Operation Youth Success
School Based Arrest Task Force Notes
Tuesday, September 24, 2019
4pm to 5:30pm
UNO Community Engagement Center, Room 221

School-Based Arrest Task Force Purpose Statement:
The School-Based Arrest Task Force goal is to reduce rates of in-school arrests and exclusionary discipline while promoting fair and equitable treatment.

Welcome and Introductions:
- Present: Vince Furlong, Shannan Garcia, Lt. Charles Ott, Karla Dush, Debora Faga

Activity:
- Discuss model/flowchart for communication
  - Who do we want to communicate to?
    - Students and families
      - How do we go to them? What is going on where we can reach them?
      - Most schools have a family/parent engagement night outside of parent-teacher conferences, could possibly make contact at these
        - Douglas County Sheriff’s SROs
        - School personnel
    - Discussed timing of the meetings
    - People want to see that their time is being well spent
  - Discussion held about whether the focus of this group should change
    - Need to look at the numbers; perhaps training and support should be a focus
    - Suspensions and expulsions could be an area to look at
    - How is RED (racial and ethnic disparity) being included in the focus
    - Wait on reaching out to potential members until the group decides what direction we’re heading

- Review work plan
  - The revisions that were in red have been changed to black, as the plan was okayed at the last meeting

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