



**Operation Youth Success
Re-Entry Task Force Notes**

Thursday, May 24, 2018

3:30pm – 5:00pm

Westside Community Schools ABC Building

- Welcome and Introductions
 - Present: Jennifer Beck, Jenny Brockman, Dawnna Hill, James Hubbard, Steve Snodgrass, Ravan Charles, Karla Dush, Debora Faga
- Announcements:
 - OYS Updates
 - Community Plan was approved by the Steering Committee
 - “Honk for Peace” rally this Friday at 5pm, 72nd & Dodge
 - Prevention WG is participating in the Juneteenth Parade on Saturday, June 16th. All the work groups are invited to participate. We are filling backpacks with information to hand out during the parade, so if anyone would like their information included please let us know
 - Nebraska chapter of Moms Demand Action will be sponsoring the “Wear Orange for National Gun Violence Awareness” event to be held at Columbus Park, 1515 S. 24th St., on June 2nd, 7-9pm
- Review: Summary of last meeting’s activities
 - Talked about how do we help with the out-of-state placements
 - What else needs to be done with the contact sheet that was put together, so that we can start distributing them by the start of the school year
 - The contact sheet is ready to be sent out, but needs to be kept updated
 - Information sheet for the re-enrollment process for the various schools
- Activity:
 - Update on DCYC/OPS Pilot-Jermaine Ballard and Jen Beck
 - Jermaine is no longer handling transitions
 - Jen is now the transition person for DCYC
 - OPS is going to have one person at each high school, to be the contact for re-entry; they will also have a middle school and an elementary school assigned to them
 - The OPS “hub” is still up in the air
 - Jen began tracking the DCYC youth to keep information up to date and will contact them at the beginning of the school year For Title I and for the state, tracking how many days it takes to get kids back in school, regardless of the district
 - Realistic or unrealistic: Possibility of meeting with the youth before they are released
 - DCYC cannot allow just anyone to come in to meet with the youth
 - Email communication would work better
 - United Way has a partnership with Collective Youth and other agencies to share information through a shared network system developed by Cityspan
 - Talk to Collective Youth about the database
 - Ravan will provide contact information

- Discussion: Mirror 'DCYC/OPS' Pilot with an out-of-home placement
 - Contacted Canyon State trying to figure out their process
 - Have an email sent with all involved parties, so that everyone is getting the information at the same time
 - Jen will reach out again to Canyon State to see if they are amenable to brainstorming on how the process can be changed
 - Send a survey out with the following questions:
 - Describe your role in the re-entry process?
 - Do you feel that you have ownership of the process of reintegrating youth into the school from out-of-home placement?
 - What are the top three barriers that you feel get in the way of having that happen in a timely manner?
 - What has worked for you in overcoming these barriers?
 - What do you feel the agency releasing the youth can do to help?
 - What do you feel the schools could do to help?
 - What do you see as the parents/families role?
 - Send the same questions to Canyon State along with:
 - Would you be willing share an example of a successful transition story from your case load?
 - Would you be willing to share one that didn't go so well?
 - Send similar questions to parents/guardians and students
 - Get Darci's input on the questions
 - Review feedback from Dawnna's mapping information on barriers identified by school personnel
 - Update Workplan strategies – tabled to next meeting
- Decision Making/Next Steps
 - Jen will finalize the contact and information sheets
 - Jen will reach out to Canyon State to discuss a conference call for our next meeting
 - Karla will send out a draft survey to all WG members for review prior to sending to identified parties (Canyon State, probation, guardian/student)
 - Raven will provide contact information about Collective for Youth/OPS-Cityspan
 - Look at the results from the survey to be included in the next meeting
 - Feedback Survey – Handed out

****Next Meeting-Please note change in time:** June 28, 2018, 1:30pm-3:00pm, Westside Community Schools, ABC Building

OYS Mission Statement: Across Douglas County, our vision is a **comprehensive, coordinated,** and **community-wide** approach to **juvenile services** that **eliminates** the need for youth involvement with our justice system while maintaining **public safety**.

For **all youth** who do enter our justice system, our goals are to provide **effective, compassionate** and **individualized** support that empowers youth and their **families** to **succeed** and to build an environment of **mutual trust and accountability**.