**FAMILY RECONNECT – Update**

**Decisions:**

* Family Reconnect will have 3 (and possibly 4) kinds of activity:

1. Sheri's work with parents and others within a restorative approach (Target: ~10+ families)

2. Adult Workshop (~10-20 participants)
> on the subject of "Using restorative approaches and improved communication to connect with your youth" (title to be developed)
> open to any "family" member needing to connect with a youth (and potentially group homes?)
> ~3-hour workshop to take place in an evening (e.g. 6 pm - 9 pm) in early November
> content will include role-playing, an interactive powerpoint, and potentially building on the Family Group Conferencing model (Aisha and Al Howard have taken the training)
> incentives for participation could include $10 gift cards (grocery, gas, Giant Tiger), child-minding remittances ($25)
**AISHA**
> Will explore models for the Adult Workshop
> Will estimate what volunteers and other resources we need

3. LGBTQ+ Workshop (TBD)
> For queer teens, on the subject of communicating with your family as this is a major source of family disconnection
**Action:  SHERI**will explore possibility of getting the excellent Kingston speaker to be part of this.  Unsure if there is a cost.

4. Family Circles (# to be determined)
> Some families will have an LCCJ volunteer assigned to hold a family circle
> Next Steps:
a. Need to work out a script, recruit and orient volunteers
**>>> AISHA**will see if she has the family group conferencing script and send it to FR team
b. Set target for number of such circles we are able to lead
c. Contact community partners to make sure we are not replicating another program ... and to see if they can send referrals, put up a poster etc.
**>>> AISHA**:Connections Home Visiting program**;**The Table; Open Doors (Francis); Interval House
**>>> DONNA:**Victims Services, All the high schools; Aruma (Hailey) **>>> ELLE:**Youth Centres**,**Family and Children's Services **>>> SHERI:**Situation Table, OPP Mental Health Nurse

**Overall organizations:**

* **CHRISTINE**
> Liaise with Perth&DC Foundation to get the reporting form and review our plan for timing (interim report in November, final report in April 2020)
> Design a reporting form/process so we can keep track of moving toward our 25-family target
> Make a Family Reconnect work plan so we know what is happening when

**Next meeting:** Tuesday July 16 11:30 am - 12:30 am at Cafe Bean