Runaway Taskforce Purpose Statement
The Purpose of the Runaway Taskforce is two-fold:

- Prevent youth who are exhibiting runaway risk factors and behaviors from entering the juvenile justice system, by ensuring that appropriate community resources exist and meet the needs of youth.
- Ensure the justice system is effective, compassionate and empowers youth and their families to succeed while building an environment of mutual trust and accountability.

• Welcome and Introductions
  o Present: Jill Anderson, Teyffany Murphy, Yosef Siegel, Cara Stirts, Nicole Seymour, Taylor Newton, Colleen Roth, Jim Hubbard, Rebekka Hall, Krynn Pekny, Shelly Salter, Rosy Htu, Shawne Coonfare, Lt. Tracy Scherer, Keenan Page, Janee Pannkuk, Karla Dush, Debora Faga

• Activity
  o Follow-up items
    ▪ Report out from small workgroups
  o Data
    ▪ Categories being tracked
      ▪ In the last meeting, was asked to track refugee status and language; we decided those aren’t something we can track and be accurate with; refugee status is more of an HHS area. Language is not accurate, a lot of the time we know if the parents don’t speak English as their first language, but it is difficult to figure out if the kids do and the student ID # is information we can’t share.
      ▪ Tracking race (mostly self-identified, but do get some from reports), sex, age, LGBTQ+ (if the child self-identifies), zip code, runs, average length of run (days), runs before system involvement (if an intake is accepted for CAN reports we are considering that as system-involvement because there’s a touch point there, anything before that touchpoint is runs before, anything after is runs after), runs after system involvement, # of DNMD CAN reports, # of accepted CAN reports, JJ history (county attorney or none), current status (welfare, county attorney, both or none), state ward, reason for run (away or to), mental health Dx (actual diagnosis), sex trafficking risk (engaging in behaviors that put them at higher risk), gang affiliation (verified via the gang unit)
- Trying to make sure this information is as accurate as possible
- The data is not perfect, but it’s double-checked to try and keep it accurate
- Feel it’s important to keep the LGBTQ+ data in there, we just need to make sure that we state that it is incomplete data; the issues and challenges for kids who identify are important and complex, so wherever we can keep those data points it is important to have it
- Under race, we are not keeping track of ethnicity because it is too difficult to verify at our point of contact; however, this could be included in the case management piece where the family is receiving support
- What pieces of data have stood out? Look through their CAN report history, who they’re running with, length of run and how often they run, kids who are found at hotels, being reported they’re posting sexually explicit things, there are a lot of things we’re looking at
- Under reasons for run it’s sometimes officer reported, sometimes parent reported, sometimes self-reported
- Person Data tab is updated with each run and each kid has one line
- Run Snapshot tab is pretty much the same, but we don’t have the average # of days because it’s aggregate, so each run for each kid gets a line; everything in columns K through S, can change (each line is a snapshot of a run)
- Started tracking the data on May 1st
- Started trying to up weekly but there’s so much data is has to be updated daily; since May 10th there have been 239 runs comprised of 202 individual youth; there haven’t a been a lot of repeat runs
  - What are our next steps with this data?
    - Do we want to look at the overall data every quarter
    - Run trends seem to change with the season, so we may want to wait until school starts to see where the data is at that time
    - It is broken down by aggregate and individual, so it can be presented however the group wants
    - Would like to see a quarterly data memo; would have to get OPD clearance to share the data
  - Non-system system definition
    - The obvious system-involved definition: state ward, on diversion or JAC involved, or probation
    - Will we consider them system-involved after a CPS intake, or if there’s a current CPS open intake, or if it’s accepted or not
    - OPD considers system-involved once that CPS intake is made
The group talked about keeping two separate columns for OPD because they can’t break down if an intake is accepted and then later is closed with no services, unfounded, etc., so OPD looks at if there is an open intake, is there something that someone is working on at the time of run, so they consider them system-involved.

MYS is only considering system-involved if they are a state ward, at the JAC or on probation because they offer services for non-system involved.

This is one of the reasons behind the two different ways of keeping track of the data, so we get the overall.

Reception Center
- Anticipated starting on June 8th, but there’s been a slight delay as OPD needs to finalize the process; we have the on-call phone ready to go and have two full-time staff ready to start on the 17th, Teffany will be handling the calls until the staff is trained.
- Just waiting for the green light to go.

Lancaster County’s RED Data/community response-Kim
- Tabled to next meeting.

Next Steps
- Report out on data (what is approved by OPD), HFS, MYS and CSI, each quarter (the month following the end of the quarter (1st quarter=report out in April, 2nd quarter reports out in July, 3rd quarter reports out in Oct. 4th quarter reports out in Jan).
- Shelly will forward data memo and templates that are used in other workgroups.
- Ideally, start with REGGO data (race, ethnicity, gender, geography, offense)…knowing that each entity may report out on some or all, and also slightly differently.
- Rebekkah will work on definition key for the titles of the columns tracked.

Updates
- Members
  - All members checked in on how they are handling their organization’s responses, how any practices or policies have changed during this time, how people are being intentional with regard to RED, and how they’re handling things personally.

Feedback Survey – Sent out.

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 9, 2020, from 8:30am-10am, via Zoom.

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.