



**Operation Youth Success  
Re-Entry Task Force Notes**

February 27, 2020

3:30pm-5pm

Westside Community Schools-ABC Building

909 S. 76<sup>th</sup> Street

**Re-Entry Mission Statement:**

The mission of OYS Re-Entry Task Force is to increase the number of juveniles successfully reintegrated back into schools and the community through coordinated transition support, thereby increasing overall academic success and ultimately reducing recidivism.

**This mission is two-fold:**

- 1) Supporting re-entry and residency in the community following any out-of-home placement and;
  - 2) Supporting the efficient reentry to school/educational program/work as part of the transition process.
- Welcome and Introductions
    - Present: Hansel Gonzalez, Shannan Garcia, Derek Brown, Abby Bjornsen, Dawnna Hill, Karla Dush, Debora Faga
  - Announcements:
    - OYS Updates
      - Will be sending out an invitational flyer for the Families WG new Family Council informational night. If you know of a family member who may be interested in being a part of the Council, please extend the invitation to come to the meeting.
      - Kim Hawekotte is the new Douglas County Deputy County Administrator for Juvenile Justice
    - Member Updates
      - Probation is seeing a decrease in available openings at the YRTC's due to current situations. They are also seeing a decline in availability at Canyon State due to Canyon State's acceptance guidelines recently changing
  - Activity:
    - Email template update-Canyon State: Derek
      - Probation indicated that officers were having a difficult time remembering the process which triggered the email template. Thus, Probation is going to 'hold' this process for now as they are working internally on processes.
      - Probation shared that the relationship with the TAC Building has positively developed
      - Suggestion of introducing this process to St. Francis as a pilot
    - Discuss YRTC Kearney as next pilot
      - The Kearney pilot is on hold, due to the email template process being on hold
      - Derek wondered if Boys Town might be a better fit for extending the pilot, because he feels there aren't as many issues with Kearney; numbers-wise we have a larger population at Boys Town

- Suggestion was offered that if Boys Town was something Probation would be willing pilot that the focus be at the Boys Town INA program.
  - Dawnna offered an alternative to the email template process; she suggested that if Probation would correspond with her, the students who were on Probation at her school, she would take ownership of getting the needed communications to the assigned Probation Officers
- Update work-plan
  - Ran out of time; tabled to next meeting
- Decision Making/Next Steps
  - Derek is going to speak to administration again about having the supervisors be more of the impetus for making sure the email process doesn't get totally dropped and about getting information to Dawnna to see how her proposed process could work
- Feedback Survey – Handed out

**Next Meeting:** March 26, 2020, 3:30pm-5pm, at the Westside Community Schools-ABC Building, 909 S. 76<sup>th</sup> Street

**OYS Mission Statement:** Across Douglas County, our vision is a **comprehensive, coordinated, and community-wide** approach to **juvenile services** that **eliminates** the need for youth involvement with our justice system while maintaining **public safety**.

For **all youth** who do enter our justice system, our goals are to provide **effective, compassionate and individualized** support that empowers youth and their **families** to **succeed** and to build an environment of **mutual trust and accountability**.