



Operation Youth Success Prevention Work Group

August 17, 2016

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

OHB – Wurderman Conference Center

Welcome and Introduction of New Members

- Presentation – Center for Holistic Development: Urban Youth BOLT Program – Doris Moore, Carl Jackson
 - Community Based BH organization – Building Our Leaders Today (BOLT)
 - Young men and women, handout provided
 - Carl Jackson – male BOLT program
 - 10 week program – 90 minutes, once a week
 - Principals of Kwanza + principal of respect, formed upon existing EB practices
 - Develop own personal strengths
 - Learn critical thinking skills
 - More involved in community and home
 - Increased Cultural Awareness – who they are as African Americans
 - Referrals from parents as well as JAC – diversion
 - 13 – 18 years old
 - Began services in 2007
 - Assessments used – SDQ (Strength and Difficulties), African American respect scale
 - For AA youth, extremely beneficial to learn about their culture
 - Offer services to parents as well –
 - Cost - \$80 for ten weeks
 - Cannot charge Medicaid for service but charge those qualifying for Medicaid a reduced fee of \$40
 - Minimum group size of 5, no more than 8 per facilitator
 - Parent must attend the 1st meeting and final meeting – graduation celebration
 - Barriers to providing the service:
 - Really difficult for people to wrap their heads around prevention – most of the referrals program is receiving are from the JAC
 - Seeing the need early on is a missing component

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- Another program, Real Talk, is in 6 middle schools –
 - Real Talk – after school program, offered twice a week
 - Problem solving, social-emotional skills, emotional grooming – facilitators funded through Collective for Youth
 - Ask to limit group size 1:10 – sensitive topics
 - Transportation – on a bus route, most parents provide transportation
 - Question – Could BOLT be implemented in a Group home setting, would a group home be limiting because of lack of parent involvement – no. Would still be a benefit to the individual youth.
- OYS Updates
 - Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/OYSOmaha/>
 - JJ101 Symposium: September 23rd: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/operation-youth-success-2016-juvenile-justice-symposium-tickets-25699801799>
 - Compassion Fatigue Workshop: September 22nd – also register through Eventbrite
 - OYSOmaha@gmail.com – new address where calendar invites will come from
 - OYS Lending Library – handout, please share with colleagues
 - Youth Job Skills Training Program – Goodwill Industries – Handouts – please share
 - Follow up from last meeting:
 - Connections follow-up (Ronda)
 - Outcomes & Data – positive outcomes have been in the area of youth acting-out and depression.
 - Opportunities to work together
 - Omaha 360 Coordination (Morisha) –
 - Meeting with to discuss “zones”
 - Blanca Majia – Latino Community Betterment Corporation
 - Prevention Proposal:
 - Funding of the BOLT Program in McMillan School -
 - Partner with a school, prepare a funding proposal to cover fee for BOLT program at one school site.
 - Concern – parent involvement
 - Would school allow it
 - Would the group want to fund scholarships to the program

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- Who would be identified to receive scholarships
- Work collaboratively with the school to develop – teacher, administration, counselor, SRO, social work
- Outcome data
- Early indicators, could be utilized to determine target population – truancy
- Risk and protective factors
- up or down vote from group – taking next step (reach out to school) – all in favor
- Put proposal together after gathering required elements of the funding application
- Complete the CBA funding application – Amber will send to Ronda
- David will reach out to the principal.
- Workgroup “Homework” assignments:
 - Prepare Funding Proposal – Co-chairs & volunteers
 - Complete Funding Application
 - Set up meeting with McMillan Principal – Capt. Mann
 - Follow-up meeting with Deb Anderson (Connections)
- Adjourn

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