



**Operation Youth Success
Prevention Work Group Notes**

Wednesday, August 15, 2018

3:00-5:00 PM

Omaha Home for Boys, Wurdeman Learning 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
 - a. Present: Brandy Gustoff, Andrea Wright, Melissa Schaefer, Ronda Newman, Jim Hubbard, Terra Goodwin, Karla Dush, Debora Faga

- II. Announcements
 - a. OYS Updates
 - i. Provided updates on other workgroups activities
 1. The Runaway Task Force has applied for grant funding that would bring in the National Runaway Safeline training and the break-off Refugee group worked with Heartland Family Service to apply for funding that would allow law enforcement, schools, churches, etc. to make a referral for cultural ambassadors to work with non-system involved, refugee youth and families, when youth run away.
 2. Families Work Group is working to establish a Youth Council, made up of 19 to 25 year olds who have been touched by the juvenile justice system.
 - b. Member Updates
 - i. Andrea has been working with child welfare on the Families First Prevention Services Act, and has been compiling a list of services that use evidence-based practices should be on the list to help qualify for 4E funding. If anyone knows of any, please send them directly to Andrea. Target populations: parenting skills, substance abuse, former wards.

- III. Summary of last meeting's activities
 - a. Have been finalizing 68111 grid and the flyers, along with the email script and the attached letter explaining what OYS is.

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- b. Once everything has been finalized we can start distributing the flyers and sending out the emails.

IV. Activity

a. Follow up

i. Andrea – QR Code

1. Can create QR codes for only one contact at a time, but it can save contact information to your phone
2. Has her nephew working on the possibility of being able to have multiple contacts and other options and will follow up with him soon
3. Have the QR code displayed at events, on FB, lots of different options for distribution

ii. Lakeisha and Karla- 1 page drafts

1. Include “For more/detailed information please go to ---“ (add website)
2. Remove state ward reference on Project Everlast
3. Change “Shelter” to “Housing”
4. Include Youth Links on both Economic/Financial and Youth Support flyers
5. Replace the After School picture on School Based Services flyer

iii. Karla-revisions to email script

1. Suggestion made to include in the letter where this information will be posted and made

iv. Distribution process

1. Who can help distribute?

V. Decision Making/Next Steps

- a. Will make changes to all of the information and send out for final approval by the group
- b. Have informational card with numbers listed on them
- c. Is there anything we want to apply for CBA funding?

VI. Feedback Survey – Handed out

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 19, 2018

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