



Operation Youth Success
Families Work Group
Tuesday, November 21, 2017
9:00-11:00 AM
Heartland Workforce Solutions

Purpose Statement: Empower families to better understand the system and engage in their youth's care.

Families Working Group Charter

- Empowering families to better understand the system
- Engage youth and families
- Seek help when needed

1. Introductions

- a. Judith Gutierrez – new co-chair
- b. Kyanna Crawford - visitor
- c. Andrea Wright – new member
- d. GraceAnn Robinson – visitor

2. OYS Updates

- a. Data Analyst interviews are completed; hopefully, will be able to make an offer by next week.
- b. Working on annual schedule for trainings – working with JDAI.
- c. There is another work group working on having a resource fair for families, in the spring. The backbone will be looking at having a provider fair where the service providers could listen to the families as to what they need and would like to see, possibly next fall. There is an opportunity for other work groups to support each other in this effort. There was a suggestion to also have providers talk with youth about possible career opportunities.
- d. Christmas in the Village – December 2, 24th & Lake, from noon to 5 pm, sponsored by the Empowerment Network. Vendors, food, carriage rides, a nice, inviting, family-community event. If you want to sign up there are links on the Empowerment Network page and our Facebook page.

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- e. Policy WG would like to remind if there are items that may be policy related, to bring it to the Policy WG for their assistance.
 - f. DMC Coordinator position is open and posted for Douglas County until December 7.
 - g. During the City Council meeting, at 2 pm today, they will look at approving a resolution for youth 10 years and younger (under 11) not be placed with DHHS, but being returned to the family; this is supported by OPD.
3. Pack the Closet
- a. Still collecting through the end of November.
 - b. Request made to track who is receiving services – could we track by zip code and report back?
 - c. The decision was made by this group at the beginning to start this effort small, testing the waters. Would like to grow this effort with time.
 - d. This was a need identified through this work group, that the group agreed would be something we could do to help.
4. Touch Points of JJ System
- a. JJ 101 – to help us understand the system better. Do we want to bring this back and invite individuals in to talk about their services, maybe for one meeting to cover all?
 - b. Mapping to identify touch points. This workgroup had previously mapped the points where we can touch families.
 - c. Inviting other work groups to be a part of the JJ 101.
5. Finalize 2018 Families Work Group Work Plan
- a. Break into 3 groups to discuss – each group will discuss their strategy
 - b. #1 – Increase youth and family participation and involvement, in all OYS activities to increase trust and transparency as a means to engage and bring more voices to the table.
 - i. Additional action items – Go to where people are already meeting and talk to them there.
 - c. #2 – Provide youth and families the tools and information to advance their knowledge in the juvenile justice system.

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- i. Additional action items – different support groups for different school levels at different schools to decide what they need and bring to the group; bring groups together to discuss the pamphlet and video.
 - d. #3 – Identify engagement opportunities for youth and families across the system.
 - i. Additional action items – getting youth peers involved; transition plan and make sure that every place has a transition plan, not just youth but also family; follow-up with youth and family; court youth advocates; research-based services; strength-based assessment to help youth further develop their strengths; leadership skills (i.e., Bannister Leadership Academy, Urban BOLT).
- 6. Public Comment
- 7. Feedback Survey – Handed Out
- 8. Gift Cards – Handed Out
- 8. **Next Meeting: December 19, 2017, 9am to 11am**

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