## Legislative Testimony Outline 1/29/2025 10th Annual Mental Health Advocacy Day

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## Topic:

Increasing Connection by coordinating to reduce the barriers that are perpetuating isolation and loneliness; all to help people, families, and communities to thrive.

- 1. Introduction to Social Tinkering
  - a. Mission
  - b. Vision
  - c. How we got here
  - d. Population serving
- 2. An overview of the Loneliness Epidemic
  - a. Lack of Connection underlying cause
  - b. Barriers to Connection
  - c. Impact on people, families, communities
  - d. Connection as the answer
- 3. What we are doing about all of this:
  - a. Tri-fold approach
  - b. Impact so far
- 4. How we can work together to help each other and our communities to thrive. Call to action.
  - a. We need to invest in removing barriers to connection and reducing isolation and loneliness.