



**Operation Youth Success  
School Based Arrest Task Force**

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

4:00-5:30 pm

UNO Community Engagement Center

- **Welcome and Introductions, Member Share:**
- **OYS Updates:**
  - CBA Update
    - Concord Mediation Center received grant
    - Police Athletics went back to PACE
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  - 4th Annual "Student Celebration Day: Unity, Empowerment, Support" to be held on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> 2017, from 1pm to 3:30pm at Elmwood Park
  - OPS is doing their own review of the disparities we see in our behavior; trying to identify other entities and individuals who are working on the same issues. Have identified a list of the start of the core problem.
  - SRO sticking point brought up at the last Board Meeting; writing citations. It was passed without the paragraph regarding that issue.
  - This school year moving to a more preventative course of action to suspensions. Positive Alternative to Suspension changed to Positive
  - Concord Center working through 4 cases. Received a small grant to do peer mediation at a small school. Neighborhood accountability boards – having youths talk to the communities about the harm they have caused – looking into taking up that torch.
  - Student Celebration Day, Sunday, August 24th
- Develop **Action Items** under Strategy 1D (all): ***Reduce racial and ethnic disparities related to school discipline and/or school-based arrest.***
  - 1d.) **Develop and promote knowledge exchange for preventive resources available within the community.**
    - Clarification: Identifying existing culturally responsive resources available to school-justice professionals – community-based youth serving organizations, programs, or services etc. Improve awareness, utilization and connectedness via information sharing and/or recommending collaborations with school-justice system professionals.
      - What culturally responsive resources are available to school justice professionals?
        - Resources to prevent/reduce system involvement?
          - Latino Center of the Midlands
          - Refugee Juvenile Justice Advocates

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- N.I.C.E.
- Heartland Family Services
- Lutheran Family Services
- Arts Groups (Union of Contemporary Art, Poetry Slams)
- Center for Holistic Development
- Nebraska Children's Home Society
- P.A.C.E.
- B.P.O.A.
- L.P.O.A.
- M.A.Y.
- Omaha 360
- Urban League
- Thrive Center
- You Turn
- Girls Inc.
- North Star
- Boys & Girls Club
- Hope Center
- KROC Center
- NFSN
- Diversion uses several of these organizations
- Strategies to improve awareness, utilization and connectedness. (Culturally-responsive resources)
  - Back-to-School nights
  - Parent-Teacher conferences
  - Organizations should use examples instead of brochures to inform parents of the advantages of involving their child (video presentation)
  - Omaha Metro Resources app
  - Provider Fair
  - Provider fair for SSLs/SSAs/SROs
  - It's been a problem getting our target audience to attend
- What are the logistics of the following? How do we make it happen?

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- Who has created the “app”? How do we piggy-back on it? Can we get students involved in this?
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- Videos on OPS website/OYS website. YouTube videos.
- The triangle of Schools-Police-Probation
- 1e.) **Cross-system training plan to develop cultural and relevant racial competencies.**
  - Clarification: Identifying professional development needs & opportunities to ensure a culturally responsive school-justice partnership.
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- Goal Setting Framework (Reminder)
  - **Immediate Future** – (1-6 months) Strategies & recommendations have potential to be implemented immediately.
  - **Near Future** – (6 mo. – 1 yr.) While high priority and urgent, these strategies require more time for building capacity or developing infrastructure before implementing.
  - **Distant Future** –For these items we propose taking proactive steps toward addressing the root cause of issues facing minority and marginalized populations in Douglas County.
- **Public Comment**
- Next working group meeting: August 22, 2017

**PLEASE BRING SBA WORK PLAN TO ALL MEETINGS**

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