Re-entry Mission Statement:

The mission of OYS Re-Entry is to increase the number of juveniles successfully reintegrated back into schools and the community through coordinated transition support, thereby increasing overall academic success and ultimately reducing recidivism.

This mission is two-fold:
1) Supporting reentry and residency in the community following any out-of-home placement and;
2) Supporting the efficient reentry to school/educational program/work as part of the transition process.

- Welcome and Introductions
  - Present: Jennifer Beck, Jermaine Ballard, Dave Collins, Shannan Garcia, Darci Poland, Jim Hubbard, Kevin Lytle, Janee Pannkuk, Karla Dush, Amber Parker, Debora Faga

- Announcements:
  - OYS Updates
    - NJJA Conference in Kearney, NE, May 2-4, Registration is open
    - Collective Impact Convening, Austin, TX, April 3-5 – Amber is presenting on school-based arrests
    - The Kim Culp Juvenile Justice Forum-The State of Juvenile Justice in Nebraska at UNO CEC 7-9pm, March 22. Presenters include Commissioner Rodgers, Jeanne Brandner, Dr. Anne Hobbs, Juliet Summers and Julie Rogers.
    - A’Jamal Byndon is the first Disproportionate Minority Contact Coordinator for Douglas County
  - Member Updates
    - The Sherwood Foundation is moving to 808 ConAgra Drive, The Chamber Building

- Review: Summary of last meeting’s activities
  - Not too much to report; February’s meeting was cancelled

- Activity:
  - Guest Speaker-Jermaine Ballard, OPS Community, Schools and Engagement Specialist
    - Engagement/Re-Entry Specialist for DCYC and OPS as a pilot program to later expand; working with Greg Hepburn for DCYC
    - Have put together a platform to work through problems so the returning students don’t fall through the cracks
    - Going to work with Lisa Utterback to write a grant to be able to hire on three more specialists so that the pilot program can branch out

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Need to make sure there is cross-training so that there are entries being made into Infinite Campus and others are aware how to access information from it

A packet is being worked on to go with the family with information on what happens/who to talk to

Discussion regarding the need for re-entry assistance outside of DCYC as well

Need for a person from DCYC (teacher, administrator, other) to be present at the intake meeting with the student

Is there a form that needs to be developed to assist in this process and use it as a template

School Support Liaisons (SSLs) should really be the person the family contacts

Whatever information goes out needs to be consistent

- Review current strategies
  - Jermaine will be a huge help in implementing Strategy 1
  - Review Implementation Steps in Strategy 1 and review target dates

- Decision Making/Next Steps
  - Once the DCYC pamphlet is prepared, share with the group, get feedback, and see if it can be widely distributed
  - Use the information as a template to use when the pilot program is expanded
  - Ask Lisa Utterback to come to the next meeting

- Feedback Survey – Handed Out

Public Comment:

**Next Meeting:** April 26, 2018, Westside Community Schools, ABC Building

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