

Advisory Committee for Children's Voluntary Services

Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, February 10, 2026

TIME: 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Winnebago County Human Services Building, 220 Washington Avenue, Oshkosh, WI, Room 033

PRESENT:

In-person: Tammy Ross (The Sensory Club Neenah), Wendy Propson (VPI), Jenn Emnott (MindRight Behavior & Counseling)

Virtual: Amy Rosplochowski (parent), Emily Paschen (NOVA), Angela Wade (Trio Academy), Tammi Kohlman (Remarkable), Kimberly Nichols-Green (Guided Discovery), Emily Thiel (Childcare Resource and Referral)

STAFF PRESENT:

In-person: Tracy Gehrke (Public Health), Hannah Ulwelling, Troy Eckes (CCS), Jenna Stueck, Bridget Hunter, Julianne Gohde

Virtual: Hailey Drummond, Liz Schlosser, Wendy Van Ornum, Jessica Oaks, Kathryn Runge, Rhonda Reinke, Caitlin Lefebvre, Rachael Van Dyke, Rebecca Griesse, Mitch Cornils, Halle Abernathy

A. Call to Order: **Tracey Gehrke** called the meeting to order at approximately 12:30 p.m.

B. Approval of December 9, 2025 Meeting Minutes: Tammy Ross made a motion for approval of the December 2025 meeting minutes, seconded by Jenna Stueck, motion carried.

C. Business Items:

1. Presentation – **Jenn Emnotta** – MindRight Behavior & Consulting, LLC – Filling the Gaps in Behavioral Care:

- Where We Started – Jenn has background experience in ABA, systems leadership, and CLTS-aligned services. Jenn founded MindRight after seeing consistent service gaps.
- Core Values – Compassion, integrity, collaboration, and growth.
- Core Service Areas – Unpaid caregiver support (UCS), safety planning and behavioral stabilization, daily living skills, system collaboration.
- Service Funding: CLTS Waiver, CCOP, collaboration with other funded providers, private pay.
- Clinical Structure: Jenn Emnot, BCBA Licensed Behavior Analyst; lead consultants act under supervision of BCBA; behavior specialists are direct service providers.
- Support for clients who fall between systems – Children discharged from ABA but still struggling, older youth who cannot access afterschool ABA hours, families in behavioral crisis, youth with high intensity behaviors not fitting traditional clinical models, families needing practical in-home application.
- Integrated behavioral and mental health collaboration.
- What's next for MindRight – Launching center-based services in June utilizing hybrid model of center, in-home, and community. Expanding services to offer group caregiver trainings, social skills for participants, and health and wellness through partnership with MindRight.

- Referral process – Referral by family or county. Steps: referral receipt and system entry, initial family outreach, authorization request, intake paperwork completed, initial intake session.
 - Email – intake@mightrightbehavior.com
 - Telephone Jenn: 920-212-6178 or 920-883-9076
 - <https://mindrightbehavior.com>

2. Member Sharing:

Tracy Gehrke – the Back to School Fair Committee anticipates an increase in the 2026 Oshkosh event from serving 1200 to 1500 students and is actively working on securing a big sponsorship.

Staff in attendance providing self-introductions / no updates to report: **Bridget Hunter, Julienne Gohde, Wendy Van Ornum, Kathryn Runge, Hailey Drummond, Liz Schlosser, Rhonda Reinke, Caitlyn Lefebvre, Rebecca Griesse, Jessica Oaks, Halle Abernathy.**

Mitch Cornils – the State recently rolled out new foster care licensing regulations for individuals who are relatives and like-kin caregivers. This has helped streamline the process for youth placements and timely caregiver payments.

Tammy Ross – the Sensory Club Neenah is celebrating their third anniversary next month. Bridging the Gap is bringing on another occupational therapist to allot for more in-home caregiver support and coaching. The Sensory Superstars Group is being added for parents and caregivers as an eight-week program exploring sensory processing, tool strategies, and supports. The group is for elementary-aged students and limited to 15 participants. The goal is to run quarterly groups with the first set of sessions starting April 2nd from 4:15 to 5:30 on Thursdays. Tammy is adding a new option for sensory evaluation and plans to present more information at an upcoming meeting.

