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**Families Working Group Charter**
- Empowering families to better understand the system
- Engage youth and families
- Seek help when needed

1. **Welcome & Introductions**
   - Present: Margaret Vacek, Michaela Jackson, Shelly Salter, Kimara Snipe, Tom Hanks, Jasmine Jones, Marlon Wofford, Maria Valadez, Rodney Evans, Dwite Pedersen, Vicki Brewer, LaDonna Jones-Dunlap, Dawn Cornelius, Judy Gutierrez, Lakeisha Phelps, Janee Pannkuk, Karla Dush, Debora Faga

2. **OYS Updates**
   - This Thursday is the OYS Steering Committee meeting, 8:30-11am, via Zoom; the link is on the OYS website calendar, [https://operationyouthsuccess.org](https://operationyouthsuccess.org)
   - Will continue to hold our work group meetings via Zoom through July
   - Nebraska Hands and Feet is a grassroots organization that started in March with a lady in Plattsmouth who got together a group of friends to make a small number of masks for healthcare workers; to date they have made over 75,000 masks which have been distributed both nationally and internationally. If anyone needs masks, you can fill out a request on their website, [www.masks4medics.org](http://www.masks4medics.org).
   - All OYS work groups/task forces have made changes to their work plans to intentionally include RED in their work
   - RED Committee’s RED Conference will have a flyer coming out, hopefully, this week with more information

3. **Community Updates and Events**
   - ENCAP Mobile Pantry at Thanksgiving Church, 3702 370th Plaza, in Bellevue on Saturday, June 20, 11am-1pm, no appointment needed, SNAP assistance will be available, fresh fruits and vegetables will be distributed while supplies last, open to anyone who wants to attend
   - All Communities Outreach Services will be holding their Father’s Day Ice Cream Topping celebration on Saturday from noon-2pm, will hand out about 300 baskets

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1. $2.00 a Day: Living on Almost Nothing in America by Kathryn J. Edin and H. Luke Shaefer
2. Ain't No Makin' It: Aspirations and Attainment in a Low-Income Neighborhood by Jay MacLeod
3. All Our Kin: Strategies for Survival in a Black Community by Carol Stack
4. All You Can Eat: How Hungry is America? by Joel Berg
5. American Apartheid by Douglas Massey and Nancy Denton
6. American Dream: Three Women, Ten Kids, and a Nation's Drive to End Welfare by Jason DeParle
7. At Home on the Street: People, Poverty, and a Hidden Culture of Homelessness by Jason Adam Wasserman and Jeffrey Michael Clair
8. Automating Inequality: How High-Tech Tools Profil, Police, and Punish the Poor by Virginia Eubanks
9. Bait and Switch: The (Futile) Pursuit of the American Dream by Barbara Ehrenreich
10. Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life, Death, and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity by Katherine Boo
11. Beliefs about Inequality: American's Views of What is and What Ought to Be by James Klugel and Eliot Smith

xi. Be the change you want to see
xii. Recognize your implicit biases

5. Updates on work plan action items
   a. Tabled to next meeting

6. Video & Family Guides Update
   a. Tabled to next meeting

7. Family Council: Speak, Act, Change (A Family Justice Council—It Takes A Village)—let’s select a date for end of July/Aug
   a. How do we make this work? Can we do something virtually?
   b. Invite people through networks, social media, etc.
   c. The group supports doing something virtually
   d. Rodney brought up another opportunity; MAYS has been working with LaDonna's sister who has a project that she wants to do with the families of the kids that MAYS serves, promoting healthy lifestyles through conversations about a healthy mind and body, recognition of others, you’re healthy when you’re helping others, you’re healthy when you’re being respectful of others. It’s being put together now and information has been verbally presented to the parents; it would be at MAYS and, obviously, would have to be at their comfort level.

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8. Juvenile Justice Council
   a. Held first social activity since COVID last week
   b. Working on a clean-up activity around the areas of Lake St. to Maple St. on 24th St.

9. Family Engagement 3.0 Training and Programming-identify July topic
   a. Tabled to next meeting

10. Next Steps
   a. Marlon and the other members who were in the small group and previously worked on the Families Council, will talk to come up with a date for the virtual informational meeting, then we can change the flyer and get it out

11. Feedback Survey – sent out

Next Meeting: July 21, 2020, from 9am to 11am, via Zoom