Welcome and Introductions:

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-3:30pm 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 Colleen 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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