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

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