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• County web page(s) – DOTComm would be contact, pending approval

  o Work Plan Updates-ALL
    ▪ Revisit the Family Guide
      • How well is it being used?
        o It is a valuable tool that should be utilized more often
      • How often is it being used?
      • How many people know about it?
        o Revisions
        o Distribution
          ▪ Would like it to go out with the truancy letters
          ▪ Need more printed
          ▪ Hand these out at detention hearings
        o There is a Spanish translation. Would like several people to take a look at it to ensure that it is translated correctly.
        o Is there a way to gather and use data to track how it is being used and how useful it is to families?
    ▪ Detention hearing description and our role in supporting the families. Would like to start having someone at these hearings to help families understand what’s going on.
    ▪ Invitation to observe Judge Daniel’s court process
    ▪ Healing Neen - Tonier Cain – https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s7T1Pycw3BE
      • Suggested as homework prior to next meeting – available on YouTube
    ▪ Judges & Other court staff – training specifically for child/family work
      • Some assume roles without the experience/education/expertise
    ▪ Are we missing opportunities to make contact?
    ▪ What is normal? Need to prepare youth to be able to take care of themselves – life skills and understanding of how things should work to allow them to succeed.
    ▪ Youth released from care sometimes experience a loss of stability
      • Consistency & security of placement – Meeting basic needs – which sometimes are questionably met upon release
      • All youth need opportunities to fail safely

➤ New Business:
  o Legislative Updates
    ▪ LB158 – Requires automatic appointment of legal counsel for juveniles statewide. 27 senators voted to revisit funding
    ▪ LB461 – tax cuts for the wealthy; would significantly reduce state revenue
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- Omaha briefing of “Open Skies” on Monday, April 24, 3 pm @ UNO Thompson Alumni House
- HR1809 was approved with minor amendments
- April is Child Abuse Prevention month

➢ Public Comment

➢ Information Sharing and Community Happenings-ALL

  o Youth Center is doing a pilot at the Boys and Girls Club – day reporting for youth who have been expelled
  
  o Children’s Mental Health event hosted by JAC – May 5 from 6 to 8
  
  o May 16, 17 & 18 – Riders at Boys Town to pick up letters from the kids and deliver to the Governor
  
  o Metro Area Suicide – talking points
  
  o 13 Reasons Why – original programming series on Netflix deals with many sensitive issues teens may have to deal with including suicide, bullying and rape

➢ Next Meeting May 16th