**Purpose Statement:** Empower families to better understand the system and engage in their youth's care.

**Families Working Group Charter**

- Empowering families to better understand the system
- Engage youth and families
- Seek help when needed

- **Introductions**
  - Present: Christy Al-Nemah, Shannon Calabrese, Judy Gutierrez, Lionel Olmos, Dawn Stroud, Lakyra Johnson, Lesli Alexander, Dwite Pedersen, Janee Pannkuk, Karla Dush, Debora Faga

- **OYS Updates**
  - Steering Committee meeting this Thursday, October 17, 8:30 am, Jesse Lowe Conference Room
  - The Deputy County Administrator for Juvenile Justice position closes on October 20th
  - Last RED Forum is tomorrow, Wednesday, October 16th
  - CBA applications are out; deadline is Monday, October 21st
  - Second round of Reimagining Juvenile Justice train-the-trainer training is coming up on October 24-25
  - October is Youth Justice Awareness month
  - October 22nd is our Youth Justice Awareness Open House at the UNO Thompson Alumni Center; please register on Eventbrite
  - Prevention WG is at Boys & Girls Club tonight for follow up from the forum held there this summer
  - Urban League forum follow up is on November 6th

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• Member Updates
  o Project Harmony is bringing in Jerry Tello, “Recovering Your Sacredness” event, on November 7, at Bellevue University; details and registration information is on the Project Harmony website
  o PromiseShip is continuing its journey with the new contract being awarded to St. Francis, in the transition period of moving cases
  o DCYC has had a lot of new kids come in recently with fairly serious charges, so they are keeping very busy right now
  o Bannister Leadership Academy has 7 different programs, 5 are active and 2 are in the works
  o CHI’s Ethics on the Big Screen covering Human Trafficking is this Wednesday, October 16th, 6 pm, at Bergan

• Work Plan
  o Family Council - Dawn, Judith and Karla
    ▪ Recruiting family members for the council at this time
    ▪ Looking for people who have had children or been caregivers for children who have been in the system
    ▪ Would like a diverse group
    ▪ Met last week, had one grandparent and several providers who attended
    ▪ Asked for feedback on the flyer
      • Put the goals of the council on the flyer – spell it out
      • Highlight that it is a council
      • Are you called to be a leader
      • List that they will be compensated for their time
      • Food will be provided
      • Keep the OYS logo on it
    ▪ This is not a support group, it’s an advisory council
    ▪ Next meeting on Thursday, November 7th, 6-8 pm, at NFSN
    ▪ Members are encouraged to attend and support the council and if anyone would like to assist with guiding and facilitation of to let Judith and Margaret know.
  o Juvenile Justice Council
    ▪ Next meeting is next Monday, October 21st

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• Still recruiting, but will begin having the councils start their work
  • Video vignettes grant update - Janee
    - Has been submitted, but there are no updates from Sherwood yet
  • Planning for 2020
    • Pack the Closet (flyer attached)
      - Collecting cleaning products and personal hygiene items for families in need
      - October 15 through November 22
      - Drop off at OYS office at the UNO CEC Building or at NFSN office, bring to work group meetings, bring to the recognition event on October 22, or arrange for us to pick up
    • Quarterly Family Forums - Judith and Karla
      - As a group, maybe we could put something together for the community relating to juvenile justice
      - Either as an educational tool or to have speakers come in
      - Taking the Juvenile Justice 101 that we did in this group and tailoring it for families
      - Start off with the members of this work group introducing themselves to the community, explaining who we all are, what we do, what our offering is

• Next Steps
  • Dawn will have Family Council flyer updated with changes by Friday the 19th
  • Start handing out the flyer for “Pack the Closet”
  • All members share information about the council with families they work with
  • Give some thought to the forums and bring your suggestions to the next meeting

• Feedback Survey – Handed out

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 19, 2019, at Heartland Workforce Solutions

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Please Join Operation Youth Success and the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative in their 3rd Annual “Pack the Closet” Drive!

The OYS/JDAI Families Work Group is collecting Cleaning Products and Personal Hygiene Items for families in need.

* Soap  * Toothbrush/Toothpaste  * Deodorant  * Mouthwash  *
* Shampoo/Conditioner  * Feminine Hygiene Products

* Toilet Cleaner  * Dishwashing Detergent/Soap  * Spray Cleaners  * Laundry Soap

Items will be accepted from October 15, 2019 through November 22, 2019, at the following locations:

Community Engagement Center at UNO (OYS)....6001 Dodge St, Suite 219

Nebraska Family Support Network (NFSN)...3568 Dodge Street #2

You may also bring items to any OYS meeting during these months or contact us at the below number and we can arrange a pick up time and date!

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