

# THE MOCKINGBIRD SOCIETY 2025 CHAPTER AGENDA



## NORTHERN CHAPTER TRANSPORTATION

### ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM

#### Overview

Transportation gaps in Northwest Washington hinder access to essential services, especially for youth and young adults (YYA) from underserved backgrounds, limiting their ability to reach healthcare, education, jobs, and social services.

#### The Solution

The Northern Chapter will work with local governments, transit authorities, and private groups to create innovative transportation solutions, such as rideshare partnerships, community shuttles, and subsidized transit passes.

## YAEH\* CHAPTER PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

### POTENTIAL LEAD AGENDA ITEM - TBD DUE TO THE CHANGING NATURE OF LEGISLATIVE SESSION

#### Overview

Young adults with developmental needs struggle to access Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) due to limited resources and complex service gaps.

#### The Solution

Allocate \$250,000 to the Office of Homeless Youth to develop recommendations and fund programs and awareness campaigns to improve PSH access for these young adults.

\*YOUTH ADVOCATES ENDING HOMELESSNESS

## TACOMA CHAPTER FINANCIAL CAPABILITY

### ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM

#### Overview

Youth exiting foster care face financial challenges and lack confidence in money management, increasing their risk of using costly or predatory financial services.

#### The Solution

DCYF (Department of Children, Youth, and Families) should partner with financial institutions and community groups to create self-controlled bank accounts for young people ages 14 and up.



## KING COUNTY CHAPTER PEER 2 PEER PROGRAM

### ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM

#### Overview

Youth in foster care face challenges with stability and guidance and lack of relatable mentorship can negatively affect their education, social, and emotional well-being.

#### The Solution

Allocate \$250,000 to the Washington State Office of Civil Legal Aid (OCLA) to co-design a peer mentorship program with foster youth and community stakeholders

## CENTRAL CHAPTER ABUSE PREVENTION LEARNING STANDARD

### ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM

#### Overview

Washington’s K-12 students lack education on physical, psychological, and financial abuse in health education standards.

#### Solution

Collaborate with the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) to revise health education standards to include these types of abuse.

## EASTERN CHAPTER INCREASING ACCESS TO FOOD STAMPS/ EBT

### ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM

#### Overview

Youth in Washington face barriers when applying for SNAP benefits due to unclear and inconsistent eligibility requirements across state and federal websites.

#### The Solution

Work with WA State Department of Social & Health Services (DSHS) to create a clear, step-by-step guide for SNAP benefits and related services, making requirements easily accessible.

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