Goal for the year:

Continue to build existing partnerships and expand on the work of our existing problems of practice work groups. We also commit to add new problem of practice work group topics for 2025.

Notes from Breakout:

What is one goal you have for this team in the coming year?

- Recognition of the work from 2024:
    - Keep up the great work, awesome to see such progress
    - Keep the momentum going with Job Corps
- Areas to grow:
    - Increase awareness of Post-Secondary Education options
    - Sustainable DS transition services for youth in their final year of High School
    - Improved collaboration/Make time to partner/Learn more about needs of other agencies
    - Better address statewide staffing issues
    - Fading/no job coach model
    - Interest/strengths-based initiatives
    - Develop a list of members – regularly review to see if there are agencies missing.
    - Focus on foster youth and strengthen transition to adulthood.
- New areas suggested as possible Problems of Practice in 2025:
    - Drivers Education (access to classes through taking the road test)
    - Sex education for youth with disabilities
    - Improved connection between DCF-FSD, HireAbility, JOBS

THESE QUESTIONS ARE BEING COMPILED AROUND THE STATE FOR A LARGER FAQ DOCUMENT:

What is a question you want to ask of other core teams?

- What works well about your team, any challenges?
- What are your active participants? What do you feel is missing?
- At what age are families looking at transition issues?
- How do you manage the competing priorities of each member?

- Is there a universal theme that the statewide team should work on?

- How do you fill identified gaps in resources?

- What are the trends you are seeing in your area?

- What is one thing your team does that you find most helpful?

- How are families being involved with core teams?

- What are your barriers and what do you need to be more successful?

- Most successful event?

- How have you approached trying to overcome your biggest barrier?

- How do you connect with other teams?

What is one piece of advice or suggestion for success you would give to another team?

- Make the time, commitment

- Assume everyone is here for the right reasons, we're all on the same team

- Wholistic not fragmented approaches

- If team engagement is low, ask why and try to get some "oomph"

- Make the commitment to meet regularly and follow through

- Include parent voice

- Take the time to learn about each other and invite speakers and presentations

- Engagement looks different for everyone, don't use attendance as the only measure

- Go to meetings

- Accommodate high school staff to increase their attendance

- Do individual case work and systems/community work

- Set a few goals that can be achieved realistically and be clear about who is doing what to move things forward