

CWITN Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2026

Agenda:

Motions and Action Items	Notes
	Mission Statement & Overview: The Central Washington Interagency Transition Network focused on supporting individuals with disabilities in their transition to adulthood. Tracie Hoppis opened the session by outlining the network's mission, followed by updates from members, including Rebekah Fuss and Eileen Youngberg, who highlighted a 10-year anniversary celebration for the STEP transition program and the launch of community inclusion services at Trillium Employment Services. Maria Chavez introduced herself as the new program director for Compass Career Solutions, emphasizing her commitment to building relationships for transition work. Participants shared their backgrounds, including Daniel Bravo from the Yakima Health District Developmental Disabilities Program and Amy Burkheimer from Children's Village, who supports families with special needs children. Kenia Morales provided details on the services available to individuals with disabilities in Yakima, while Marieke Beck-Coon discussed her role in educating parents about guardianship. Carrie Bayha, the region one employment specialist, attended to listen to updates, and Rosa Quiroz shared her role in supporting educators and students with disabilities in ESD 105. Katherine Titus announced an upcoming training on person-centered tools for student-led IEPs, aimed at empowering students in their planning processes. The CWITN Host presented resources for legislative advocacy, stressing the importance of voicing concerns during the current budget deficit. Advocacy days organized by The Arc of Washington State were highlighted as a significant opportunity for engagement. The host introduced a bill tracker for monitoring hearings and state budgets related to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, which includes features for submitting testimony. Updates on educational bills tracked by OSPI were also provided, along with information about the upcoming Night to Shine event for individuals with disabilities and a technical issue affecting access to the CWITN website on the ESD network.
	Upcoming Training and Resources from WISE: Katherine Titus from WISE presented information about an upcoming training on person-centered tools for student-led IEPs, which will take place on Fridays in April. This training, developed in response to requests from educators like Kim, aims to enhance student involvement in their own planning. Additionally, WISE offers various resources, including a learning center with numerous training opportunities for educators and service providers. The following links were provided to share with the network, along with the attached flyer with further details. Wise Transition and School to Work Page: https://gowise.org/consulting/school-to-work-transition/ How to contact Wise: https://gowise.org/contact-us/ Join the Wise Learning Center Link: https://gowise.org/supported-employment-training/wise-learning-center/ Positive Behavior Support Playbook: https://gowise.org/training/positive-behavior-support-playbook/

Information about Benefits Planning: <https://gowise.org/consulting/benefits-planning/> and <https://benefitu.org/>
Wise Stories: <https://gowise.org/impact/stories/>

Legislative Advocacy Overview:

CWITN Host discussed the significance of legislative advocacy for individuals with developmental disabilities, particularly in light of the state's budget deficit. The host introduced the Arc of Washington State's advocacy days, which occur every Wednesday morning during the legislative session, and encouraged participation. Each advocacy day has a specific theme related to protecting services and rights for affected individuals.

Legislative Advocacy: <https://arcwa.org/>

Community Partner Updates:

- Kim Williams at ESD 105 will collaborate with Daniel and his team over at the health department to finalize the adapted food handlers card workshop for people with intellectual disabilities scheduled for March, with further details to come.
- Kim Williams will work with Joel Lupercio to share information about the adult CPR training class for transition-age youth once the details are finalized.
- The CWITN website is in its final stages of development and continues to be updated, with some minor technical issues affecting access on the ESD network. The website's features will include resources and upcoming events.
- The link will be <https://link.esd105.org/centralwashingtoninteragencytransitionnetwork>

Thank you!