



**Operation Youth Success
Prevention Work Group Notes**

Wednesday, April 17, 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: Terra Goodwin, Ronda Newman, Lakeisha Phelps, Melissa Schaefer, Aleah Stennis, Kyle Kinney, Brandy Gustoff, Shelby Andersen-Holt, Karla Dush, Debora Faga
- II. Announcements
 - a. OYS Updates
 - i. 2019 NJJA Conference, May 1-3, Kearney, NE
 - ii. Steering Committee meeting is this Thursday, 8:30 am, in the Jesse Lowe Conference Room at the Civic Center
 - iii. The Kim Culp Juvenile Justice Forum is April 24, 2019, 7-9 pm, at the UNO Barbara Weitz Community Engagement Center
 - iv. DMC/RED community meeting on April 17, 2019, 6-8 pm, at the North 72nd Goodwill
 - b. Member Updates
 - i. Jasmine and Lakeisha just did a podcast on system involvement in juvenile justice in Douglas County through the Annie E. Casey Foundation, JJC is planning for a youth resource fair and looking at lowering membership to age 16
 - ii. On Track of the Heartland pilot project geared toward young adults 14-35 who have recently begun to experience psychosis (flyers attached)
- III. Activity
 - a. Prep/plan for Community Discussion at Urban League, Monday, April 29th
 - i. Dovetailing off of their Parent Engagement night
 - ii. Dinner will be provided and there will be drawings for gift cards

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- iii. Karla, Lakeisha will attend, Lakeisha can come and bring some JJC members but will be late, Fred and Aleah may be able to come but will be late
 - iv. Possible questions we would like to have the community's input on:
 - 1. Which agencies/services are you familiar with?
 - 2. What resources have worked well for your family in the past (whether they were located in your community in another area of town)?
 - 3. Are there resources, support groups, activities, events, etc. that are needed but don't exist in your community?
 - 4. What resources have you tried to access but haven't been able to and why?
 - v. Make sure participants know what the questions are about and what the input is going to be used for.
 - vi. Would it be helpful to have the questions geared toward youth?
 - vii. Have some follow-up questions about the event itself
 - viii. Have a bowl to allow participants to put questions in anonymously, that will be read and answered at the end of the event
 - ix. Have a separate way to allow participants to submit their email or phone numbers if they would like additional information
 - x. Bring or send resource materials
- b. Upcoming Discussions
- i. Boys and Girls Club, May 7th at 6pm
 - 1. Will have to be a little more entertaining in this event since it will be the kids that are attending
 - 2. Aleah, Janee and Brandy will attend, Fred may be able to
 - 3. Shoot for 20-25 attendees
 - 4. What questions can we ask youth
 - a. Shouldn't have to tweak the questions too much from the first event; if we ask, they will answer
 - b. What do they think would keep youth from entering the juvenile justice system
 - ii. Compassion in Action/Mission Church – they are co-located so they are looking at holding a forum together sometime in June; date is pending.
 - iii. Brandy-Charles Drew
- c. Work Plan – tabled to next meeting

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- IV. Decision Making/Next Steps
 - a. Karla will send out emails and calendar invites on the forums
- V. Public Comment
 - a. Ronda brought up the overlap between Prevention WG and Community Response Team; want to inform about the work the Community Response Team is doing and how we might be able to partner with them
- VI. Feedback Survey – Handed out

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 15, 2019

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