



Re-entry Mission Statement:

The mission of OYS Re-Entry is to increase the number of juveniles successfully reintegrated back into schools and the community through coordinated transition support, thereby increasing overall academic success and ultimately reducing recidivism.

This mission is two-fold:

- 1) Supporting reentry and residency in the community following any out-of-home placement and;
- 2) Supporting the efficient reentry to school/educational program/work as part of the transition process.

- Welcome and Introductions
 - Present: Jen Beck, Dave Collins, Shannan Garcia, Steve Snodgrass, Jenny Brockman, Kandi Hendershot, Dawanna Hill, Derek Brown, Kenya Love, Shelby Andersen-Holt, Karla Dush, Debora Faga
- Announcements:
 - OYS Updates
 - Families WG is starting work on their video vignettes
 - 2019 NJJA Conference, May 1-3, Kearney, NE
 - Prevention WG is holding their first community forum April 29th at Urban League
 - Karla, Margaret Vacek and Tracy Scherer will be attending Leading Courageously in the Human Services Sector training in St. Paul, MN at the beginning of April
- Activity:
 - Email template update-Derek
 - Template can be made a fillable document
 - Talking to the officers about what the process will be and how to use it; will be doing a trial run in May with Canyon State before wide-spread implementation
 - “Mixer” update-Steve
 - 2-hour program – Proposed Agenda: First hour-Introductions by OYS, summarize activities, emphasize communication and collaboration, what has been accomplished and explain the purpose of the forum, probation and DCYC would talk about their processes, identify challenges and successes, go through as many of the high schools as we can to talk to the group (5-7 minutes for each of those), if you have any ideas or questions please write them down and they can be asked/addressed at the end of the first hour; second hour will be letting everyone get to know each other.
 - Perhaps expand just a little past re-entry and into IEPs, 504s, etc. to include a little more of what probation would normally cover at an all-staff meeting (perhaps enable CEUs)
 - Share best practices, have resource tables with out of home provider information, and other community resources
 - Provide a spreadsheet with education contacts at the different schools

- Waiting for confirmation, but have requested rooms at UNO CEC on October 9th
 - Terra Luna- Participatory Evaluation
 - Broke into small groups for peer-to-peer interviews (Importance-Depth of impact on work group- Depth of impact on JJ system)
 - Collaborative Communication (5-5-4)
 - Getting the right information to the right personnel contacts to streamline communication
 - Shared vision and investment of mission to improve communication and increase youth success
 - Contact list created to increase communication and efficiency of the process
 - Improved system-wide communication
 - People are making more of a conscious effort to communicate with all entities involved in youth transition
 - Education & Advocacy (5-5-3)
 - Awareness of resolution that is needed for re-entry
 - Processes & Data (5-5-3)
 - Better understanding of the re-entry process
 - Tracking youth's return to school once discharged from DCYC to see the time that it takes to return; identify barriers
 - How do these align to the work plan
 - Collaborative Communication – in line with the current work plan
 - Education & Advocacy – in line with the current work plan
 - Processes & Data – in line with the current work plan
 - Strategies #4 & #5 (conserve energy on this one – also being discussed outside of this group)
 - Strategy #8 (part of the mission statement) should this strategy be removed or perhaps change the mission statement a little?
- Decision Making/Next Steps
 - TerraLuna will take all the information gathered today, put it together into a report that shows the results of the self-evaluation, then share the report with the group and it will also be shared with the Steering Committee
 - Karla will create a fillable document of email template
 - Debora will confirm room reservation at UNO
- Feedback Survey – Handed out

Next Meeting: April 25, 2019, 3:30pm-5:00pm, Westside Community Schools, ABC Building

OYS Mission Statement: Across Douglas County, our vision is a **comprehensive, coordinated,** and **community-wide** approach to **juvenile services** that **eliminates** the need for youth involvement with our justice system while maintaining **public safety**.

For **all youth** who do enter our justice system, our goals are to provide **effective, compassionate** and **individualized** support that empowers youth and their **families** to **succeed** and to build an environment of **mutual trust and accountability**.