



# Online Meeting Minutes: March 19, 2024

## **Guest Speakers from [Communities in Schools of Greater King County](#): Sabrina Hull, Alba Cisneros, Mara Schwartz, Ana Reyes**

- Please note - the complete presentation slides can be found on the INN website, with these meeting notes
- Communities In Schools (CIS) was founded as a social justice organization over 40 years ago and CISGKC has been in the community since 1995.
- Our purpose is to provide resources and supports for students who have historically been the furthest from educational justice addressing inequalities prevalent in our educational system.
- In August 2023, CISGKC partnered with the Issaquah School District and placed a site coordinator at Issaquah Middle School. January 2024 the partnership expanded to place a site coordinator at Issaquah High School.
- CIS uses a holistic youth development approach to address the unique needs of students to ensure they have equal opportunities to reach their full potential.
- Our evidenced-based model of Integrated Student Supports as a student-centered approach, and is an opt-in program.
- Students can refer themselves as well as peers
- We provide supports in three different tiers: Tier 1: School-wide services Tier 2: Targeted programs Tier 3: Individualized support
- Site Coordinators are responsible for implementing the CIS model of Integrated Student Supports to meet the needs of those students who have historically been furthest from educational justice
- Supports include environmental, non-academic needs of students, build and maintain relationships with students, families, school team and community-based partners, communication/coordination with school team, Individualized case management services or connection to community resources while empowering and moving them towards self-sufficiency, and document progress and track student outcomes in CIS database.
- Currently hosting a donation drive for hygiene products to support students and families. Donation locations around the Eastside, including Issaquah High School and Issaquah Middle School

## **Kinderling Families in Transition, Jill Clacy**

- Kinderling provides assessments and services to children birth through age 3
- Upcoming auction on April 22, join the fun for a good cause
- Volunteer opportunities within Kinderling, from KidVantage drivers to tabling to flyers and more. Contact Kinderling Volunteer coordinator-Collin Kemeny: [volunteer@kinderling.org](mailto:volunteer@kinderling.org) for open opportunities

## **Olive Crest Host Homes Program Manager, Todd Hobart**

- The host homes program provides respite for families in crisis by providing a safe, temporary host home for children and youth without foster care

## **City of Issaquah Human Services, Hannah Roberts, Lisie Monahan, Brenda Parker**

- The Human Services Grant applications are now open, through April 8
- Feel free to contact Hannah to learn more about the Issaquah grant process and focus on services
- Welcome to new members of the behavior health team!

### **Issaquah School District Family Partnership Specialist, Lorna Gilmour**

- Upcoming events for kindergarten registration
- Events link - Family Connections Q&A night and also an informational night on Attendance and Reporting Student Conflicts
- <https://www.isd411.org/programs-services/equity/parent-events-and-workshops>

### **WA Dept of Commerce, King County Community Outreach, Chris Lovings**

- No news today, but would like contact information for Alicia Spinner

### **Friends of Youth, Nate Woods**

- Currently taking referrals
- Ongoing [Ani-Bae Youth Therapy Group](#) Wednesdays and [Teen Art Therapy Group](#) Thursdays
- FOY has 3 locations and can provide telehealth services

### **Elizabeth Maupin, Issaquah Sammamish Interfaith Coalition. and Washington State Lived Experience Coalition.**

- From Housing Consortium: We are asking for Redmond organizations, residents, and workers to share your support for this affordable housing development at the upcoming City Council meeting tonight, Tuesday, March 19, at 6:30pm. Opposition voices are mobilizing to turn out to this hearing and we want to show City leaders that there is strong community support to pursue this opportunity. We can also continue to reset the affordable housing narrative on the Eastside to re-focus our core values and evidence-based solutions to this far-reaching public issue.

### **Hopelink Family Development Partnership, Donata Brenner**

- Help clients create a long-term, step-by-step plan of action for their future, working with a case manager
- Shoreline, Bothell, Woodinville, Kirkland, Redmond, Bellevue, Issaquah, Snoqualmie Valley

### **Whole Women Link Association, Sommer Seitz**

- Trauma informed care, national presence, and new nonprofit here in this community
- Website has many resources and information
- Will soon have community events to share
- <https://www.wholewomenlink.org/>

### **Hopelink Financial Capabilities Program**

- 2 events at KCLS regarding the American banking system. March 20 in English & March 27 in Spanish
- Starting a 3-event series regarding Credit, available through KCLS. Will also hold an event in Bellevue in Arabic.

**Next INN Meeting: April 26, 2023 Guest Speaker: Chris Lovings, WA Dept of Commerce King County Community Engagement.**