



Purpose Statement: Empower families to better understand the system and engage in their youth's care.

Families Working Group Charter

- ❖ Empowering families to better understand the system
- ❖ Engage youth and families
- ❖ Seek help when needed

- Introductions

Present: Margaret Vacek, Eve Bleyl, Vicki Brewer, Andrea Wright, Vivian Buckley, Lakeisha Phelps, Karla Dush, Debora Faga

- Updates

- OYS

- Karla Dush was at the Collective Impact Conference in CA in October
- Janee led the Capstone team on their trip to Georgetown University for the LGBTQ Certification
- Runaway Task Force applied for funding to bring the Runaway Safeline training to Omaha and was approved for it
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- Members

- Heartland was awarded a Sherwood grant to work with the refugee population's runaway, non-system involved youth. They will be able to receive referrals from OPD, OPS and faith based organizations.
- NFSN was awarded a 3-year grant for a full-time position. Part of this position will be for a part-time Program Coordinator that will have oversight of a Juvenile Justice Council and the other half of the position will be for a youth/family advocate that will meet with parents and youth before and during detention hearings.
 - Advocate attending the detention hearings; make this position known to the judges, attend the monthly meeting to make quick bullet points regarding what we feel is important
 - There a few different avenues available to make this person known to the families
 - This position will be able to start in approximately two weeks; we should start making the families aware of this advocate position
- Question: What can be done to help out the families/youth who are out of the child welfare system, but still need assistance where nothing is available?

- Summary of last meeting activities
 - Reviewed Juvenile Justice Council progress
 - Reviewed Linen Drive objectives and how we want to proceed
 - Reviewed Parent/Youth Survey objectives and distribution plan
- Juvenile Justice Council Updates
 - The second meeting was held last night
 - Up to 7 youth are involved now
 - A lot of energy and enthusiasm in the group
 - Coming up with ground rules for the meetings and how they want the group to grow, becoming familiar with each other
- Parent and Youth Survey (attached)
 - Changes to survey:
 - Add logo and Facebook information
 - How can we make sure to include you in your youth's case?
 - How can those working in the juvenile justice system, build trust with you and your family?
 - Share with us ways to help make sure that you and your family are treated fairly in the juvenile justice system.
 - Begin distribution
 - Probation, court, DCYC, Juvenile Assessment Center, Y.E.S. (for youth survey), Heartland, PromiseShip
 - Can start distribution as soon as survey is finalized
- Pack the Closet Drive
 - Review flyer and begin distribution
 - This year it will benefit Nebraska Families Support Network
 - Add "feminine hygiene products" to the flyer
 - Accepting items through the months of November and December
 - Can bring them to this meeting or drop off at the listed locations
- OYS Feedback Surveys – Handed out

Next Meeting Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at Heartland Workforce Solutions.

Operation Youth Success is bringing people together to decide what aspects of juvenile justice in Douglas County need to change and how that change will happen.

Mission Statement:

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PARENT SURVEY

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We hope you will share your ideas on ways we can improve system coordination, communication and outcomes for youth and families in the juvenile justice system. This information is voluntary and confidential. If you would like to visit with us further, please contact us at 402-554-6339.

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Website:

<https://operationyouthsuccess.org/>



Parents/Guardians, based on your experience.....

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