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June 21, 2017 Planning Notes:

1. If money was no object, what would you do to improve families’ experiences in the system?
   a. Offer free education and much higher paying jobs
   b. Create neighborhood centers in each targeted zip code that allows for: food (emergency), transportation, hygiene (emergency) classes, computers, child care, central navigation, employment and education, afterschool. Co-locate partners and neighborhood reps at these centers. Run by, and prioritize established, neighborhood organizations.
   c. Outreach center/community center (24 hours); save, affordable housing; jobs at a livable wage; free therapy/medical/dental; food (poverty and security); bus stops at every corner; parenting mentors/coaches.
   d. Increase business, work opportunities in North/South Omaha; increase early intervention programs at elementary school level; provide funding to meet basic needs to families who need it; funding to schools for engagement and assist intervention programs; provide funding to existing area agencies with prevention focused programs.
   e. Crisis stabilization; behavioral health respite (planned and emergency); linking providers to families to system; access to mental health continuum in a coordinate (timely) fashion.
   f. Better access for all families to behavioral health care.
   g. Lower child welfare and juvenile justice caseloads for better family engagement and outcomes.
   h. Ensure that every school offered medical services (mental health and prevention services).
   i. Intake center for juveniles like the CAC for child welfare.

2. What is working well for families in juvenile justice in Douglas County?
   a. Commitment to make Douglas County trauma-informed.
   b. 1184 CYPM Initiative.
   c. Community before/after-school programs.
   d. Mentors.
   e. Early childhood home visiting.
   f. PACE (mentioned 2 times) – increasing community relationship with OPD, cultural and trauma-informed.
   g. Gang unit outreach.
   h. Crisis intervention services.
   i. Alternative response/community response.
   j. You Turn.
   k. Hope Center (basketball).
   l. Faith organizations.
   m. Step Up.
   n. 360 zones.

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3. What has promise but needs more resources?
   a. Connections therapists in all schools.
   b. More psychiatric and mental health providers who serve Medicaid clients.
   c. Better availability of mentors and early childhood programs.
   d. Mobile dental van.
   e. Increased trauma training for educators.
   f. School-based health care.
   g. Defragmenting the North Omaha community.
   h. Transportation.
   i. Interpreters.
   j. Coordinate mental healthcare.
   k. Spanish speaking counselors.
   l. Subsidized mental health care.
   m. Psychiatric access.
   n. School social workers.

4. What’s missing?
   a. Central navigation; “no wrong door” system of services and supports.
   b. Program to work with youth who run from home.
   c. Program specific with admission criteria relevant to mental health/medical care/sex trafficking. (Carol’s House of Hope).
   d. Safe overnight childcare options for all ages.
   e. School-based family resource centers. (NW High School has a small program – Building Healthful Futures)
   f. Informal mentoring in schools, i.e., NYC Public Schools (has formal program called Success Mentors). [Midlands has had success in other areas (KC) looking at OPS and surrounding areas.)
   g. Former gang member outreach (neighborhood-based), i.e., Chicago.
   h. Family-centered/focused diversion program. **
   i. Truancy transportation team.
   j. Outreach center for disconnected youth.
   k. Mediation/restorative justice. **

** Lincoln attorney is working with a program in Lancaster County that he says is working there. Creighton is doing some initial work.