



**Douglas County Operation Youth Success
2019 Runaway Task Force Work Plan**

Strategy	Action Steps	Implementation Steps	Target Date	Status	Responsible Parties	Resources Needed
1) Develop a runaway education program that seeks to prevent runaway behaviors	Research existing best practices which focus both on family and youth curricula.	Identify appropriate curricula for our community	Jul-18	Completed	Nicole S., Lt. S, Y.E.S., Karla	Safe Place Curriculum; Text 4 Help; Let's Talk: Runaway Prevention Curriculum; St. Paul's 10-Question Survey for Law Enforcement
		Contact NRS Specialist	Apr-18	Completed	Karla	
	Identify Educator/Trainer	Bring in National Training to train school personnel, law enforcement, faith based organizations, community providers, etc. on the curricula. Once trained the entities will facilitate the training to the youth they work with.	February 2019 for National Training and on-going for agency facilitation	In Progress	Possibly create a position; or, identify individuals in the community to educate/train; school social workers?	Learning Centers, helpline, law enforcement, faith based organizations, schools, Hope Center, Boys and Girls Club, Health Care entities (Dr.'s offices and hospitals), parenting groups, employers, YMCA's, parent/guardians, OYS Prevention Team
	Create a resource list to share with providers, families, schools, law enforcement, faith based organizations, etc.	Guardians, Youth, School Personnel, community agencies, etc. and update websites as applicable: Need to disseminate list from Project Harmony and NE Helpline phone number; do we create a separate handout?	March 2019 and ongoing	In Progress	all TF members and other WG members	NE Helpline and Project Harmony information
		Law enforcement to hand out to families/youth and update their website with such resources: Need to disseminate list from Project Harmony and NE Helpline phone number; do we create a separate handout?	March 2019 and ongoing	In Progress	all TF members and other WG members	NE Helpline and Project Harmony information
	Create a family plan template	Research existing plans	Apr-19	In Progress	Karla	Existing plans

2) Develop a coordinated response to address the safety and needs of youth when youth have run away. Suggestion: Develop a coordinated communication response when youth have run away.	Map current roles of guardian, law enforcement, possibly school personnel, community agencies, etc. and include how information is currently shared; suggest possible edits		Apr-19	Need to begin	Identify small group	LE, Schools, Parents/Guardians, DHHS, Community agencies, etc.
	Develop educational tool based upon mapping and include available resources	Provide training of tool to those involved in the contact process	Jul-19	Need to begin	Identify small group	
	Create a family plan template	Research existing plans	Apr-19	In Progress	Karla	Existing plans
3) Develop a coordinated response that addresses the safety and needs of runaway youth, once they have been located.	Map current roles of guardian, law enforcement, possibly school personnel, community agencies, community response team , etc.; how information is shared; suggest possible edits		Apr-19	Need to begin	Identify small group	LE, schools, parent/guardians, community response team, DHHS, providers, etc.
	Develop educational tool based upon mapping and include available resources	Provide training of tool to those involved in the contact process	Jul-19	Need to begin	Identify small group	
	Identify Community response Team and Role		Aug-19	Need to begin	HFS, Project Harmony, KVC, LFS	Respite
	Create a family plan template	Research existing plans	Apr-19	In Progress	Karla	Existing plans

4) Support collaborative efforts that ensure continuity of services through communication sharing amongst and within necessary professionals and entities.	Coordinator Position	Apply for funding	Mar-18	Completed. OPD hired a Data Analyst that may serve as a central contact for communication for all organizations involved	OPD-Lt. Scherer	Funding
	Communicate current TF work being done, along with successes of the TF	Identify speaking points, spaces to share information, etc.	5/1/2019 and ongoing	Need to begin	All TF members; OYS Backbone staff	