Operation Youth Success
Re-Entry Task Force Notes
May 23, 2019
3:30pm-5pm
Westside Community Schools ABC Building

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

• Welcome and Introductions
  o Present: Jen Beck, Shannan Garcia, Dave Collins, Jenny Brockman, Derek Brown, Kenya Love, Karla Dush, Debora Faga

• Announcements:
  o OYS Updates
    ▪ Harmony Week’s Honk for Peace event tonight, 5:30 – 7 pm; OYS will be at 72nd & Ames
    ▪ Mark LeFlore and Karla just got back from Denver, CO, where they attended the Annie E. Casey Foundation and Smith and Main Institute Positive Youth Development train-the-trainer training on how to onboard professionals who work with juvenile justice
    ▪ Prevention WG held Community Resource Discussions during the last month; the first was at Urban League and the second was at Boys & Girls Club with students; working on the third one for June
  o Member Updates
    ▪ Probation is using the email template; biggest obstacle may be getting the parent’s email address and getting them to respond
    ▪ Hansel completed the Spanish version of fillable email template (attached)
    ▪ Policing the Youth Brain training is going on right now at Probation
    ▪ Students can be enrolled during the summer to start school in the fall
    ▪ Boys Town is starting a new curriculum called “Living Hope”

• Activity:
  o OYS Re-Entry Taskforce Forum (Mixer)
    ▪ Update and next steps
    ▪ Steve sent out an email to directors at schools (list of respondents attached), letting them know what will be going on and asking them to identify two people from their school they feel should attend
    ▪ Reviewed who has responded and identified who is missing and what schools are missing
  o Terra Luna - Participatory Evaluation review (attached)
- Updating Work Plan (attached)
  - Set action steps and deadlines for email process and for the Forum
  - Remove Strategies 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3 for now
  - Strategy 2 has parts that are being worked on, but how much of this is something this group can influence
    - Come up with questions to gather feedback from the various players at the Forum and use that feedback to take a closer look at the action and implementation steps
    - Remove the transition piece and focus on re-entry
    - Prepare definitions to present at the Forum so everyone is on the same page with the language
  - Strategy 1 is currently actively being worked on
    - The email template and the Forum are steps toward this strategy
    - Expand this process to other OHP and other schools districts
    - Discuss summer meeting schedule
      - Move June and July meetings up to 2pm; move July’s location to Dudley’s in Aksarben

- Decision Making/Next Steps
  - Come up with questions/survey to present at the Forum to provide us feedback
  - Jen Beck will contact the OHP’s identified (Uta Halee, NOVA, OHB) and also Geneva, Hastings and Kearney to invite them and obtain contact information for the attendee list
  - Jennifer Brockman will obtain the Westside contact information (Robert/Ronda), as well as Gretna’s

- Feedback Survey – Handed out

**Next Meeting: June 27, 2 pm – 3:30 pm, at Westside 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.