Operation Youth Success  
Prevention Work Group  
Wednesday, July 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.

1. Welcome and Introductions  
   a. Present: Kyle Kinney, Lakeisha Phelps, Terra Goodwin, Melissa Schaefer, Ronda Newman, Andrea Wright, Fred Ross, Jazmin Cryer, Micaela Irwin, Debora Faga

2. Announcements  
   a. OYS Updates  
      i. Young, Gifted & At-Risk Youth Conference, August 5-9, 9 am to 3:30 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 6340 N. 30th St. (flyer attached)  
      ii. CBA: Rich Murcek has left the County, so Catherine Hall and Carrie Davis are going to be the contacts for CBA  
      iii. Cynthia Kennedy has left the Crime Commission to work for the City of Omaha; her position with the Crime Commission hasn’t been filled yet so we don’t know who the CBA contact there will be  
      iv. There is discussion that moving forward anything the State deems the County should be fiscally responsible for (i.e., JAC, the Home Program, OYS) would potentially not be eligible for CBA funding; work groups would still be able to apply.

   b. Member Updates  
      i. Kyle-can you speak briefly about crisis response meeting last week and how we’re setting up a follow up to discuss further collaboration?  
         1. Mark LeFlore called a meeting last week for various juvenile justice involved providers and stakeholders (OPD, Region 6, County Commission office) to talk about mobile crisis response.

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a. There were presentations by Kyle for the Nebraska Families Helpline on their role in the process, Lutheran Family Services in Douglas County and Heartland Family Services in Sarpy; Heartland has added on a component where they can be called up to the juvenile justice center and provide response there.

b. Next steps are to see if DCYC or probation wants to partner up with Lutheran Family Services to add on that component as well.

c. Follow up meeting hasn't been scheduled yet, but will be soon.

ii. This last week Andrea met with Janee/OYS, the JAC, Concord Mediation, Fred Ross, and the Sherwood Foundation to have a conversation about what the landscape looks like for restorative justice in Omaha; there is going to be another meeting coming up and if anyone would like to be come and be a part of the conversation, let Andrea now and she will forward you the information.

3. Activity

a. Schedule dates for follow up discussions with Urban League and Boys and Girls Club to discuss results and next steps
   i. Lakeisha will contact the organizations to identify dates that may work for them
   ii. Send a doodle poll with those dates out so more group members can have input to find out dates and times, perhaps in October.

b. Young, Gifted & At-Risk Conference: Update and where can Prevention members help?
   i. The Conference is the week of August 5-9, 9 am – 3:30 pm, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 6340 N. 30th St.
   ii. Capping the youth attendees at 25
   iii. Asking work group members to volunteer to help with serving food and cleaning up on the 7th, or any other day that they may be able to assist
   iv. Prevention WG will provide food on Wednesday, August 7th
   v. Several members cannot assist during that week, but are willing to donate money to be put toward it (perhaps use $ to provide the afternoon snacks that day)

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vi. Looking at providing pizza and salad or chips: Fred’s daughter works at Godfather’s and he’s going to check with her to see if they would be willing to provide and how much it will cost.

vii. Send out a sign-up sheet (Sign Up Genius?) to allow members to sign up for items or money

c. Workplan Activity
   i. Review feedback from forum and determine next steps
      1. Broke into small groups – felt that they need to have a better understanding of what we’re doing with the action items; are we coming up with them and presenting to the groups or are we wanting the action items to come from the groups?
      2. Action items - Low-hanging fruit:
         a. Determine the five major areas of focus from the comments gathered at the forums (feel that mentors is one that rose to the top at all three forums)
         b. Connect the groups with the agencies that address some of the comments/concerns expressed by engaging the agencies first

4. Decision Making/Next Steps
   a. Debora will re-send the 68111 grid and the resource flyers to the group so they can review again
   b. Identify the five top areas that were identified and that we want to concentrate on first
   c. Youth Conference on Wednesday, August 7th: Fred is going to check with his daughter (Godfathers) and get back to us by next Monday, June 29th, as to what they might be willing to provide
   d. Lakeisha will make up a sign-up sheet to work group members to the Youth Conference food

5. Feedback Survey – Handed out

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 21, 2019

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Young, Gifted & At-Risk Youth Conference

In partnership with Operation Youth Success, the Nebraska Family Support Network presents the first annual Young, Gifted and At-Risk Youth Conference.

This free 5-day intensive workshop is for teens, aged 12-19, who want to develop their leadership capacity, build new friendships, impact their community and have fun doing it!

August 5-9, 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM
Trinity Lutheran Church
6340 North 30th Street

"When educating the minds of our youth, we must not forget to educate their hearts." Dalai Lama

Register at www.eventbrite.com
For additional information, contact Lakeisha at (402) 594-4702