



### 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
  - Present: Taylor Newton, Teffany Murphy, Yosef Siegel, Rebekka Hall, Rosey Htu, Colleen Roth, Shawne Coonfare, Nicole Seymour, Cara Stirts, Jim Hubbard, Shelly Salter, Andrea Wright, Jill Anderson, Krynne Pekny, Cindy Goodin, Kim Hawekotte, Debora Faga, Karla Dush
  
- Activity
  - Quarterly Data Report Discussion (April 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020)
    - Last month we talked about having a quarterly report out from each entity that was supporting this identified population. If possible, reporting out on REGGO (race, ethnicity, gender geography (zip) and offense (this is most likely runaway, so anything additional like age, successful/unsuccessful, etc.). Shelly sent a couple of templates out as a guide.  
\*We know that each entity may report/capture data differently\* \*We also know there may not be a ton of data, depending on when the entity began tracking it; however, this provides a foundation to build upon:
      - OPD
        - Reviewed data from May 10<sup>th</sup> to July 4, 2020
        - Number of high CAN reports suggests missed opportunities for intervention
        - It's important to have St. Francis and DHHS at the table
        - This data provides a nice foundation where multiple points in the system can extract information to assist in their reform efforts (Probation, MYS, etc.)
        - Once May, June and July's data is entered we can take a deeper look into the youth without system involvement. Additionally, Colleen will coordinate a meeting with stakeholders to discuss the data (i.e., CAN reports)
      - MYS
        - Only tracking the non-system involved kids
        - Have had some issues with the data lately, so they are working with their IT and data people to get more accurate data
      - HFS
        - Andrea is working on completing their data report and will send to Taylor once it is completed, so it may be disseminated
        - Their data will also any new runs the youth may have had, 6months after HFS started services
        - Haven't seen a lot of referrals for the Karen community probably because of COVID
        - Nepali youth are increasing, however still not as busy as last year
      - CSI
        - OPD is in the process of finalizing the protocol policy
        - Have only received one call so far

- Want to make sure the policy goes out to all uniformed patrol so they know what the protocol is around the Reception Center
  - Follow Up Items
    - Lancaster County's RED Data/community response-Kim
      - No update at this time
- Taskforce Updates
  - OYS
    - August meetings may be part in-person and part Zoom; we're still trying to figure out the logistics for this
    - 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 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. On October 29 and 30, Dr. Shawne 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:christybeckman@outlook.com) to register. The first ATD webinar is on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, from noon to 1 pm.
  - Members
    - Project Harmony did get their crime commission grant so they're in the process of hiring a Spanish-speaking therapist and a Spanish-speaking intake coordinator
    - National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) had reached out to Project Harmony about the MYS program; they did a Zoom call with them and mentioned the work they had done around the National Runaway Safeline youth/caregiver group and the companion parent group that was developed. They have again reached out to MYS with NRS and they have another Zoom call set up where they are going to go through how they adapted the curriculum, how they created the parent group, what it looks like, how they complement each other, etc.
- Decision Making/Next Steps
  - Rebekka will notify Colleen when the first 3 months of full data is entered; Colleen will coordinate a meeting with data individuals and leadership to discuss and bring back to this group
  - Karla and Rebekka will touch base to look at the report to look at the other youth who are not system involved to see what potential steps could be
  - Karla will let Colleen know of any community groups, providers, that want to be involved with or serve the non-system involved kids to see if she can assign one of her staff to any of those groups
  - Karla will forward the Prevention invite to Colleen and anyone else who would like to attend
  - Once Project Harmony has filled their open positions, Colleen will let Kim know, so a warm hand-off can be done with those individuals and Latino Center of the Midlands, Boys Town's Live Together program, and the South Omaha Juvenile Justice Forum
- Feedback Survey – Sent out

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, August 13, 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**.