



Operation Youth Success
Prevention Work Group
Wednesday, November 15, 2017
3:00-5:00 PM

Omaha Home for Boys, Wurderman Learning 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. New Members: Andrea Wright and Michaela Jackson
- II. Announcements
 - a. OYS Steering Committee meeting November 16, 8:30 am – 11:30 am, Jesse Lowe Conference Room
 - b. “Pack the Closet” Linen Drive through the end of November
 - c. OYS Data Analyst final three interview were held this week
 - d. “Christmas in the Village” December 2nd at 24th & Lake from noon to 5pm (will send email with sign-up link out)
- III. Summary of last meeting’s activities
 - a. Review of highlights from new work plan
 - b. Last year’s accomplishments:
 - i. CBA funding was attained
 - ii. Grant was attained to help a neighborhood revitalize their park
- IV. Activity
 - a. Finalize Work Plan Draft
 - b. Homework Follow up – Review resource guides
 - i. We have some, but we need someone to take on a homework item to tackle going through resources to identify
 - ii. Region 6 was updated in 2016
 - iii. After school guide on the City of Omaha website. Is it current?
 - iv. Boys & Girls Club
 - v. Florence Center and Addams Center
 - vi. Transportation is still an issue
 - c. Membership – Are we missing anyone at the table?
 - d. Got law enforcement data on contact where the youth was cited, but not arrested, to help us identify hot spots.

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- e. Helpline data provided helps identify hot spots also. (68111, 68104, 68107)
 - f. Helpline tries not to take a “cookie cutter” approach and individualize recommendation/plans for each call. Follow-up varies depending on what the call is about; averages out to about 3 days.
 - g. Non-system cool down place (respite), 48-72 hours, doesn’t exist and is needed.
 - h. Lutheran Family Services (Douglas) and Heartland Family Services (Sarpy) currently provide crisis response. (24/7 – 30 minute response). Wondering about cultural competency aspect. Would a group of agencies working together, possibly on a rotation basis, be a viable option?
 - i. How do we help small youth-serving organizations with training?
 - j. There is a lot of competition between agencies for the money. If we can encourage agencies to focus on what they do really well and allow another agency to focus on what they do really well, instead of all of them trying to do everything, it would allow some of the gaps to be filled.
 - k. Heartland Family Service-Intensive In-Home Program, utilizes a cultural ambassador. Every staff in this program is bi-lingual except one.
 - l. Systems of care is a philosophical approach. In the middle of a 4 year implementation grant. The state is in year 2. The goal is to have a single point of contact and provide wrap around services.
- V. Decision Making/Next Steps
- a. Research what exists in each hot spot zip code
 - b. Homework:
 - i. 68107 – Megan and Jim
 - ii. 68104 – Brandy
 - iii. 68111 – Michaela and David
 - iv. After School Guide-City of Omaha-Amber
- VI. Feedback Survey – Handed out
- VII. Public Comment

Next Meeting: January 17, 2018, 3:00 pm

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