive benefits.



“Everything the WISE program has done for me has been positive and they are always there to help.”
– Youth participating in WISE



Spokane County Regional Behavioral Health Organization, shares:

- That as a result of recent educational efforts, referrals from other child-serving systems are increasing, including medical providers, the juvenile justice system and Children’s Administration.

Thurston-Mason Behavioral Health Organization reports:

- The designated “WISE Coordinator” is a parent with lived experience who is very skilled at coordinating all phases of the program, including referrals, scheduling screens/evaluations, data collection, facilitating implementation and steering meetings.
- Rapidly increasing capacity to meet community need (will soon have capacity to serve 200 clients at all times).
- Excellent outcomes demonstrated with Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) data.
- Family voice at all levels of implementation.