

Operation Youth Success Absenteeism Work Group

Date: June 22, 2016

Time: 3:00 PM

Location: UNO – Community Engagement Center



Working Group Agenda Items

	Time
<u>Welcome and Introductions</u>	3:00 – 3:10
<u>Announcements / Good News</u>	3:15 – 3:25
➤ Operation Youth Success Updates	
o Operationyouthsuccess.org	
o Trauma Training Series July 25th and 26th and August 1st and 2nd	
o 2016 OYS Juvenile Justice Workshop and Symposium September 22nd and 23rd	
o Developmental Evaluation Team TerraLuna - Introduction	
▪ Jeff - Youth Voice, Kevin - Youth Voice/Developmental Evaluation, Keith - Developmental Evaluation	
http://www.terralunacollaborative.com/meet-the-team/	
o Community-Based Aid - Award was accepted for the July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017. Expected to be available and distributed beginning next month	
o Douglas County Community Plan was adopted June 21st and will be made public after signatures are received	
➤ 'Mentoring/responsible adult' in schools article https://youthtoday.org/2016/05/beating-the-odds-boosting-school-success-rates-for-students-in-foster-care/	
o Whitney - Discussion on Mentoring and chronic absenteeism. Implementing successful model and currently in 30 cities including Kansas. More intentional data and conduct data meetings - students are matched with school staff or adult volunteer working the school building. "Responsible adult" reaches out to the youth and make sure they are connected to the appropriate resources to allow for success. Strength-based approach. Piloted in New York public schools involving about 10,000 students in 3 years (K-12 graders)	

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- <http://www.americaspromise.org/news/mentors-reduce-chronic-absenteeism-boost-grad-rates>
- <http://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/fact-sheet-new-cities-join-my-brother%E2%80%99s-keeper-success-mentors-initiative-combat-chronic-student-absences-and-drive-school-and-life-success>
- Intervention and Prevention - reverse the trend of chronic absenteeism and improves grades
- GOALS - National Conference in June - Every student, everyday
 - Prevention/strength-based. Positively engaging students and families. 37 states represented at the conference and about 300 individuals attended the various 4 workshops. “My Brother’s Keeper” presented.
- Request for Proposal - Assessment of services/service gaps
 - <http://www.douglascountypurchasing.org/current-requests-for-bids-a-proposals>
 - Co-Chairs from work group and County admin staff will review the submitted proposals. Closed 6/22/16 .
- Review Work Plan - Where do we want to focus energy?
 - Status Updates
 - Discussion and voting on priorities
 - Promoting Student Attendance Awareness Month
<http://awareness.attendanceworks.org/>. Create national efforts/create and support local campaign
 - Establishing Focus Group(s) - Determine what students/families need (1B and C - work plan)
 - Redesign current survey for student/parent feedback
 - Prevention and strategies efforts for 5th graders - prevent chronic absenteeism at the start. Will discuss after evaluation
 - Possible data collection opportunities - Kori - Diversion Youth(about 200 from 1st-12th grade/meetings already set up. Survey before meeting? and Eric - “Aim”

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- Statewide group including Brenda, Treva, and Sarah (280 school boards) review only includes if schools are compliant with current laws. Does not cover language and literacy (work plan)
- E1 (work plan) - OYS 2016 Juvenile Justice Symposium - Bring awareness to community resources and community networking opportunity

- Continued United Way Meetings
- July 27, 2016 meeting CANCELLED

Agenda

3:25 – 4:15

- Community Based Aid Funding – there will be a subgrant adjustment quarterly (next in October)
- Review of Work Plan
- Next Steps
 - Whitney - Share templates from current campaign
 - Email ideas for Attendance Awareness Campaign
 - Treva and Sarah will discuss possible July meeting and report back to Task Force

Public Comment

4:15 – 4:30

Next Meetings/Follow Ups:

- August 24, 2016 (3pm-4:30pm) – Absenteeism Meeting
- September 28, 2016 (3pm-4:30pm) – Absenteeism Meeting
- September 23, 2016 (all day) – Juvenile Justice Symposium (JJ 101)
- June 27, 2016 (12pm-3pm) – United Way Attendance Metrics Workshop
- July 13, 2016 (9am-12pm) - United Way Attendance Metrics Workshop

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