



**Operation Youth Success
Prevention Work Group**

Wednesday, July 19, 2017

3:00-5:00 PM

Omaha Home for Boys

- Introductions and Welcome
- OYS Updates
- RFP Update – 12 different area agencies submitted proposals. Recommendation was made as to where money should go; now we wait for the decision.
- Review of previous exercise
- Take a look at the notes from the last meeting and, especially those who were not at the last meeting, review/add ideas that can we all can go over at the next meeting.
 - Narrow the “What’s Missing” to top three achievable goals
 - Identify Next Steps
 - Work Plan Update
- Public Comment
- Next Meeting August 16, 2017 3:00-5:00
- Please take the time to fill out the Rating Tool (survey)

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June 21, 2017 Planning Notes:

1. If money was no object, what would you do to improve families' experiences in the system?
 - a. Offer free education and much higher paying jobs
 - b. Create neighborhood centers in each targeted zip code that allows for: food (emergency), transportation, hygiene (emergency) classes, computers, child care, central navigation, employment and education, afterschool. Co-locate partners and neighborhood reps at these centers. Run by, and prioritize established, neighborhood organizations.
 - c. Outreach center/community center (24 hours); save, affordable housing; jobs at a livable wage; free therapy/medical/dental; food (poverty and security); bus stops at every corner; parenting mentors/coaches.
 - d. Increase business, work opportunities in North/South Omaha; increase early intervention programs at elementary school level; provide funding to meet basic needs to families who need it; funding to schools for engagement and assist intervention programs; provide funding to existing area agencies with prevention focused programs.
 - e. Crisis stabilization; behavioral health respite (planned and emergency); linking providers to families to system; access to mental health continuum in a coordinate (timely) fashion.
 - f. Better access for all families to behavioral health care.
 - g. Lower child welfare and juvenile justice caseloads for better family engagement and outcomes.
 - h. Ensure that every school offered medical services (mental health and prevention services).
 - i. Intake center for juveniles like the CAC for child welfare.
2. What is working well for families in juvenile justice in Douglas County?
 - a. Commitment to make Douglas County trauma-informed.
 - b. 1184 CYPM Initiative.
 - c. Community before/after-school programs.
 - d. Mentors.
 - e. Early childhood home visiting.
 - f. PACE (mentioned 2 times) – increasing community relationship with OPD, cultural and trauma-informed.
 - g. Gang unit outreach.
 - h. Crisis intervention services.
 - i. Alternative response/community response.
 - j. You Turn.
 - k. Hope Center (basketball).
 - l. Faith organizations.
 - m. Step Up.
 - n. 360 zones.

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- o. Early childhood intervention; Educate/Head Start.
 - p. Connections program.
3. What has promise but needs more resources?
- a. Connections therapists in all schools.
 - b. More psychiatric and mental health providers who serve Medicaid clients.
 - c. Better availability of mentors and early childhood programs.
 - d. Mobile dental van.
 - e. Increased trauma training for educators.
 - f. School-based health care.
 - g. Defragmenting the North Omaha community.
 - h. Transportation.
 - i. Interpreters.
 - j. Coordinate mental healthcare.
 - k. Spanish speaking counselors.
 - l. Subsidized mental health care.
 - m. Psychiatric access.
 - n. School social workers.
4. What's missing?
- a. Central navigation; "no wrong door" system of services and supports.
 - b. Program to work with youth who run from home.
 - c. Program specific with admission criteria relevant to mental health/medical care/sex trafficking. (Carol's House of Hope).
 - d. Safe overnight childcare options for all ages.
 - e. School-based family resource centers. (NW High School has a small program – Building Healthful Futures)
 - f. Informal mentoring in schools, i.e., NYC Public Schools (has formal program called Success Mentors). [Midlands has had success in other areas (KC) looking at OPS and surrounding areas.)
 - g. Former gang member outreach (neighborhood-based), i.e., Chicago.
 - h. Family-centered/focused diversion program. **
 - i. Truancy transportation team.
 - j. Outreach center for disconnected youth.
 - k. Mediation/restorative justice. **

** Lincoln attorney is working with a program in Lancaster County that he says is working there. Creighton is doing some initial work.

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