



**Operation Youth Success  
Prevention Work Group Notes**

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

3:00-5:00 PM

Omaha Home for Boys, Wurdeman Learning Center

Prevention Work Group Purpose Statement

Reduce system entry and recidivism by strengthening community support and increasing access to preventative services.

- I. Welcome and Introductions
  - a. Present: Andrea Wright, Terra Goodwin, Kyle Kinney, Lakeisha Phelps, Fred Ross, Melissa Schaefer, Aleah Stennis, Alex Jochim, Caitlin Little, Karla Dush, Debora Faga
  - b. Welcome to Alex and Caitlin from Benson First Friday, seeking ways to partner with other groups
  
- II. Announcements
  - a. OYS Updates
    - i. Runaway TF hosted the National Runaway Safeline train-the-trainer training two weeks ago; 21 different agencies and 32 people attended
    - ii. Families WG is working on video vignettes focusing on different touchpoints in the juvenile justice system; JAC will be the first area focused on
  - b. Member Updates
    - i. Heartland-Andrea is going to Washington DC and if anyone has any materials they would like her to take, please let her know; One Oak (Level 3 school) opened their doors this last quarter; Andrea invited Alex and Caitlin from Benson First Fridays to attend this Prevention meeting
    - ii. Benson First Fridays is looking for groups to partner with and are interested in OYS; they just began a youth engagement program through the arts and hold different events throughout the year
    - iii. NFSN-Lakeisha will be awarded the Speaking of the Children Kids First Choice Award at Project Harmony on April 3<sup>rd</sup>; she went to the National Youth at Risk Conference; Juvenile Justice Council is still making good progress: went to the Black and Brown Legislative Day in Lincoln,

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participating in a podcast through the Annie E. Casey Foundation, participating in a Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP) workshop on Saturday and once they complete the workshop they will be able to go to Region 6 on April 25 & 26 and be certified as WRAP facilitators

III. Follow up

a. Community Forums-Update

i. Karla-Urban League, Compassion in Action

1. We have a date and time for the Urban League forum, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30-8pm, food will be provided and there will be a drawing for gift cards; reviewed flyer and suggested and discussed changes
2. Need to identify a date for Compassion in Action, can't do it on Mondays or Thursdays, going to pick a Tuesday in May

ii. Brandy-Charles Drew

1. Still scheduling

iii. Andrea-Heartland Family Service

1. Still scheduling

iv. Aleah-Boys and Girls Club

1. Still scheduling

v. Lakeisha-Chaplain Ron-Mission Church

1. Working to determine a date

IV. Approve updated work plan

a. Have pared the work plan to a more manageable size (attached)

b. Begin action item steps

i. Want to start creating timelines

1. Target dates under strategy 1: July 2019 for b and October 2019 for c

ii. Keep CBA deadlines and Sherwood applications in mind

iii. In the April, May and June meetings talk about pulling together information for these applications

iv. Have a draft ready to be honed to fit the application

v. Discussed strategy 3 and the three action steps under it

1. Discussion about what prevention and juvenile justice definitions are

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2. Maybe put strategy 3 on the back burner for now and take some time to digest and focus it
  3. Would a survey be a helpful tool for identifying gaps?
  - vi. Is there a strategy that each member would like to be a bigger part of?
    1. Strategy 1: Andrea and Aleah
    2. Strategy 2: Lakeisha will recruit the JJC, Aleah will help
    3. Strategy 3: Andrea will talk with Ronda and Lakeisha
- V. Decision Making/Next Steps
- a. Karla will make the changes to the flyer that were suggested and will take the lead on support and preparation for the event
  - b. Lakeisha will take the lead on the “big event”
  - c. Andrea will take the lead on strategy 3
    - i. Plan for the next meeting will be to bring back some ideas to the group on this
- VI. Feedback Survey – Handed out

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 17, 2019**

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