



COLLABORATION WORKS

Douglas County Juvenile Justice Collective Impact Newsletter

Fall, 2017

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School Resource Officers, OPD interventionists and staff attending National Association of School Resource Officers Basic Certification Training in Omaha.

FSG SPOTLIGHTS OPERATION YOUTH SUCCESS

"Project Spotlight" highlights the Douglas County School Justice Partnership.

"Operation Youth Success Improves Douglas County, Nebraska's Juvenile Justice System Using a Collective Impact Approach"

In response to the need to reduce the number of youth involved in Douglas County's juvenile justice system and improve the outcomes for those youth that were system-involved, FSG helped facilitate the creation of Operation Youth Success (OYS) using a collective impact approach. OYS is a cross-sector coalition made up of leaders from government, schools, nonprofits, foundations, and the justice system.

"Since launching in 2015, OYS has helped Douglas County make significant strides in reducing the number of youth involved in the juvenile justice system. For example, the working group focused on reducing school-based arrests, a high-priority area within the project's larger field ..."

"Today, Operation Youth Success continues to build on these successes to improve outcomes for all youth in Douglas County."

"Operation Youth Success is a collaborative effort in Douglas County, Nebraska working to create a comprehensive, coordinated, and community-wide approach to juvenile services that eliminates the need for youth involvement with our justice system while maintaining public safety."

Read the entire article at:

<https://www.fsg.org/projects/operation-youth-success-improves-douglas-county-nebraska%E2%80%99s-juvenile-justice-system->

[using?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Read%20more&utm_campaign=20170926fsgdigest](https://www.fsg.org/projects/operation-youth-success-improves-douglas-county-nebraska%E2%80%99s-juvenile-justice-system-using?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Read%20more&utm_campaign=20170926fsgdigest)



THANK YOU WOWT6 NEWS AND BRIAN MASTRE!

Thank you WOWT6 News for featuring the good work of Omaha Police Department and NE District 4J Probation!

Operation Youth Success began partnering with Strategies for Youth over a year and a half ago to bring trauma-informed, developmentally appropriate training to law enforcement officers in Omaha and Douglas County. This train-the-trainer model is one piece of a training plan intentionally focused on providing officers critical tools to increase positive outcomes with youth. This training plan was developed, in-part, through the OYS collective impact work of the School-based Arrest Task Force.

Strategies for Youth is a national organization that exists solely for the purpose of improving police/youth interactions, advancing the cause of training public safety officers in the science of child and youth development and mental health, and supporting communities partnering to promote strong police/youth relationships. This training would not be possible without the tremendous support and collaboration demonstrated by the Omaha Police Department and NE District 4J Probation, along with mental health partners Project Harmony and OneWorld Community Health Centers, Inc.

Watch at: <http://www.wowt.com/content/news/Teens-volunteer-to-help-with-police-training-445226763.html>

SUMMER TRAINING EVENTS

- ✚ The National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) School Security Officer Course was held August 9-11. This 3-day training, sponsored by Omaha Public Schools, emphasized three main area of instruction:
 - Functioning as a security officer in the school setting
 - Working effectively with students
 - School safety and emergency planning
- Attendees gained a working knowledge of the School Safety Officer concept and how to establish a lasting partnership with their schools.
- ✚ NASRO's Advanced Certification Course for School Resource Officers was held August 7-9.
- ✚ In cooperation with Project Harmony, four sessions of **Trauma Training for the Juvenile Justice Professional** were held over the summer. All were very well attended (all but one at 100%). Unfortunately, the first session had to be rescheduled because of technical difficulties. The rescheduled session is being held November 1st, 9am-12pm, at Project Harmony. Register at www.eventbrite.com.



OYS VOLUNTEERED

OYS staff and volunteers from our working groups, participated in several events over the summer.

- Cinco de Mayo Celebration
- Juneteenth Omaha 2017 Parade
- Native Omaha Days Parade
- 4th Annual Student Celebration Day

Thank you to all our helpers! We appreciate all you do!

APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE 2018 COMMUNITY-BASED JUVENILE SERVICES AID PROGRAM

The Nebraska Crime Commission (NCC) has announced an annual request for application to the 2018 Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program. Accordingly, Douglas County is announcing its request for applications for inclusion in the County's submission to the NCC. The county-wide application process is open to community-based providers, alongside those traditionally submitted by the work groups of Operation Youth Success and Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative.

Applications to Douglas County will be due on October 6th by 5:00 PM.

To request application materials, please contact, Richard Murcek at: rich.murcek@douglascounty-ne.gov.

Trauma Training for the Juvenile Justice Professional

The fourth and final session in the 2017 series of Trauma Training events, presented by Project Harmony Child Advocacy Center in conjunction with Operation Youth Success and Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative of Douglas County, will be held at Project Harmony on November 1st, 9am to 12 noon. Tickets are still available. Advance registration is required. You may register at www.eventbrite.com or follow this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/trauma-training-for-the-juvenile-justice-professional-tickets-37728582205>

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