

Youth Services Network Meeting

May 8, 2023 9:15am

West Room Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of Jefferson County

Notes

- 1) Introductions/Welcome were made.
- 2) Review March 13, 2023 minutes – No changes were suggested.
- 3) Guest presenters –

Raise The Lower Age of Juvenile Delinquency program – Aaron Orsini The age is being raised from 7 years of age to under 12 years of age. This went into effect 1/1/23. We are working on an alternative response. The purpose is to prevent further interaction with the juvenile system. We will identify service needs within the family. We will try to help the parent(s) and the child(ren). It is not PINS Diversion Services, probation, or an open ongoing services case. This can only go up to 90 days and the case will close once the child reaches 12 years of age/or at 90 days. It is voluntary for children and families. It is a differential response through Jefferson County Department of Social Services. If there are safety issues, we will continue to work with the family and make a CPS referral after the 90 days. Referrals will come in and then the process is intake, assessment, supports offered and accepted, plan for supports, evaluations and assessments of child's progress from providers. Examples of services/supports/opportunities could include – family support services program, child welfare preventive service, positive youth development opportunities, community-based services/supports, children and family treatment and support services (CFTSS), community parenting program. Potential referral sources: law enforcement, schools, parents, JCDSS, probation and community-based providers. Offer the least restrictive, most appropriate interventions available that the child and family are eligible for. Records are maintained outside of any New York State electronic system. They are maintained for 5 years and then destroyed. Program must meet with the family within 7 days of receipt of the referral. Anything that causes a death is an exception to this program. It was asked how many do you anticipate serving? It was shared in past years 4-6 youth annually. There was a fair amount of discussion after the presentation.

- 4) Program updates

Planned Parenthood, Community Outreach Center at the Paddock Arcade has a more private space available to families. An Open House will be announced soon, and a flyer will be sent out. They are looking for Peer Educators.

Youth Alliance has a youth coalition in six different school districts that are up and running. This is prevention week and we are running a prevention pledge on their social media accounts.

Stephanie Graf, CCE shared the difficulty filling the Army 4-H Medieval Day Camp June 26-29, 2023 at the Fairgrounds in Watertown. She had hard copies of the flyer and has sent it out electronically and will do so again.

Youth Bureau shared that the RFPs were just sent out, and the funding timeframe is 10/1/23 – 9/30/24. The applications are due July 14th. Karen Marcum emailed the following information to be included in the notes.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced the launch of a \$1 million Children and Youth Resilience Challenge. The [HHS Children and Youth Resilience Challenge](#) will fund innovative community-led solutions to promote resilience in children and adolescents affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and other disasters. The Resilience Challenge will fund community-led solutions that:

- Promote resilience and advance mental health and well-being
- Reduce the risk for negative mental health outcomes among children and youth
- Promote positive strategies and solutions that help children and youth thrive
- Identify and elevate promising practices that promote culturally and linguistically responsive protective factors

The Resilience Challenge will include a proposal phase and a pilot phase for selected finalists. Proposals are due **Friday, July 7, 2023**. An informational webinar open to the public will be held on **May 18, 2023, from 3-4:15 pm ET** in English, with Spanish translation available. [Please register for the webinar](#) (https://acf-hhs.gov.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_Pw1dAVtmS0Ka9-jmylGT7A). For more information about the Challenge and how to submit a proposal, please visit [challenge.gov](https://www.challenge.gov/?challenge=resilience) (<https://www.challenge.gov/?challenge=resilience>).

Teen Center Open House today at 11am.

May 18th Copenhagen school in partnership with 4-H is providing a family engagement energy and income savings event. 5-7pm in the cafeteria.

Exceptional Family Member program at Fort Drum. They have an August Back to School event. A flyer will be sent soon.

- 5) Other – North Country Prenatal Perinatal has asked if they can present at the September meeting. Citizen’s Advocate is of great interest to the group. Contact is taylorhansen@citizenadvocates.net.
- 6) 2023 meeting dates, West Room at CCE, starting at 9:15am.
September 11, 2023
November 13, 2023

Respectfully submitted, Stephanie Graf