



Operation Youth Success Families Work Group

Tuesday, February 16, 2016

9:00-11:00 AM

Heartland Workforce Solutions

1. Introductions
2. Icebreaker - [Snowmageddon - What did you do?](#)
3. OYS Updates - [Upcoming Knowledge Exchange - Monday, April 25th, 2016](#)
 - CBA funding review
 - No new updates
 - Work plan reviews
 - Make sure to review work plan and update any necessary information
 - New Hire introduction
 - Ravin Henry - Program Coordinator for OYS since January 11, 2016
 - Please check out our [website](#) and [MySidewalk](#) for new updates
 - Newsletter will post Friday, February 26th
 - Facebook pages for OYS and the Juvenile Justice League coming soon!
4. JJ 101 Presentations on Family Involvement and Engagement

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- Listening to providers along with Lived experiences (what are we doing to support families?)

December Meeting - Law Enforcement, County Attorneys, Public Defender, and Youth Impact

- Questions raised -
 - Are presentations valuable?
 - Did it accomplish what we wanted?
 - DMC - Who is coming into the system?
 - Data/measurement - how do we know it is effective?
 - Is JJ101 just an advertisement of services?
 - How are we addressing work plan with JJ101?
 - only have pieces
 - DCYC - Tracking (based on previous conversations/knowledge obtained from group discussions)
 - What do we do with data? More evaluations/more family visits
 - Gaging visitations and family engagement
 - Putting parent groups together
 - Value?
 - Shows picture of what youth is going through

1) Treatment Provider

2) NFSN - Nebraska Family Support Network (Dan Jackson and Desiree Acosta presented)

- i) Safe Haven - NE Child Reform
 - (1) Child Welfare - Behavioral Health - Juvenile Justice
- ii) Peer support and lived experiences
 - (1) Transportation and Family Team meetings
- iii) Holistic approach
 - (1) Bringing families involvement higher
 - (a) Douglas County Youth Center (DCYC)
 - (i) How to we better gage involvement?
 - (ii) Transforming into a more welcoming experience. Trying to expand to the YRTC
 - 1. Reach out/visit youth at YRTC
 - 2. Support family here at home
 - 3. Ease transition

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- (iii) Works with Youth Impact at the JAC
 - 1. Crossover
 - 2. Survey youth with permission at the meetings
 - a. Ex. How was your customer service? Treatment? Were you heard? etc.
 - 3. Collaborative meetings - key players at the table
- iv) Dan - Shared personal story regarding son Paul - mental health issues/shuts down
 - (1) Teach officers to recognize and respond
 - (2) Adult CIT and now Youth CIT
- v) Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) - Mental health
 - (1) Law Enforcement - training is missing at the academy
 - (a) Support group at office
 - (i) Confidential
 - (ii) Facilitated meetings
 - (iii) Provide day care for families.
 - (iv) Model of Engagement - Walk through journey "touched by system"
 - (v) Non-judgement answers to questions/support - "grow through things, not just go through it"
 - 1. Parent Education - online/self-pace
 - a. Select what they are interested in
 - b. Provide Hotspot if they don't have internet
- vi) Evaluation of family involvement - Wrap Around and F
- vii) Desiree - explained job functions with NFSN
 - (1) Provides support to families, attends group, works with youth, collaborates with Nick J (Boys Town), attends detention hearings, logs contacts and outcomes of cases
 - (a) In touch with Probation Officers and other key players
 - (b) Data - collecting (6/9/18 months) - Team approach information is sent to NFC (Crossover)

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- (2) Helps fill in the gaps - Receives phone calls from (Asking “Do you know where my kid is?, Programs/Mentors?, Where are we in the process?”) assists families with services they don’t have, connects dots/teaches youth “the ropes” to become independent
- (3) Gen 6 - Learning about mental health. Also works with Youth Impact and the Juvenile Justice League to empower youth
- (4) Spoke to parents about barriers
 - (a) Not on the same page (ex. attorneys, programs, and families) - Fills in the gaps when can/reaching out to other “players” involved
 - (b) Provides “Hope”
 - (c) Helps with strategies and steps to accomplish goals

viii) Questions raised

- (1) How do we engage youth?
- (2) Are stakeholders seeing the value? (NFSN)
- (3) Connect with families - Tracking and measuring?
 - (a) Evidence-based survey
 - (i) Initial response - too soon to tell/haven’t had a one on one to get feedback

5. New Items

- Work plan - 1B Discussion
 - Informational Handout for families. Resemble subgroup to work on document
 - Review Material
- Work plan - 1A Need more “players on the court”. NFSN can’t do it all/create a collaboration

6. Homework

- Meeting with Desiree, Barbara and others interested to create group/review material
- Amber will send out questions to Barbara to review and help prepare to present next meeting

7. Next Meeting Date [March 15, 2016](#)

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