



**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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- Reached out to DC Gonzalez and he will be at the October meeting to give us an update on the school-based arrest numbers
- Hoping those numbers might drive some of our action steps
- Updates
  - OYS
    - Brown Bagger on Restorative Justice is on Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>
    - Trauma Matters Omaha with Project Harmony is bringing in Jerry Tello, “Recovering Your Sacredness”, November 7<sup>th</sup>, at Bellevue University
    - Georgetown Capstone Presentation, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2-4 pm, 4316 N. 30<sup>th</sup> St., OPD – NE Precinct
    - The Restorative Practices Task Force, together with Heartland Family Services, is showing the documentary “Healing Justice” at UNO CEC on October 30<sup>th</sup>; register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/myevent?eid=76300826827>
    - Recruiting event for Juvenile Justice Councils, October 21<sup>st</sup>
- Next Steps:
  - Karla will look into the family nights a bit more and will follow up with Collective for Youth
- Feedback Survey – Handed out

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 4-5:30 p.m., CEC Room 221

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