



**Operation Youth Success
Prevention Work Group Notes**

Wednesday, May 15, 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: Ronda Newman, James Hubbard, Andrea Wright, Terra Goodwin, Melissa Schaefer, Aleah Stennis, Shelby Anderson-Holt, Karla Dush, Debora Faga
- II. Announcements
 - a. OYS Updates
 - i. NJJA Conference in Kearney was the first week in May; Lakeisha and several people from the JJC participated in the Youth Day
 - ii. Mark LeFlore and Karla just got back from Denver, CO, where they attended the Annie E. Casey Foundation and Smith & Main Institute's Positive Youth Development train-the-trainer training on how to onboard professionals who work in juvenile justice
 - b. Member Updates
 - i. YLS recertification is being completed at the JAC
 - ii. QPR Suicide Prevention workshops at Region 6 (flyers attached)
 - iii. Andrea is attending training tomorrow on restorative practices with more of a school focus
 - iv. Youth Links has closed down, it is now One Oak, which is a Level 3 school
 - v. The Generations Senior Center is becoming the Generations Community Center which is looking to add/be part of "Place Based Services"
 - vi. Andrea reported that there has been movement on the Family First (child welfare) side of things
 - vii. Ronda reported that an application is going in today for a housing grant that would enhance housing opportunities for youth in the Douglas, Sarpy and Pottawattamie County areas

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- III. Activity
 - a. Future Community Discussions
 - i. Compassion in Action/Mission Church-they are looking at June; date is pending
 - 1. Can possibly join together with an event they already have scheduled in June – more information will be coming
 - ii. Brandy-Charles Drew – Brandy is out
 - iii. Want to look for another possible organization to have the event after June
 - b. Discuss Urban League and Boys and Girls Club Community Discussions
 - i. Review feedback
 - 1. Urban League and Boys and Girls Club Discussion Survey Results are attached
 - a. Urban League:
 - i. Was brought up that some of the resources we have in our grid don't actually have the resources that are specifically listed under the various schools
 - ii. Commented that this was a good beginning but need to continue on a monthly basis and that they are would like to and be willing to get together in the future. They appreciated having their voice heard. They are also interested in what happens with the follow up with their feedback.
 - b. Boys and Girls Club:
 - i. No place they can go for mental health help without being declared "crazy" first
 - ii. Career development is lacking
 - iii. There was a lot of feedback regarding the importance not only of having community activities, but having safe community activities
 - iv. Mentoring was another topic that came up a lot
 - ii. Determine next steps
 - 1. Need to determine the organization (place) and date for the June Resource Discussion meeting
 - 2. Once the collective list is done, we can sort through what exists already and make decisions from there

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- IV. Decision Making/Next Steps
 - a. Look at collaboration opportunities with the Community Response group
 - b. Will send out the link for the video on the Hope Squad

- V. Feedback Survey – Handed out

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 19, 2019, 3 pm, at the OHB Wurdeman Learning Center

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