

Tasks for Subcommittee #_4_ Engaging Youth and Families

Meeting Date: 7/16/02

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1. Key Stakeholders to involve:

- Target stakeholders from different geographic locations throughout the city, county, and East Side. I.e....northern, southern...
- Contact representative from SLATE
- Target community PTA presidents for parental involvement
- Target youth representatives
 - High risk youth rep
 - Vocational/technical youth
 - College bound youth
- Target representatives from alternative schools
- Contact IL Urban League rep –Carol will contact

2. **Problems/Needs Inventory**

- Over/under involvement of parents
- High risk and behavioral challenges
- Person other than parent is the primary care giver
- Youth are transient and difficult to locate at times
- Transportation challenges
- Challenges of youth passing required drug testing
- Legal issues among youth-warrants, etc
- Locating sufficient childcare
- Lack of supportive services and opportunities
- Insufficient funding for current resources
- Lack of resources needed to provide comprehensive and follow-up services, resulting in feelings of resentment that the youth was failed again by the system. Feelings of hopelessness return.

Needs

- Offer some type of incentive to parents to become involved. I.e....social event, food, drinks, etc.

Submit copy of meeting notes to Jim Duane at the RCEW

- Need to educate parents about available resources.

3. What is currently being done?

- Current youth employment programs/agencies and other current supportive services
 - WIA
 - SLATE
 - Alternative schools
 - Parent/Teacher Organizations (PTAs, PTOs)
 - Child Care Services
 - Counseling Services
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