

# Youth & Family Engagement Subcommittee Report to Juvenile Services Committee

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## Date(s) of Meetings and Focus of Agenda:

Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018; 9 – 10:30 a.m.

Agenda Focus – Subcommittee scope, identification of gaps, and outreach to additional members who may be valuable to the work of the subcommittee.

## Chairperson(s):

Absent – Vicky Thompson Smith, CEDARS;

Other Members in Attendance – Kari Rumbaugh, Nebraska Probation Administration/Supreme Court; Cassy Blakely, American Institute for Research; Nick Juliano, Boys Town ; Justin Myers; Deb VanDyke-Ries, Nebraska Court Improvement Project; Rico Zavala, CEDARS

## Subcommittee Scope:

Discussed the work and current efforts directed towards youth and family engagement such as youth councils and resources available for youth and families to help facilitate youth and parent buy-in and engagement.

- Nick reported out on the Boys Town youth council and discussed regional youth and parent advisory councils.
- Out-of-Home visits should be youth and family focused, providers are removing home visits as a consequence – can we create expectations for providers.
- Reentry – how do we ensure essential necessities are incorporated.
- Community Collaboration – Nebraska Children’s – I discussed the San Jose model of community empowerment and a focus on prevention.

## Subcommittee Goals:

1. Model policy and practice to engage youth and families
2. Legislative youth and family advisory committee to allow for voice
3. Identify all youth and family councils – how to engage and utilized their expertise and share with other entities that don’t have one.
4. Identify what can be put in place at all stages of the system to support youth and family

## Subcommittee Priority Recommendation Areas:

### Action Items for Consideration of the Juvenile Services Committee:

The Subcommittee recommends that the Juvenile Services Committee take the following action:

### Action Steps and Assigned Tasks:

Additional Members to Invite:

- CFS
- Family and Youth (Speak Out or young adults recently involved)
- Juliet Summers
- Rural and Urban perspective

### Identified Issues that Overlap with Other Commission Groups:

### Identified Issues that Fall Outside of Subcommittee Scope:

### Next Meeting Details:

Date: Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

Location: Nebraska Juvenile Justice Association Conference, Kearney, NE; Room TBD

Time: Immediately following the conclusion of the conference agenda for the day

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