



Operation Youth Success Families Work Group Notes

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

9:00-11:00 AM

Heartland Workforce Solutions

- Introductions and Welcome
 - Introduction of Bill Rolfe

- OYS Updates from Backbone staff
 - WOWT6 “Brian Mastre Presents” highlighted the Strategies for Youth “Train the Trainer” training this last month. It is available for viewing on the OYS Facebook page.
 - Welcome Karla Dush, our new Program Coordinator.
 - Georgetown LGBTQ Certification Program is the week of October 16th.
 - CBA application process is underway. Deadline for applications is October 6th. Applicant training dates are available and strongly encouraged. Announcement went out to all of the work group members yesterday. Rich Murcek is the county’s contact rich.murcek@douglascounty-ne.gov
 - The last Trauma Training for the Juvenile Justice Professional is scheduled for November 1st, 9:00 am – 12 pm, at Project Harmony
 - Student Celebration Day is September 24th at Elmwood Park Pavilion from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm

- Family Support
 - Cindy McWhirter, Family Liaison, with DCYC and Amber proposed to the work group that we hold a drive to help the families that come through DCYC
 - Cindy has identified a need for basic household goods such as linens, pillows, blankets, towels, etc.
 - Would like to challenge our group to challenge their groups and cause a “ripple” effect
 - Start the drive small and see how we can grow it and the direction we can take
 - Would need several designated drop-off/collection locations
 - Possibly run the drive through the month of October
 - Keep the initial drive to the initial blankets, pillows, linens, towels, and then see about the possibility of expanding to other needed items in future drives
 - Bill Rolfe, Margaret and OYS staff will meet to figure out logistics
 - Will limit the drive to new items
 - Each member of the Families Work Group will plan on bringing one item each to the October meeting

- Nebraska Family Helpline Presentation
 - Kyle Kinney, Program Manager, was present to discuss the Nebraska Family Helpline

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- Any family can call for assistance
 - Determine what can be done to help when family is in crisis mode, then help with developing a realistic plan to get the right services in place
 - Able to provide direct referrals to many different providers
 - Provide follow-ups with the families as necessary and requested
 - Contact can be initiated a couple of different ways, by calling the Helpline # 1-888-866-8660 or through their website
 - If anyone has further questions Kyle's email is kyle.kinney@boystown.org
- Families WG Work Plan Review and Input
- Take the two handouts with you and review them before the October meeting and be prepared to use these to come up with ideas for the work plan
- Public Comment
- Ginsburg's "Reaching Teens" training was recommended
- Next Meeting October 17, 9:00-11:00

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