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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: Judith Gutierrez, Margaret Vacek, Andrea Wright, Shelly Salter, Vicki Brewer, Tom Hanks, Janee Pannuk, Debora Faga

- Updates
  - OYS
    - Catherine Rivier’s last day with OYS was Friday, November 18
    - Reimagining Juvenile Justice: Positive Youth Development third and final training session is this Thursday and Friday
    - December 5, 8:00 am – 10:30 am, Community-Based Aid Steering Committee Meeting in the Jesse Lowe Conference Room at the Civic Center
    - Juvenile Justice Center lawsuit went to court on Friday, the 15th; have no further information on that
  - Member and Community Updates
    - Most of PromiseShip’s staff has either transitioned to St. Francis or moved to other positions; will be completely done by the end of December
    - Probation has been given a tool to become more of a strength-driven, more specific needs, individualized recommendations organization; change is sometimes difficult but it is happening
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- The JAC is pretty busy getting additional staff on board and working with the families
- Heartland: the Fremont in-home program has merged into Andrea’s program; Kamu, who works with the Karen community, is coming into the refugee advocate program with Andrea; and then starting December 1 they should be able to start taking over referrals for a restorative practices program (family support with a restorative element)

- Workgroup updates and report back to the group
  - Strategy 1 Updates – tabled to next meeting
  - Strategy 2 Updates – tabled to next meeting
  - Strategy 3 Updates
    - “Pack the Closet” drive – do we need to do another big push for donations?
- Planning for 2020 – Tabled to next meeting
- Next Steps:
  - Develop a Families Cookbook that would highlight low cost, nutritionally sound, easy to make, great tasting meals
  - Debora will send out the “Pack the Closet” flyer to all the work groups again; WG members should distribute to as many people as possible – look at extending it to December 13
- Feedback Surveys – Handed out

Next Meeting: December 17, 2019, 9-11am, Heartland Workforce Solutions

**Operation Youth Success** is bringing people together to decide what aspects of juvenile justice in Douglas County need to change and how that change will happen.