



**Operation Youth Success
Prevention Work Group Notes**

Wednesday, October 18, 2017

3:00-5:00 PM

Omaha Home for Boys, Wurderman Conference Center

NOTES:

Prevention Work Group Purpose Statement

Reduce system entry and recidivism by strengthening community support and increasing access to preventative services.

- I. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Welcome Karla Dush, Program Coordinator for OYS
- II. Announcements
 - New member announcement – Michaela Jackson (not present today)
- III. Summary of last meeting's activities
 - Community Response update-Jennifer Potterf – Moved to next meeting
- IV. Activity
 - a. Update Work Plan
 - b. Review last meeting's top 3 areas:
 - i. Central Navigation System of Service and Support
 - ii. Programming for Mental Health/Medical/Sex Trafficking Needs
 - iii. Family Engagement
 - c. Do we want to focus on one area instead of three, and, if so, which area?
 - d. History: What were some of the accomplishments of this group, or what were barriers to accomplishing some of the steps on the work plan?
 - i. Other groups already had some groups in place to deal with some of the issues we were focusing on.
 - ii. Found existing organizations that already had programs in place and support them.
 - e. #4 in the existing work plan flows into the family engagement

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- i. Identify the “hot spots” and target those areas
 - f. How do we get the helplines out to the public
 - i. NDHHS has access to zip code information and may be able to share that information with this group in a non-publishable form
 - ii. Crisis stabilization or respite (cooling off period) is something that is lacking in services right now.
 - iii. Ability to access psychiatric evaluation within a reasonable timeframe.
 - g. How do we see the data being used in relation to prevention?
 - i. Match hot spots with existing services
 - h. Community Response would be a good area to start and build off of
 - i. Focus on the Family Engagement portion and possibly break it down in different action items and could fit into existing #4
 - j. Find an existing entity that is already doing something similar and work with them to take on being the central navigation
- V. Decision Making/Next Steps
 - a. What is the strategy for accomplishing this?
 - b. Expand and enhance prevention for families at risk of juvenile justice system involvement.
 - i. Possible Action Steps:
 1. Obtain hot spot (zip code) data from Data WG.
 - a. Provider/community input
 - b. Youth and family input
 2. Obtain call data from Helpline to compare with the hot spot data
 - a. Infrastructure (database, 24/7). Are they scalable to this task?
 3. Identify what services exist in areas of need.
 4. Identify gaps in existing services; what is needed.
 5. Review current resource guides in the community.
 - c. Create a central navigation system for families at risk of juvenile justice system involvement.
 - i. Possible Action Steps:
 1. What components must be available in this system?
 - a. Provider/community input
 - b. Youth and family input
 2. Identify current existing central navigation

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- a. Infrastructure (database, 24/7). Are they scalable to this task?
- 3. What components must be available in this system
- d. Finding partners to distribute resource information to families
 - i. Possible Action Steps:
 - 1. Enhance program and/or create/identify funding
- e. Homework:
 - i. Karla will talk to Data WG for data
 - ii. Get criteria to Kyle next meeting
 - iii. Gather existing community providers/services information and bring to next meeting

VI. Interest Survey

VII. Public Comment

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 15, 2017

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