Our mental health is just as important as our physical health so we need to be mindful to take care of both. Modeling speaking positive self talk to ourselves and giving others words of affirmation is a great place to enhance one's ability to cope and live fully.

Marilou G. Tablang-Jimenez, M.D., DFAPA, chair of the Addiction and Mental Health Center at MedStar Montgomery Medical Center, explains that "Regular repetition of [affirmations] can encourage your brain to take them as facts, believing you can do something and creating a positive mindset that can help you to accomplish your goals."

"When children use positive phrases about themselves, it helps shape and strengthen their own inner voice that will be with them a lifetime," says Kelly Oriard, co-founder of Slumberkins and licensed family therapist. "Saying an affirmation like 'I am brave, I am kind' and repeating it can soon become a child's reality."

Start with being kind to yourself by speaking words of affirmation and pass it on to others for who doesn't love a good pep talk.

Empower Youth Network offers a variety of classes to the community including Youth Mental Health First Aid, Guiding Good Choices and Inside Out Trauma Responsive Care and more. Check out the events page on the EYN website. [https://empoweryouthnetwork.org/events-calendar/](https://empoweryouthnetwork.org/events-calendar/)

We appreciate each and every one of you being on the YSM team. We look forward to continuing to partner with you. Together we can build a better future and strengthen our valley community. You are truly helping a child feel special, amazing, cared for and important!


Thank you for all you do,

Heather and Kathy
YSM staff and both districts thank you for all that you do! You make a difference!

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**KEY DATES!**

**Oct 26, Nov 2, Nov 9, Nov 16**  
Inside Out: Trauma-Responsive Care 6-7:30pm

**Nov 8**  
Book Requests for Mentees Due to Kathy  
Or feel free to order one on your own

**Nov 30**  
Mentor Appreciation Open House- Pick one  
Sandy’s in Carnation 10am-12pm  
Swirl in North Bend 2-4pm

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**We Need More Mentors Especially in RSD**

*Will you help?*

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**Reminder!**

Call the school each week to make sure your mentee is at school for mentoring.

Check the school calendar  
No mentoring on No school days

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Please join us in continuing to support our Snoqualmie Valley Youth by being a mentor & sharing with other potential mentors.

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