



**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, Jenny Brockman, Rich Murcek, Steve Snodgrass, Dawnna Hill, Jim Hubbard, Shannan Garcia, Dave Collins, Karla Dush, Debora Faga

• **Announcements:**

○ **OYS Updates**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Celebration Day was Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1 pm – 3:30 pm in Elmwood Park.
- SC Strategic Planning Session III is tomorrow.
- SBA Work Group Resource Fairs at King Science and McMillan Middle Schools during Parent-Teacher Conferences; looking for volunteers from the work groups, a sign-up request will be coming out.
- OYS is creating a Juvenile Justice Youth Council as an advisory council. The nomination process is currently ongoing, nominations include nominating someone else or yourself. Young people who have been involved in the juvenile justice system, ages 16-25. See the OYS Facebook page for details and the flyer.
- Karla is attending the Collective Impact Conference in CA in October.
- OYS is sending a team to Georgetown University in October for LGBTQ Certification.
- CBA Update (information sheet attached); trainings have been scheduled for this Friday, September 28, 1pm-3pm, at the South Omaha Library and on Monday, October 1, 1pm-3pm, at the Washington Branch Library.

○ **Member Updates**

- Job Fair was held at DCYC
- Ralston High School is having success engaging community groups to help students who may not be on track for college, with employment experience

• **Activity:**

- Jen-Discussions with Dick from OPS and Canyon State
  - Dick Olmeyer agreed to have his number on our contact list
  - Still trying to get a list of the SSLs

- Had a meeting with Title I and they reached out to Lisa Utterback and were informed that she still needs to go through the person they were going through before, until the new person is trained.
    - Reached out to Canyon
    - Ask if Stephanie Hoelsing, OPS Social Worker Supervisor, would agree to being included on the contact list
  - Email draft and process discussion
    - Commonly included in emails:
      - OPS emails are fairly in-depth
    - Make sure that the transcripts are filled out properly: classes, partial grades,
    - This email will go out to all parties
    - Have the email be generic, with the probation officer's name at the top, and please include the following, then list the items needed
    - The probation officer would be the one to follow up to make sure that there is a response
    - If the student isn't going back to the same school, the probation officer should know that and know if they need to provide any needed documentation
  - Review Parent/Guardian results from survey
    - Canyon State has a parent support night here in Omaha and the officer handed out the survey to the parents at that
    - The parents had a difficult time understanding what we meant, because they associated re-entry with adults, not students
    - Perhaps have an open dialogue/discussion instead of handing out a paper survey
- Discussion regarding the difficult circumstances surrounding students being re-entered in the middle or toward the end of a semester and possible ways to handle it
  - The D2 Center would be a logical partner in the transition if they would be willing to collaborate
- Discussion regarding a possible 'mixer', which would provide an opportunity for representatives from all the school districts, including the TAC personnel, to meet with probation officers. This could be more of an open-house type event, where the officers could drop by as it fits with their schedule. Steve suggested that this time of year may be best as the beginning and end of the year are more difficult
- Decision Making/Next Steps
  - Will get a draft email put together and send it to the work group and to review with probation
  - Would there be members who would like to work on a sub-committee to work on the "mixer" concept that was discussed
  - Please sign up to volunteer at the Resource Fair when the email is sent out
- Feedback Survey – Handed out

**\*\*Next Meeting-** October 25, 2018, 3:30pm-5:00pm, 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**.