



Operation Youth Success School Based Arrest Task Force Notes

Tuesday, May 22, 2018

4pm to 5:30pm

UNO Community Engagement Center, Room 221

Introductions:

Present: Ofc. Kelli Tapp, Sgt. Amos Shepherd, Ofc. Terry Hughes, Cara Stirts, James Hubbard, Ofc. Nathan Dickey, Lindsay Brown, Jennifer Papproth, Charles Burton, Sgt. Tom Fricke, Vince Furlong, Karla Dush, Amber Parker, Debora Faga

Operation Youth Success Updates:

- 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

Member Updates:

- None

Summary of Last Meeting’s Activities:

- Discussion was held regarding developing positive relationships outside of times of crisis between SROs, school security, and students

Activity:

- Continued Discussion: Opportunities for positive relationships outside of times of crisis, between Students and School Resource Officers/School Security
 - Truancy officers:
 - Officer’s roles are similar to the SROs role in some ways, but are mostly one-on-one
 - Ongoing training
 - Meetings are held at the beginning of the school year to define roles and timelines
 - As the year goes on, things kind of morph and they roll with it; depends on the kid and the school
 - Don’t want to become the youth’s bus

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- If there is a continuing problem the school is legally responsible for initiating
- Often see the kids controlling the house, parents have issues with day care for other children, gang membership, anxiety, bullying, depression, mental health issues, family history of truancy; there are usually a combination of issues
- Getting parents to accept assistance outside of times of crisis is also an issue
- Seeing kids who do not function at their grade level, so instead of being the “dumb” kid in class, they just don’t go
- What would help in resolving/preventing problems:
 - Early identification of issues, easy access to resources , affordable resources would assist in prevention
 - Nebraska Families Helpline is a good resource that is being used
 - At certain times there are opportunities to engage the students and parents; again, it depends on the school
 - Participate in community events, PACE, beginning of school rallies
 - There is no quick fix and often that is what parents are looking for
 - Every child’s, every family’s needs are different
 - Getting the children to realize that their behavior is really only hurting themselves and their families is the hardest part
 - Schools have more discretion on truancy referrals now than even 10 years ago, which also puts more responsibility on the schools
 - Have to handle so many schools, with so many kids, that it is difficult to do anything but just deal with the crises as they come up
 - Educating parents about early intervention, not waiting until the crisis happens to seek help

○ SROs:

- Have added more schools since the last meeting Ofc. Dickey attended

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- Will be at summer schools again this year
- Aggression, poor impulse control, poor reactions are often seen by everyone

Next Steps:

- What are some things you wish you had access to or more of:
 - A magic wand
 - More time with kids to just talk to them, one-on-one time
 - If one thing could be fixed, the parenting back in elementary and middle school would be at the top – Parenting 101
 - Helping kids realize what the repercussions of their behavior/actions are
- What can this group support?
 - OPS is changing things up a little bit for the next school year with the SSL situation, each school is going to have a mandatory attendance team; not certain if they are going to be reaching out to families.
 - Back-to-school nights or freshman orientation – being positive is important
 - Lindsay and Jennifer are on a taskforce that deals with brain injuries as a disability, instead of a behavior problem; promoting training on these types of disabilities – State of Nebraska is looking at the Strategies for Youth training that Omaha has used, that does include this topic
 - Homework: Everyone think about this and bring suggestions to the next meeting

Next Meeting: June 26, 2018

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