## TMTF -- Intervention Subcommittee Note Catcher re: Texas Special Investigator Presentation

Regarding Presentation from Texas Special Investigator Presentation

## What stands out?

- State run program provides flexibility to reach out to different regions, even when youth are not placed back in the same region. How can we adapt this to a county administered system?
- Licensing is a state run entity, so state run may not be such a barrier. This program could be implemented on a state level. CDHS leadership is skeptical of this idea. DYS uses it in rare circumstances and it is expensive for them. They may be using private investigators. Leadership said it should not be housed in CDHS.
- It will be important to know what hurdles exist.
- Texas system has a very law enforcement style to the approach, compared to Colorado where we expect law enforcement response. This causes mixed responses and people tasked with it do not have the same expertise. System appears to lean on a law enforcement perspective.
- Coming from the world of child welfare, there is a pause to consider how trauma informed methods may be used and integrated. Appreciated the discussion of how flexible the investigators are when looking to locate children and not being completely focused on the singular role.
- Don't know if we can bring this forward as a recommendation in a vacuum without considering additional recommendations. We will have to do a cost analysis. This would not have helped Timothy Montoya or other youth who have run away. A huge chunk of our runaways this team

What questions or wonders do you have?

- We will have to look at our statutes, can you have non-law enforcement people doing this?
- Does Texas put this plan into action for every child that runs? Or is it certain children and scenarios?
- This model is very investigation based and does not have a lot of space to engage with youth to prevent it from happening again. Don't know if this will prevent the next scenario?
- Some of this felt a little bit like a ruse, you can talk to me and I wont say anything. A better model would be to listen and build a better team around them to feel comfortable with the people around them. Do not want a "snag and tell" approach.
- Whether and to what extent Texas takes a different approach for children/youth who take a different level of priority.
- Significant majority of our runaways the children are back before you could implement this team. What is the percentage of youth running away from care who are driving the number of incidents to address?
- If you did not implement this for all of the runs, and you took a targeted approach for where the intervention could be helpful, you could reduce the cost significantly. If we target the intervention to the group we think it could work with.
- What is the volume that Texas is dealing with?
- Are there a huge amount of youth you will be targeting? The question is how to you identify the youth you would like to target for intervention? Time away, high risk, special medial issues,

would not help.

- The need for us to have the ability to look at other proposals as well.
- They mentioned working with nonprofits. If they are utilizing non-profits, are they going through training with law enforcement? This took a lot of training. Why are we not tapping into more nonprofits around Colorado?Why are we not squeezing the pool a little bit? Only law enforcement should be going to recover children. Do not suggest rouge rescue teams.

self-harming behavior? What are the ways.

## **Regarding Intervention Materials**

What stands out?	What's Missing?	Questions/wonders you may have?
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