



Operation Youth Success

Families Work Group

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

9:00-11:00 AM

Heartland Workforce Solutions

- Introductions and Welcome
- OYS Updates from Backbone staff
 - Thank you to Dan Jackson, as you head to retirement, for everything you have accomplished!
 - Emily Adams has left OYS
 - Steering Committee meeting, Thursday, August 17th, 8:30-10:30 a.m., Room 903 Civic Center
 - Student Celebration Day, September 24th, 1-3:30 p.m., hosted by BPOA and LPOA
 - September is Attendance Awareness Month
 - “Seeds of Hope” a new Nebraska documentary on immigrant and refugee students premiering in Omaha (Sept. 13, 7 pm, Aksarben Cinema) and Lincoln (Sept. 14, 7 pm, Mary Riepma Ross Media Arts Center). Registration available on eventbrite.com.
 - Youth Impact! Brown Bagger, Thursday, September 7th, 12:00-1:00 p.m., Room 702-Civic Center, Topic: Special Education (Policies, Rules and Discipline), Presenter: Sarah Hayek, NFC Project Coordinator
 - The Nebraska Association of Homes and Services for Children Conference, October 19, 2017 at Mahoney State Park – Keynote Speaker: Mildred D. Muhammad
 - Patriotic Productions presents the Fifth Annual American Spirit Summit Promoting Positive Role Models, Friday, Sept. 1. There are two sessions: Northwest High School at 8 a.m. and Burke High School at 9:35 a.m. Speakers are Dr. Tom Osborne, Attorney General Doug Peterson, and Mark LeFlore with the Douglas County Youth Center
- Community Engagement Committee community meetings, speaker series topics
 - Gathering suggestions for topics and speakers for community meetings
 - Working on times and locations
 - How can we engage “authentic” youth and families in the ongoing operations of OYS and the Families Work Group?
 - We need to work with other groups, not try to re-invent strategies
- Community Planning Exercise Outcome Overall Update & Overview
 - FWG Themes from In-person Community Planning Exercise:
 - First re-working of planning exercise with JJPF – Guiding Principles
 - Racial & Ethnic Disparities
 - Policy – Legislative & Organizational
 - Language – Services & Processes
 - Structural – Historical inequities embedded in system

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- Community-based Youth Serving Organizations and Providers – Services located in neighborhoods where youth/families live
- Connectivity to Services
 - No Wrong Door philosophy
 - Transportation – removing barriers
 - Assessment & Referral – match services to individual strengths/needs
 - Matching Services – provide correct level of care
 - Access/Payment Source – Equal access \$
 - Youth Impact! – Appropriate system
 - School Referrals – Encouraging early support for connecting youth/families prior to system involvement
- Parent & Family Engagement
 - Education – help parents understand rights
 - Prevention – supports prior to system involvement
 - Re-Entry – Involved in re-entry planning
 - Peer-to-Peer Support – Network for parents
 - Treatment Planning – Parent Voice (prepare parents for next steps)
 - System Navigation – Assisting parents of system involved youth with understanding expectations at each next step
- Communication & Collaboration
 - Case Management – Continuity of services
 - Data Sharing – Report aggregate data share info via CM partners
 - Wrap-around – Holistic approach
 - Transition Planning – Clear, family-informed
 - Appropriate Caseload – Direct service providers have capacity to dedicate sufficient time to provide personalized care
- Quality Programs & Services
 - Continuum Services (sanctions) – Voluntary all the way to court-ordered services and re-entry
 - Capacity – Adequate resources
 - Cultural Competence – Intentional education
 - Data Informed – Supporting the use of evidence based principles/practices and promising practices & open reporting of outcome
 - Behavioral Health & Substance Abuse
 - Trauma Informed – Programs and providers understand, recognize and respond appropriately to the
 - Crisis Response – Immediate, short-term supports to youth and families experiencing acute crisis as opposed to waiting weeks
- Rehabilitative Juvenile Justice System
 - Least Restrictive

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- Reducing Exclusionary Discipline
- Restorative Justice – focusing on repairing the harm done to youth with a focus on
- Objective Decision-Making Criteria – multi-system points
- Additional items
 - Principles of evidence
 - Behavioral health (mental health and substance abuse) – Active treatment needs
 - Access to evaluation without system involvement
 - Peer-to-peer support is very important
 - Funding non-system families (Without funding for access to services, nothing is going to happen.)
 - ROI in the community
 - Community responsibility/acceptance
 - “We have to own it.”
 - Intentional – (e.g., re-directing funds for front-end services)
 - Clearly defined services (the proof is in the pudding)
 - Legislative action will most likely be necessary
- Next steps:
 - Recruiting business leaders/Chamber of Commerce to the Steering Committee
 - Present to the Policy WG
 - Margaret will coordinate with the Help Line for the next Families meeting
- Families WG Work Plan – Next Steps
 - Added 3rd, 4th & 5th items to WP (see handout)
 - OJJDP Family Engagement article
 - Think about 4c and come up with ideas to bring to the next meeting
 - This is a work in progress, a living document
- Public Comment
- Next Meeting, September 19th, 9:00-11:00

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