Agenda

• Introductions to new Utah State Board of Education Mentor Support Documents and Presenter – Amanda Charlesworth

• Brain Science – Liz Rivera, Director of Education Utah Foster Care

• Introduction of USBE’s new YIC Coordinator, Benjamin Carrier – Amanda Charlesworth

• Wrap-up & Post-Training Survey – Amanda Charlesworth
New Utah State Board of Education Check & Connect Mentor Support Documents

- Utah’s YIC Check & Connect Mentor Best Practices and Mentor Practice Profile
- Utah Mentor Quick Start Guide
- Check & Connect Implementing with Fidelity Key Points
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Her career began in child welfare over 28 years ago in direct service with youth at Salt Lake County Youth Services. She has worked with foster/adoptive families at Utah Foster Care for 22 years, first as the SLV Regional Trainer and now as the Director of Education.

She has a Master’s Degree in Communication from the University of Utah and is a Registered Circle of Security™ Parenting Facilitator as well as a TBRI® Practitioner. One of Liz's favorite quotes is from Sufi Wisdom: "thirst is proof of water” which reminds us that our deepest hopes are actually evidence of the existence of what we hope for.
Benji Carrier is the Youth in Custody Coordinator for the Utah State Board of Education. Prior to that assignment, he was the Alternative Education Principal in Ogden School District, UT. He has served as the principal there for 6 and half years and loved every minute of it. Prior to that assignment, Benji was the principal of Ogden District’s Youth in Custody program where he oversaw Mill Creek a long-term secure facility and Observation and Assessment a short term semi-secure facility.

Mr. Carrier has loved serving on the Utah Alternative Education Association for the last six years serving as the president-elect, present, and past president. He is also on the National Alternative Education Board where he serves as the Region 9 representative.

Benji has four energetic and funny children that he loves to go on adventures with. He is an avid crossfitter who loves doing anything active outside, especially biking, hiking, and skiing in the mountains.
Thank You

Post Training Survey:

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