

## **Family Engagement Subcommittee**

Minutes 1.14.22

**Attendance:** Dawn Rockey (CASA), Claire Shin (Boys & Girls Club), Elton Edmond (Mentoring Plus), Cathy Johnson (Family Service), Roma Amundson (County Board), Casey Karges (Mediation Center), Monica DeMent (Better Living Counseling), Matt baker (OTP), Ryan Dvorak (Human Services), Sara Hoyle (Human Services), and Jenni Ryan (Human Services)

### **Video Clip Discussion:**

We watched a [video](#) from New York. It gave some good advice to parents about what to expect the court system for kids to look like and tips on their role/ how they can help advocate for their kids. We really like how the parents were giving the advice to the viewers, how important it is to show up for court with your kid. Ryan shared that he often hears parents express a need for knowledge about what prevention programs are available, how they could have gotten help sooner. Casey mentioned timing & how to give families help when they are receptive to it as well as the need to have the resources available. Sometimes it's difficult to keep parents engaged throughout the process, we often hear things like, "it's my kid's problem, not mine, so they can deal with it." Having a similar video available on YouTube would be easily accessible for providers & families. Dawn shared that a video was done about 5 years ago targeted to juveniles regarding the Lancaster County juvenile court process, so we should review that one as well. Cathy & Shayne from Family Service will connect with The Bay about assisting with video development. Ryan & Sara will also help with developing an outline. The video would probably involve a judge, Chris Turner, resource providers, and parents.

### **Brochure Discussion:**

We reviewed our current brochure which has language from the Family Navigator program. We will remove that language and add other sections on what to expect from court, who is involved, my role as the parent, and next steps. We also discussed expanding the section under MyLNK to include what kinds of resources can be found there & changing the heading to Resources. Elton & Monica volunteered to assist with developing the brochure further.

### **Messaging Discussion:**

Matt suggested creating a strong, clear message about the importance of family engagement in juvenile justice processes across all our methods. Having a simple phrase or tag line can be helpful to remind parents of the importance of their role. We discussed utilizing a multi-faceted approach with the video, brochure, radio PSA's, etc. all sharing the same messaging. Matt will work on that more. Sara stated she can also connect with campaign managers around the office for ideas.

**Next Meeting:** February 11, 2022 from 12-1pm via zoom

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