



Operation Youth Success School Based Arrest Task Force Notes

Tuesday, April, 2018

4:00-5:30 pm

UNO Community Engagement Center Room 221

School-Based Arrest Task Force Purpose Statement

The School-Based Arrest task force goal is to reduce rates of in-school arrests and exclusionary discipline while promoting fair and equitable treatment.

Working Group Agenda Items

Welcome, Introductions and Announcements

- Present: Vince Furlong, Raymond Carlisle, Sgt. Tom Fricke, Sgt. Amos Shepherd, Walter Adams, Anthony DeSciscio, Tony D'Esposito, Charles Burton, Shannan Garcia, Dr. Carrie Mohr, Ravan Charles, Karla Dush, Amber Parker, Debora Faga
- Operation Youth Success Updates
 - NJJA Conference, Kearney, NE, May 2-4
 - Juvenile Justice Provider Forum (JJPF), Monday, April 30 from 2-4pm at the Douglas/Sarpy Extension Office, 8015 W. Center Rd.
 - OYS has a booth at the Cinco de Mayo celebration on Saturday, May 5th from noon to 5 pm; if interested in volunteering for a short shift at our booth, please respond to the Sign-Up invite that was sent out
 - OYS Prevention WG will be participating in the Juneteenth Parade, Saturday, June 16th. We will be sending out a sign up invite in May to all workgroup members.
 - Dr. Carrie Mohr will be SBA's other co-chair starting in the fall
- Member's share
 - Tony D'Esposito attended the Council of Great City Schools, Safety and Operation Services, four major topics of conversation (one each day-not a pre-set agenda):
 - 1-Metal detectors;
 - 2-Cameras in the classroom;
 - 3-Resolution to big government (gun control and gun free zones);
 - 4-Standards for training.

Summary of last meeting's activities

- Officer Dickey and Remy's demonstration and he is interested in expanding his demonstrations to additional schools
- Discussed way in which this group could support the efforts of Officer Dickey and Remy

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- Broke out into small groups and discussed strategies in work plan
- Suggestions of helping students become more aware of resources available to them in their community and what the role of school counselors is after an “incident” occurs

Activity

- **Discussion: Opportunities for positive relationships outside of times of crisis, between Students and School Resource Officers/School Security**
 - Hard to identify exactly what kind of training is needed to improve school security
 - School security is in elementary schools, middle and high schools have both security and SROs
 - We see the kids as they first come in and can usually tell what kind of day they’re going to have
 - We step in and talk to the kids and the teachers when problems arise, try to find out what may be at the root of the problem - communicate
 - Communication with the kids is paramount and a constant work in progress
 - Defining roles and staying in lanes – educating both SROs and administration has been important
 - Relationships are important and sometimes the lanes are blurred
 - Strategy: When kids are being difficult, to avoid getting physical, lessen the amount of people around so the kid doesn’t feel like they have to save face
 - Let the kids know what the expectations are and that those expectations are there for everyone
 - By the time they get to high school, attitudes change and they don’t listen as easily; you need to find a more creative way to teach them what they should be doing
 - Kids today do not look up to their elders, they look to their peers
 - Sometimes when dealing with the families, you understand where the behavior is coming from
 - Being able to reinforce with the parents outside of the schools is helpful
 - How can we help create some opportunities:

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- In one school, during the holidays the security staff select about 25 kids and provide turkeys, hams and the fixings for the holiday dinner for the family
- Intervention during passing periods, pull them aside, get them talking
- Pantries and “stores” operated by the school
- How can we engage families outside of the student crisis, so in the event a crisis arises, there is support from the family, trust built and everyone is working toward the best interest of the student?
- One suggestion was parent/teacher conferences

Public Comment

Feedback Survey – Handed Out

Goal Setting Framework (Reminder)

- **Immediate Future** – (1-6 months) Strategies & recommendations have potential to be implemented immediately.
- **Near Future** – (6 mo. – 1 yr.) While high priority and urgent, these strategies require more time for building capacity or developing infrastructure before implementing.
- **Distant Future** –For these items we propose taking proactive steps toward addressing the root cause of issues facing minority and marginalized populations in Douglas County.

Next Meetings/Important Dates:

- Next meeting: May 22, 2018

PLEASE BRING SBA WORK PLAN TO ALL MEETINGS

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