
Feb 28th MN Partnership Meeting CURRENT REALITIES Meeting Summary

Group #1:

STRENGTHS OF THE FIELD

- Trauma informed practice
- ACES study recognition
- Youth leadership/engagement
- Youth voice
- Minor consent
- Greater appreciation for collaboration
- Recognizing technology, media and networking
- Outreaching youth
- LGBT awareness/recognition/safe schools
- Entitlement/responsibility
- Giving youth a role being at table
- Inter-profession
- Policy development and use of social
- Recognizing youth with the changes
- Building on positive Hx of leadership; what's working

CHALLENGES OF THE FIELD

- Disparities of youth within systems (race, education, economics, location, CPS, corrections, culture, etc.)
- Funding – rollercoaster of federal/\$ uncertainty
- Missing shared vision
- Continuum of programming/fragmentation
- Time dimensions
- Transactional connections and youth vs. structural +/- lives impacting youth – poverty, racism
- Kids who have multiple challenges
- Multiple agendas
- Flaws in formal education
- Lack of alignment in systems that touch youths' lives
- Sustainability
- Data privacy laws
- Funding of undocumented youth
- Political environment
- Polarization
- Constant changes in demographics of youth
- Focusing on quality vs. quantity
- Youth with special needs

CURRENT REALITIES

Group #2:

STRENGTHS OF THE FIELD

- New technology – information
- Institutions – research
- Mental health services
- Clean air and water
- Trauma informed care
- Improved insurance – MH
- Collaboration in field
- Peer education opportunities
- Minor consent +/-
- New youth council – legislative
- Children’s cabinet
- Positive youth development perspective
- Good data – systems to collect...
- Young people themselves
- Advocacy around cultural issues
- Growing recognition of youth as culture
- Best practices
- Gender equities
- Public/private collaboration
- LGBT community +/-

CHALLENGES OF THE FIELD

- Comprehensive physical activity curriculum
- Missing data
- Perceptions/translations of data – application
- Minor consent for OP MH services
- Funding
- Access to care
- Larger culture doesn’t reflect dream
- Political willingness to address adolescents
- EBP only
- Lack of health education
- Fear of youth
- Acceptance of adolescents as autonomous
- Limited measurements of success
- Sexually toxic cultural
- Workforce diversity
- Homeless youth

- Silos
- Disparities in discipline in school
- Stigmatized services
- Lack of comprehensive bullying policy
- Constantly changing technology/connections
- How to reach them?
- Significant health disparities
- Parental cooperation/participation
- 50% of kids – MH issues drop out
- Lack of health integrated in education system
- LGBT in some parts of the state