Amy Rosplochowski reported she is a parent and is in attendance to learn more.

Kim Nichols-Green – Guided Discovery has begun a Pathways Program which starts new families with a designated plan. She is also working with **Marla Kopecky Penney** on a professional development series with Oshkosh Area School District.

Emily Paschen reported that NOVA now has a smaller waitlist for ABA therapy.

Tammy Kohlman of Remarkable is working on a backlog of referrals after a few weeks of illness.

Emily Thiel of Childcare Resource and Referral stated that part of her job is helping childcare providers with challenging behaviors. Emily also reported being in the planning stages for startup of a monthly diaper bank in the Omro/Winneconne area.

Angela Wade announced that Trio Academy will be rolling out summer programs. There are upcoming openings in the Young Scholars daycare program for children ages 2-5.

3. Children's COP and CLTS Services – Hannah Ulwelling:

- Service and Program Updates: As of December, data from the State shows an average of 55 days from referral to date of CLTS enrollment. There is currently no waitlist.
- All in for Kids – CLTS Program Family Winter 2025 newsletter – <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/newsletters/kids-2025-04.pdf>. Family spotlight and general updates for CLTS and Birth to Three Program.

- Wisconsin Office of Children's Mental Health newsletter – Research on trends being seen in public schools for children with mental health.
<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/WIDHS/bulletins/407e74f>
 - State waiver renewal in 2027 – Timeline and feedback information is available on the State's website – <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/clts/renewal.htm>
 - Auto disenrollments – DHS is now doing auto disenrollments for children who lose Medicaid.
 - Katie Beckett renewals can now be done online or through the app and have been integrated into the CARES system.
 - 44 referrals since beginning of January.
 - Staffing Update – **Jenna Stueck** reported that three new staff have recently started: **Wendy Van Ornum, Becky Griese, and Mallory Lembcke. Rhonda Reinke's** position is being refilled.
4. Birth to Three Services (B-3) – Wendy Propson – VPI/VARC:
- 2025 Year-End Data: Winnebago and Outagamie combined total=1043 children. Children receiving ongoing support=641 with the breakdown being Winnebago=497, Outagamie=271.
 - Staffing – Two occupational therapists are on the team, one in process of Ayres certification. Three staff have recently completed the Infant, Early Childhood and Family Mental Health Capstone certification and are now endorsed as mental health specialists, receiving reflective supervision from an outside contractor. A full-time physical therapist is being sought due to staff retirement.
 - Cancellations – Wendy reported illness causing many cancellations and reschedules which poses a difficulty with having only 45 calendar days from the date of referral to enrollment including three visits.

CCS/CST Youth Services: Troy Eckes reported a recent CCS coordination meeting with the adult team. He also encouraged utilizing the Menasha Public Library recently remodeled to include SMITHWorks which is a creative area with at-cost materials pricing for their laser cutters, arts and crafts, Cricut machines, a music recording studio, and drawing tablets. The library also is hosting a resource fair on May 1st at 1:00 PM for families of children with disabilities.

5. 2026 Focus Areas and Committee Role:

As discussed at the last meeting, **Hannah Ulwelling** is in the process of looking up cultural competency trainings. Her team is also focusing on IEP training through DPI, youth transitions for ages 17½ to 18 going on to adult care programs, authorizations, Deciding Together guide updates, and QPR training. **Wendy Propson** added that their staff survey indicated cultural competency training as a high priority. **Tracy Gehrke** shared about a past training from a UW-O professor regarding the Muslim community.

D. 2026 meeting dates: 05/12/2025, 09/08/2025, 12/08/2025 at 12:30 p.m. in the Winnebago County Human Services Building, 220 Washington Avenue, Oshkosh, WI, Room 033.

E. Adjourn: With no other business, **Tracey Gehrke** requested a motion for adjournment, motion made by Tracy Gehrke seconded by Bridget Hunter. Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Hannah Ulwelling.