



**Operation Youth Success  
Prevention Work Group Notes**  
Wednesday, November 20, 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, Kyle Kinney, Terra Goodwin, Andrea Wright, Fred Ross, Debora Faga
  
- II. Announcements
  - a. OYS Updates
    - i. Catherine Rivier's last day with OYS was Friday, November 18
    - ii. Reimagining Juvenile Justice: Positive Youth Development third and final training session is this Thursday and Friday
    - iii. December 5, 8:00 am – 10:30 am, Community-Based Aid Steering Committee Meeting in the Jesse Lowe Conference Room at the Civic Center
    - iv. Juvenile Justice Center lawsuit went to court on Friday, the 15<sup>th</sup>; have no further information on that
  - b. Member Updates
    - i. Andrea attended a Douglas County Community Response meeting today; they are looking at developing some parent groups in 68111 and in South Omaha. We could possibly look at partnering with them.
    - ii. The JAC is in the process of hiring another specialist
    - iii. Project Everlast is still serving young people 14-26 and are looking at developing a stronger presence in Iowa
  
- III. Activity
  - a. Conversations on Restorative Practices group and how we can partner
    - i. Restorative practices involve mediation, education, victim empathy; Heartland has been working in this area for a while

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- ii. Everyone is invited to attend meetings
  - iii. Have had two viewings of the documentary “Healing Justice” (so far for system players and providers) and will be planning two more (for schools and community) in the future, with the end result being bringing all the groups together for more discussion
  - iv. There are a lot of ways we could intersect with this group
  - b. Debrief Boys & Girls Club 2<sup>nd</sup> Community Forum
    - i. Mental health was named as a major issue; services for people who are not system-involved, just being able to have someone to talk to
  - c. Debrief Urban League - 2<sup>nd</sup> Community Forum on November 6<sup>th</sup>
    - i. Transportation was one of the big items brought up as an issue
      - 1. We could create a list of the companies/organizations that provide assistance in transportation (via Uber, etc.)
    - ii. It was a small group but there was good discussion
  - d. Adjustments to work plan
    - i. What can we do in the community show our support and to drive forward
    - ii. Discuss at our next meeting
- IV. Next Steps
- a. Everyone please read through the notes Andrea prepared from the comments at the forums; they were sent out to everyone by email
  - b. We could look at picking up coats from the lost and founds at OPS elementary schools (they usually have a deadline for picking up items before they get rid of them) and taking them to different agencies
  - c. Have the next meeting focus on the work plan; brainstorming on actions to re-energize
- V. Feedback Survey – Handed out

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