



Operation Youth Success/Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative Families Work Group Notes

Tuesday, July 21, 2020

9:00-11:00 AM

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
1. Welcome & Introductions
 - a. Present: Margaret Vacek, Judith Gutierrez, Kimara Snipe, Tom Hanks, Marlon Wofford, Michaela Jackson, Dwite Pedersen, Lakeisha Phelps, Vicki Brewer, Janee Pannkuk, Karla Dush, Debora Faga
 2. OYS Updates
 - a. The JDAI/OYS RED Sub-Committee is having a RED Conference that will consist of monthly webinars starting with ATD presentations in July, August and September, on the 4th Wednesday of each month. On October 29 and 30, Dr. Sean Ginwright and Antonio Fernandez (King Tone) will be our keynote speakers for these presentations, and then continuing with the monthly webinars on into next year and leading up to the 2nd Annual RED Conference, which will, hopefully, be in person. Registration is at no cost and available through the NJJA App or, if you would prefer, by emailing christybeckman@outlook.com to register. The first ATD webinar is on July 22nd, from noon to 1 pm. If anyone has any problems with registration, or if you get a bounce back from Christy's email, email debora.faga@douglascounty-ne.gov and she will get your information to Christy for registration
 - b. Juvenile Justice Provider Forum (JJPF) Knowledge Exchange is Monday, July 27th, 2-4pm, via Zoom; Deborah Dancer, Douglas County Crisis Response, will be presenting in the latter part of the meeting
 - c. There is a Preemptive Prayer Walk tonight, 5:30 pm, at 24th & Lake in the Lake Point parking lot
 3. Community Updates and Events
 - a. There will be a virtual series of Behavioral/Spiritual Health forums and the first one is on July 30th. It is a prayer vigil to which several different ministers have been invited to attend

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- b. The South Omaha Neighborhood Alliance will be having their first meeting of the year on Thursday, August 6th and Dr. Logan will be the guest. They want to have guests from UNMC to talk about COVID-19 in September. Here is the sign-up link <https://sonaomaha.us19.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=b570990ad87f56874a608e19c&id=6257f2fca2>
 - c. Margaret and Karla attended a CBA meeting last week. This was a good opportunity for information sharing. There will be an aggregate list of resources available, which Margaret will share with the group once she receives it.
 - d. DCYC next month will be going to completely virtual programming. The total number of youth in the facility has decreased.
4. Updates on Work Plan Action items
- a. Video and Family Guide Update
 - i. OYS did get Family Guides printed and they are available if anyone needs them; Karla would be happy to get a supply to you, just let her know
 - ii. The Families WG was approved for 2020-2021 funding to translate the Families Guide into Spanish first, then other languages to be determined by this group
 - iii. The video vignettes were not approved for CBA funding, but Janee is trying to work out how to possibly have OYS pay for the vignettes
 - b. Family Council: Speak, Act, Change (A Family Justice Council-It Takes A Village)
 - i. Need to take this meeting virtual, so we're going through Zoom
 - ii. Made a few changes to some of the language on the flyer – “Share your voice” instead of “the mic is yours,” then blend the two middle areas together to read “If you have supported a young person involved in the juvenile justice system, please accept this invitation to join us in creating a Juvenile Justice Family Council that will help identify areas of reform change as well as solutions”
 - iii. Date and time will be: August 24 (6-7:30pm)
 - iv. Zoom link is listed on the flyer
 - c. Family Engagement 3.0 Training and Programming-identify August Topic
 - i. Possible: Deputy Chief Gray is over uniformed patrol – would he or a designee come speak about what happens, and what they are able to do when a parent calls 911 for help with their child
5. Purpose Statement and Group Charter Discussion
- a. Purpose Statement and Group Charter and reflect upon the following:
 - i. We are asking everyone to review our current Purpose Statement and Group Charter and reflect upon the following:
 - ii. Is it reflective of a racial and ethnic lens?
 - iii. Is the word usage appropriate/community friendly/implies partnership, etc.

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6. Next Steps

- a. Make revisions to the flyer and get it sent out to everyone's networks
- b. Karla will reach out to Deputy Chief Gray about speaking for our 3.0
- c. Everyone is asked to think about changes to the statement and charter and bring their suggestions back to the next meeting for further discussion
- d. Everyone think about topics they would like to see for the Family Engagement 3.0; if you think of something send Karla an email

7. Feedback Survey – Sent out

Next Meeting: August 18, 2020, from 9am to 11am, via Zoom

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