Prevention Work Group Purpose Statement
Reduce system entry and recidivism by strengthening community support and increasing access to preventative services.

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Announcements
   a. OYS Updates
      i. JPF Knowledge Exchange is on Monday, January 28th, 2-4 pm at the Douglas County Extension Office; Shawne Coonfare and Cara Stirts will be presenting on diversion eligibility
      ii. Juvenile Justice Council continues to meets every other Monday, 5-7pm at UNO CEC; very energetic group
      iii. Steering Committee meets on January 24th; closed meeting for strategic planning
   b. Member Updates
      i. Circle of Security classes is an 8-week series that will meet on Mondays, January 28-March 18, from 11am-1pm (flyer attached)

III. Follow up
   i. QR Codes (handout attached)
      1. Completed! Feel free to share with anyone.
   ii. Community Forums-Update
         a. Met with Compassion in Action and they are on board
            i. Will hopefully get a date firmed up soon
            ii. Questions for community forums:
               1. What services are they familiar with

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2. What resources, groups, events or activities have worked well for their family in the past
3. What have you tried to access, but haven’t been able to
   b. Talked with Chief Warren at Urban League and he referred to Nicole Mitchell, so will be speaking with her
   c. Met with Thrive and will follow up with them
2. Brandy: Charles Drew; tabled to next meeting
3. Andrea: Heartland Family Service
   a. Has had difficulty connecting with the person there, so perhaps we should just set a date and go from there
4. Aleah: Boys and Girls Club
   a. They were fine with using their area, the problem may be getting the parents there, so it would be more youth oriented (13-19 age group)
   b. We need to select a date and they will assist
5. Lakeisha: Chaplain Ron-Mission Church; tabled to next meeting

IV. Reviewed TerraLuna Participatory Evaluation (attached)
   a. There were questions on what “depth of impact on the system” entailed and discussed that a lot of what we are working on cannot yet be measured and this area was just measured by our opinions, we didn’t refer to data during this evaluation

V. Update work plan
   a. Question on knowing what the other work groups are working on; all work group notes are available on the OYS website
   b. Broke into small groups to discuss the three strategies using the Participatory Evaluation
      i. Strategy 1: Expand and enhance prevention services in at-risk communities in Douglas County
         1. Let’s wait to look at the other “hot spot” areas and continue to focus on 68111
         2. Add action step related to the forums coming up

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3. Action steps e. and on are very broad; perhaps as a group we need to focus on an avenue of prevention; the impact may be smaller to start with but perhaps more achievable
4. Under h., ii. and iii. (DC Community Response and Alternative Response) could perhaps be side projects, if someone could reach out to the right people we could get an answer quickly

ii. Strategy 2: Engage and support families prior to and during system involvement through the identified Hot Spots
   1. Parents aren’t coming to forums; the way to bring them in would be to hold a community event with prizes, food, activities; partner with other organizations.
   2. At these events, have families (parents and youth separately) provide what resources they need and use that information to help bring the community together.

iii. Strategy 3: Create a central navigation system for families at risk of juvenile justice system involvement in Douglas County
   1. Educate ourselves as to what prevention in juvenile justice looks like, to get our base knowledge
   2. Educate and establish links with agencies; create a prevention network within juvenile justice
   3. Build what isn’t here and support what is

   c. Notes: add in Cinco de Mayo; Juneteenth; Omaha Days Parade; collaborate with SBA WG on their resource fairs

VI. Decision Making/Next Steps
   a. Andrea, Lakeisha and Karla will meet and go through the notes from today’s work plan discussions and form them into a cohesive document
   b. Ronda will follow up with Community Response

VII. Feedback Survey – Handed out

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 20, 2019

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Operation Youth Success Prevention Work Group Participatory Evaluation Report

Report overview
This report summarizes the results from the participatory evaluation process of the Operation Youth Success Prevention Work Group in December 2018. Prevention members identified three outcomes from their work over the course of the year then rated each on:

- The importance of achieving the outcome
- The depth of the outcome for the group
- The depth of the outcome for the juvenile justice system.

The report also explores how the outcomes align with the work group’s work plan and possible next steps. The evaluation activity and report were done by the OYS developmental evaluation (DE) team from TerraLuna Collaborative.

Prevention work group purpose
The purpose of the OYS Prevention Work Group is to reduce system entry and recidivism by strengthening community support and increasing access to preventative services.

OYS Prevention Work Group Outcomes

Outcome #1: Collaboration
- Increase in collaboration amongst agencies, but room to grow
- Perspectives through collaboration
- Value of networking
- Willingness and consistent collaboration from new members as well as veterans

Outcome #2: Family Interaction
- Information sharing benefits families
- Being intentional in making accessibility to services equitable for all families
- Working group has identified gaps and barriers to target moving forward
Outcomes alignment with the Workplan

This section of the report explores how the work group’s outcomes align with the Prevention groups work plan.

Intended outcomes

The work group identified that all three of their strategies were being addressed through the groups work although significant barriers still exist.

- Strategy #1: Expand and enhance prevention services in at risk communities in Douglas County.
- Strategy #2: Engage & support families prior to and during system involvement through identified hot spots.
- Strategy #3: Create central navigation system for families at risk of juvenile justice system involvement in Douglas County.

Unintended outcomes

The work group also identified two unintended outcome that emerged in the past year:

- Outcome #1: Competition mentality is decreasing
- Outcome #2: Culture shifts from reactionary to prevention

Ways the workgroup deepened or expanded impact

- List of services developed
- Community outreach
- Nebraska Families support network and Heartland Family Service created new prevention-focused positions
- Creation & distribution of 68111 resource matrix
- QR codes developed

*Too soon to rate
Questions to guide the next steps
This section provides four questions to guide the work group as it explores next steps.

Question #1: How might the work group deepen their partnership with other committees such as the OYS Policy Committee to better support current work and decision making specific to reducing system entry and recidivism?

Question #2: How might the work group continue to breakdown the competition mentality to better support prevention services provided to families and youth?

Question #3: How might the work group engage youth and families to give them a voice in prevention efforts and to identify gaps and barriers?

Question #4: How could the work group support the development of a central navigation system to better promote information sharing with families?