



**Operation Youth Success
Prevention Work Group**
Wednesday, March 21, 2018
3:00-5:00 PM

Omaha Home for Boys, Wurdeman Conference Center

Prevention Work Group Purpose Statement

Reduce system entry and recidivism by strengthening community support and increasing access to preventative services.

- I. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Present: Kerry Kernen, Ronda Newman, Kyle Kinney, Antonia Olson, Terra Goodwin, Michaela Jackson, L. D. Richardson, Sr., Brandy Gustoff, David Brown, Karla Dush, Debora Faga

- II. Announcements
 - a. Lakeisha Phelps is the Prevention Work Group's new co-chair
 - b. OYS Updates
 - i. NJJA Conference in Kearney, May 2-4th
 - ii. The Kim Culp Juvenile Justice Forum-The State of Juvenile Justice in Nebraska at UNO CEC 7-9pm, March 22nd. Presenters include Commissioner Rodgers, Jeanne Brandner, Dr. Anne Hobbs, Juliet Summers and Julie Rogers.
 - iii. Collective Impact Convening, Austin, TX, April 2-4
 - c. Member Updates
 - i. Nebraska Children's Home Society is launching a new campaign for families handing out backpacks and information
 - ii. South Omaha Violence Intervention and Prevention's Stratford Square Back to School Bash on the first Saturday in August
 - iii. Project Everlast started an opportunity youth pilot program last June that has been approved and funded to be continued
 - iv. Documentary about foster care called "Home" will be shown at Film Streams on May 15 at 7 pm, with a short panel following
 - v. Omaha Home for Boys is working with community partners to expand services and use their available space
 - vi. Officially broke ground with Nebraska Medicine to have an extended care clinic on the OHB campus
 - vii. Beveridge Middle School is holding a play on April 21 from 7 pm to 9:30 pm, "Kumbaya, the Juneteenth Story"

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- III. Summary of last meeting's activities
 - i. Identified zip codes 68104, 68107, 68111 as 'hot spots' for needed preventive services
 - ii. Developed a provider resource matrix focused on the 68111 zip code, since that zip code was identified as the one receiving the most calls to the help line and contact with law enforcement
 - iii. What does this group believe is important to look for in provider resources
 - iv. How do we know if the family/community knows that these resources exist
 - v. OYS School-Based Arrest Task Force partnered with South High and Norris Middle Schools to hold a Provider Resource Fair during 2nd semester Parent-Teacher Conferences

- IV. Activity
 - a. Review Matrix and Homework
 - i. Karla-matrix and reaching out to Michaela re: 68111 information
 - ii. David and Ravan-gathering 68111 resources
 - iii. All WG members-provide input to matrix via email to Debora and Karla
 - iv. Melissa-school contact (s); Community Learning Centers
 - v. Need to work on developing the matrix further with complete contact information, etc.
 - b. How do we hear the community voice – get the information out to the community
 - c. Survey
 - i. Talking directly with the community
 - ii. Using social media (Facebook) to get the word out
 - iii. OYS Website
 - iv. Challenges: getting the community to take ownership; getting people to come to events without food and without them receiving something for their participation is difficult
 - d. Developing categories to organize the matrix
 - e. What community events, churches, schools, etc. can we collaborate with to share these resources?
 - i. Perhaps this group could take part in the Juneteenth Parade, walking and handing out information on potential services
 - f. Discussion of how best to obtain Provider and Community voice in this area

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- V. Decision Making/Next Steps
 - a. Break into small groups to tackle certain items
 - b. Identifying entities or community events to access (piggy-back) to bring awareness to the community
 - c. Put the matrix into a Google Doc and share with the group so that additions can be made in real-time
 - d. Omaha 360 is doing a calendar we may be able to use to identify access events
 - e. Ronda will find her previous information and Karla will start making contact with neighborhood associations

- VI. Feedback Survey – Handed out

- VII. Public Comment

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 18, 2018

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