



- Introductions and Welcome
- OYS Updates from Backbone staff
 - Participated in Juneteenth parade
 - Had our showing of “In the Middle of Nowhere: Juvenile Justice in Nebraska” June 14
 - Daniel Beaty attended
 - Working on other projects: Foster care, etc.
 - Progress in Case Processing
 - Link for position of Project Coordinator went out to the list serve
- Community Planning Exercise with Backbone staff
 - See outline following notes
- Focus Group with Families Working Group members - Public Policy Center facilitator for NE Systems of Care
 - Denise and Quinn: Evaluators for Nebraska Systems of Care
 - Taking a “snapshot”
 - Discussion on what problems need to be addressed:
 - Focusing on youth with mental/behavioral health issues
 - Funding isn’t following youth
 - State pays such a minimal amount/low levels of funding/Medicaid
 - Indian Child Welfare Act
 - No disruption of Medicaid/health benefits when transitioning
 - LB 1184 – needs to get back to System of Care principles
 - How are treatment needs being addressed?
 - Need a family centered arena
 - Practitioners/evaluators are not always collaborated with
 - How well do different groups coordinate?
 - Family funding silos
 - No mandate on the issue
 - If we come back in 3-4 years, and the system of care principles are working, what would you like the system to look like?

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- Intervention services for families before disruption occurs
- We would have developed a workforce that looks like the clients we are serving
- Mental health training for judges and court personnel, or encouraging referrals to mental health professionals

Please take the time to fill out the Rating Tool (survey)

- Work Plan Discussion and Handout
- Public Comment
- Next Meeting July 18th, 9:00-11:00

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1. If money was no object, what would you do to improve families' experiences in the system?
 - a. If the family itself could go through evaluations, education about family dynamics that got them to where they are today, a trauma-informed, almost in-patient tx for all family at their age appropriate understanding; whether it's one week, two weeks. Paid time off of work, all barriers removed for participation.
 - b. Insurance/Medicaid coverage; paid services for family therapy, education and support (family centered, strength based, and functional outcomes). Family navigator services/family advocate.
 - c. I would give every family a life coach for improving education, health, working (trade or college), financial planning for life, college, retirement, and estate planning, legal services.
 - d. Provide mentors and peer support for each member throughout the entire process.
 - e. Family advocate: a person assigned to families to make contact with family at time of charge/petition to walk them through the process and collaborative services. Transportation of parents and youth to appointments.
 - f. Mental health is the issue I would address. Providing shelters and services in lieu of placing in the JJ system. Sometimes mental health issues look criminal, but are not.
 - g. Probation tracker be more diligent and have better care of the kids they manage.
 - h. Have a family liaison for every family in the system during their entire time in the system. Family liaison, advocate, trusted individual to ask questions, provide guidance, access to necessary supports for families.
 - i. I think for families to have improved experience and outcomes – “no wrong door” a place/phone/website where they could have access to a “peer mentor” to walk with them through the process.
 - j. Create a family-led and operated advocacy center with liaisons who could, (1) identify with and (2) walk with families through their journey from pre-entry, early warning in schools to re-entry, and (3) mitigate the impacts of poverty and racism. New money and resources and shift/redistribution of existing resources.
 - k. Offer different opportunities and clubs and programs as possible to help create positive vibes.
2. What is working well for families in juvenile justice in Douglas County?
 - a. SROs with specialized training has greatly reduced the number of school arrests
 - b. Trauma training and experiences is creating a more family focus and partnership
 - c. Dual status work is showing great promise for families with CW and JJ systems
 - d. Many doors, no wrong door; connect to services and resources, make referrals for identified needs
 - e. Interpreters
 - f. Cultural liaisons
 - g. SROs – know kids, kids feel supported, great hand-offs with mental health providers, have a go-to person; training; placing them in the right school; define roles
 - h. RAW DAWGS – gang prevention; Compassion in Action

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- i. Caring families
 - j. Available mental health services in Youth Center
 - k. School diplomas at DCYC/DCC
3. What has promise but needs more resources?
- a. EPIC; day/evening reporting
 - b. Career; connections; opportunities
 - c. RAW DAWGS
 - d. Grief's Journey
 - e. YES House
 - f. School-based MH; Services – great resources but need EBP and stick to the fidelity of the model
 - g. Mental health; substance abuse
 - h. Transitional programs; YDC, foster car, recidivism in programs
 - i. Family of system
 - i. Navigator/liaison
 - ii. Advocate
 - iii. Mentors
 - iv. Life coaches
 - j. Mays, Boys / Girls Club, Girls Inc., after school programming, OTHER (street smart programs)
 - k. More SROs: elementary schools, all schools
4. What's missing?
- a. Peer support groups for mental health
 - b. PAL; prosocial year round
 - c. Move system to real family time, family friendly
 - d. Suicide prevention programs and outreach
 - e. Youth and family led government with P/P
 - f. One stop! No wrong door!
 - g. Build more trust!
 - h. Restorative justice practice in residential JJ facilities
 - i. Transportation
 - j. More understanding between the community and the police officers
 - k. Honesty
 - l. No favoritism
 - m. Youth in custody (UTAH)
 - n. Crisis assessment center
 - i. One door for crisis
 - ii. Navigation
 - iii. Referrals
 - iv. Urgent appointments

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- v. evaluation
- o. Zero tolerance program
 - i. Suicides / mental health
 - ii. Newtown crisis
 - iii. Gun violence
- p. Early childhood education
 - i. Substance use
 - ii. Normal development
 - iii. Impact of trauma
 - iv. Prevention
 - v. Screening/assessment
- q. Family empowerment
 - i. Leaders
 - ii. Consultants
 - iii. Voice at court
 - iv. Lead organizations
 - v. Lead policy
 - vi. Advocates

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