**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

1. Introductions

2. OYS Updates
   - Karla, Margaret Vacek and Tracy Scherer attended Leading Courageously in the Human Services Sector training in St. Paul, MN this month
   - Steering Committee meeting is this Thursday, 8:30 am, in the Jesse Lowe Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Civic Center
   - Prevention Work Group on April 29, 2019, collaborating with the Urban League’s Parent Engagement Group to hold a community resource forum; will be holding several others in the next few months
   - The Kim Culp Juvenile Justice Forum is April 24, 2019, 7-9 pm, at the UNO Barbara Weitz Community Engagement Center
   - DMC/RED community meeting on April 17, 2019, 6-8 pm, at the North 72nd Goodwill
   - We received initial approval from the county for the video vignettes, but were denied by the Crime Commission for the sub-grant adjustment, so they are on hold at this time, until we can figure out funding

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g. Coalition RX has a free 7-week program called Strengthening Families for 10-14 year olds, 5:30-8pm, starting on April 29, at the UNO CEC; call 402-552-2221 or email coalitionrx@gmail.com to reserve a spot (flyer attached)

h. Karla, Christine and Lakeisha had a meeting at DCYC and talked about the feedback they have received regarding sibling visitation. Discussion included youth having a visit within the first 30 days-like an orientation and that siblings would be able to visit once a youth attains Level 4. They can continue these visits during their regular visiting times (2x week); has been announced and DCYC is working on adding it to their Level 4 incentive; still need to work out logistics; should have the update by the next Policy meeting as to when it will start.

3. Member Updates
   a. CHI Health Parent Education Support Group meets monthly, 6-7:30 pm, in the Immanuel Conference Room, 6901 N 72nd St. (flyer attached)
   b. Lakeisha-Juvenile Justice Council (JJC) update
      i. Have worked out many of their ground rules, adding more structure at this point, everyone is engaged; planning for a youth resource fair, wanting to have a chair and co-chair in their structure, maintaining their accountability and passion; Jasmine and Lakeisha just did a podcast on system involvement in juvenile justice in Douglas County through the Annie E. Casey Foundation
   c. 2019 NJJA Conference, May 1-3, Kearney, NE
   d. NFSN Youth Life Skills group is adding another group to address addiction issues, more information will be coming, and several parenting groups
   e. “Women in Valor” Spanish-speaking support group

4. Activity:
   a. Survey Update
      i. Tom got permission from Mary Visek to pass out the survey at probation
   b. Work Plan (attached)
      i. Strategy 1 – Family Council
      ii. Strategy 2 – Continue support for the JJC
      iii. Strategy 3 – Video vignettes have been put on hold until funding is established

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iv. Strategy 4 – Education and support for youth and families (will wait on this one to concentrate on the two Councils and seeking funding for the video vignettes)

v. Members identified which of the first three strategies they would like to concentrate on and broke into small groups to discuss:

1. Strategy 1: Family Council: what are agencies doing now and how can we start bringing in family members; define a target audience; there is a program in NJ that we could model after, grandparents raising their grandkids, how can we engage seniors who are supporting their kids and grandkids, also cultural senior centers, looking at where there is an inter-generational approach, possibly have some lunch and learns, then grow more off of that approach. Judy is going to get together some numbers to show how many grandparents are involved.

2. Strategy 2: JJC needs to start leaning more on the OYS team; find a way to break the silence about medications and empowering youth to speak up for themselves, involve the gang unit with the JJC, have Kenya with TerraLuna come in to train, brainstormed different locations where they can have resource fairs for youth, keep the JJC active.

3. Strategy 3: Focused on youth navigator piece, connecting the navigator with other players in the system and getting the youth before all the system points are involved.

5. Decision Making/Next Steps
   a. Strategy 1: Talk within agencies, get in touch with senior centers and various areas, gathering data to be able to go out to other agencies with the data to start shaping the Council; identifying contact within the juvenile justice system.
   b. Strategy 2: Involve the backbone team with planning a little more, follow up on training opportunities.
   c. Strategy 3: Connections being made with Eve on potential sites and people to contact.

6. Feedback Surveys - Handed out

Next Meeting: May 21, 2019, 9am-11am, at Heartland Workforce Solutions

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COALITION RX
STRENGTHENING FAMILIES
PROGRAM 10-14

WHEN: 5:30-8PM
APRIL 29TH
MAY 6TH
MAY 13TH
MAY 20TH
JUNE 3RD
JUNE 10TH
JUNE 17TH

Where: Barbara Weitz Community Engagement Center on UNO's Campus
Contact: Call or email us at 402-552-2221 or coalitionrx@gmail.com to reserve your spot.

This class is open to any adult and child from ages 10 to 14 years. It is a 7 week program geared toward creating positive engagement and family involvement, improving communication between parent and child and strengthening relationships between parents and children! We encourage you to bring your dinner in at 5:30pm and join us for a family dinner. Class will start at 6pm.

The following topics are covered through various activities, videos, games, projects and discussions:

- Identifying and reducing stress
- Resisting peer pressure
- Learning how to set and follow a set of house rules
- Understanding each other better
- Improved communication skills
- Learn how to set goals individually and as a family
- Prevent substance abuse
- Learn how to use reward and consequence strategies effectively

COALITION RX
CHI Health Parent Education Support Group

A group of parents, guardians, foster parents, grandparents and caregivers of children with mental health needs.

CHI Health Behavioral Health is excited to offer a parenting support group designed to promote personal exploration and expression of parenting successes and challenges. Within this supportive and caring environment education, guidance, panel discussion, guest speakers and open conversation will be utilized to strengthen parenting.

A child’s behavioral or mental health problems affect significant others and all family member. This includes parents. The goal of the Parent Support Group is to be a resource for patients as they support their child while they interact on a daily basis.

The CHI Health Parent Support Group meets monthly 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Immanuel Conference Room
6901 N 72nd Street, Omaha, NE 68122 (lower level of the NE side)

The event is FREE and is open to all parents.
Free childcare and dinner provided. Reservations encouraged but not required.
Upcoming Topics
- Communication
- Boundaries
- Social Media
- Trauma
- Life Transitions
- Grief
- Healthy Activities
- Suicide/Self-Harm
- School Relationships
- Relationships
- Step-Parenting
- Addictions
- Bullying
- Foster Parenting
- Choices
- Legal System

2018-2019 Monthly Meeting Dates (Second Thursday of each month)
- September 13th
- October 11th
- November 8th
- December 13th
- January 10th
- February 14th
- March 14th
- April 11th
- May 9th

New time 6:00 - 7:30 pm
CHI Health Parent Education Support Group Meeting Schedule
- 6:00 - 6:10: Introductions/Group Guidelines
- 6:10 - 6:25: Educational Presentation
- 6:25 - 6:40: Discussion
- 6:40 - 7:20: Family Advocacy Support
- 7:20 - 7:30: Wrap-up

Proud to partner with Nebraska Family Support Network and their family advocates who will bring their lived experience and training to facilitate a peer led component of the support group.

www.nefamilysupportnetwork.org

Co-Facilitated by Sheila St. Amant, MS, LIMHP, and Tracy Glantz, MS, Educational Therapist

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