

# REPORT CARD

WINTER 2016

## 4th Year of Creating Connections



### Passion to Action (P2A) Phone Interviews

Twelve Passion to Action (P2A) members were interviewed about their experiences receiving mental health services while in foster care. P2A is a youth-led advisory board that works with Children’s Administration in regards to policies affecting the day-to-day lives of children/youth in foster care.



These survey responses have been integrated into the ‘Things I Wish My Therapist Knew’ training to better enhance the youth and young adult perspective.

### TRAININGS

#### CHILD WELFARE 101 TRAINING: ‘THINGS I WISH MY THERAPIST KNEW’

True North Student Assistance and Behavioral Services, Tumwater, WA

Participants on average rated a 9 out of 10 for relevance and usefulness of this training to their job. The ‘Things I Wish My Therapist Knew’ training gives mental health professionals information on how to collaborate in the child welfare system to better serve foster children and youth.

### WELCOME TO THE CORE TEAM!

Paul Davis,  
Division of Behavioral Health & Recovery

Danielle Goodwin,  
Parent Partner Ally

### LEARNING COMMUNITY

Fifty stakeholders met with the Creating Connections core team to discuss current grant activities in Spokane and Tacoma!



### GRANT ACTIVITIES COVERED

- More community representation at Creating Connections Trainings
- Sustainability
- Cross System Collaboration

“As someone who is not deeply versed in child welfare or mental health treatment, I appreciate this opportunity to better understand the child welfare system on what is working and being addressed.”  
-Learning Community Member

### IN-SERVICE TRAINING

On February 11th, core team members delivered the ‘Mental Health: In-Depth Applications for Child Welfare’ in-service training for Children’s Administration staff in Tacoma, Washington. The all-day training addresses case management for youth and children in foster care receiving mental health services.



The next in-service training is April 29th in Seattle, Washington.

## WHAT'S NEXT?

- Child Health & Education Tracking Program and Ongoing Mental Health Conference
- Children’s Justice Conference
- In-Service Training
- ‘Things I Wish My Therapist Knew’ Training



[JOIN OUR LISTSERV-  
CLICK HERE](#)



[WEBSITE](#)

