



Operation Youth Success School Based Arrest Task Force Notes

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

4pm to 5:30pm

UNO Community Engagement Center, Room 221

School-Based Arrest Task Force Purpose Statement:

The School-Based Arrest Task Force goal is to reduce rates of in-school arrests and exclusionary discipline while promoting fair and equitable treatment.

- Welcome and Introductions
 - Present: Vince Furlong, Shannan Garcia, Jim Hubbard, Sgt. Tom Fricke, Sgt. Amos Shepard, Karla Dush, Debora Faga
- Presentation by Dan Bechtol, Executive Director, Concord Mediation Center
 - 6 mediation centers throughout Nebraska
 - Programs and services: Child Welfare, Mediation, Restorative Justice
 - Restorative Justice Programs
 - Holds offender responsible for his or her actions
 - Gives victims a voice to tell how they were affected by the offender's actions
 - Helps offenders understand the impacts to the victim(s) and community
 - Allows the offender and victim to co-create an agreement to repair the harms
 - Supports reintegration into the community
 - Practices can be used to serve youth and adults
 - Victim-Youth Conferencing
 - Statewide initiative; Current referrals from Probation and Diversion
 - Peer to Peer Mediation
 - Partnering with schools
 - Expedited Family Group Conferencing (EFGC) or Family Mediation
 - Current referrals from Probation and Diversion
 - Project Restore
 - Youth are referred to the Office of Dispute Resolution (ODR) approved Center by Lincoln Public Schools via the County Attorney
 - Gives youth the choice to participate
 - Victims are also given the choice to meet with the youth – if not, the youth meets with a surrogate
 - Once the conference is held, and the plan of repair is completed, the youth's offense is dismissed

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- Restorative Justice Expansion
 - Direct Victim-Youth Conferencing referrals from schools for pre-ticket offenses
 - Partnering with schools to implement K-12 curriculum
 - Education and implementation of additional processes: Restorative Circles and Panels
- Data Discussion
 - Can we get some data regarding the number of arrests, etc. to inform to the Steering Committee during OYS updates?
- Updates
 - OYS
 - Runaway Task Force's National Runaway Safeline Training, this Thursday, February 28th, here at the CEC; 22 different organization with a total of 32 people will be attending
 - Handed out the Prevention Work Group's QR Code sheet for four different hotline numbers (attached)
- Feedback Survey – Handed out

Next Meeting:

- Next meeting: Tuesday, March 26, 2019

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