



Operation Youth Success School Based Arrest Task Force Notes

Tuesday, August 28, 2018

4pm to 5:30pm

UNO Community Engagement Center, Room 221

Welcome and Introductions:

- Present: Shannan Garcia, Ofc. Charles Burton, Dr. Carrie Carr, Sgt. Amos Shepherd, Vince Furlong, Ofc. Raymond Carlisle, Colleen Pribyl, Karla Dush

Operation Youth Success Updates:

- Runaway TF applied for grant funding to bring representatives to the National Runaway Safeline to Omaha to train community agencies on their curriculum and crisis intervention model
- Runaway TF supported Heartland Family Service's application for funding, which would provide a cultural ambassador for refugee youth and families, when a youth has run away from home and is non-system involved. Law enforcement, schools and faith based organizations could refer youth and families.
- The Families WG supported NE Family Support Network's application for funding which would provide a full time position. Part of this position would be a family navigator which would support families during their court process and also a Coordinator that would facilitate the Youth Advisory Council

Member Updates:

- Black Police Officer's Association-Student Celebration Day, Sunday, September 23, 2018, 1pm-330pm at Elmwood Park Pavilion
- Dr. Carr shared the Superintendent's Top 3 Goals
 - Math
 - Attendance-Strive for 95 (9 or less absences)
 - Threat assessment-put resources in place

Activity:

- Hope Squad Presentation by Colleene Pribyl with Bellevue Public Schools
 - Hope Squad is a National program to reduce self-destructive behavior and suicide t
 - Dr. Hudnall from Utah established the peer to peer program
 - 3 main components for students and adults

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- ✦ Common language
- ✦ Common understanding
- ✦ Common knowledge
- Since Bellevue has implemented the program, there have been zero suicides
- The program is designed for grades 4-12
 - They learn how to recognize signs and how to act on signs
 - The curriculum is for 3 years, with 9 lessons per year
 - A Counselor and 2-3 teachers assist and are part of the Hope Squad
 - 6-10 students per grade level are nominated by their peers to be the eyes and ears of the school
- Ages 10-14, are at highest risk for suicide
- Girls are 4x more likely than boys to die by suicide
- Colleene shared that they meet 1x month with the Squad to go over a lesson. This is typically done during a homeroom time and not during a regularly scheduled class time.
- The cost for 3 years at a high school is 5,700; middle school is 4,500 and elementary is 2,700
- Dr. Carr said that she will share this information with her administration about the possibility of a pilot at Norris Middle School.

- School Resource Fairs
 - Dr. Carr will reach out McMillan Middle and North High School to see if they would be willing to collaborate during Fall Conferences.

Next Steps:

- Discussion of Piloting Hope Squad
- School Resource Fairs
 - Confirm schools, dates, times, set up areas, etc.
 - Reach out to Providers to invite them

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- Who can assist during the resource fairs

Feedback Survey – Handed out

Next Meeting: September 25, 2018

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