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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