interview Questions for Juvenile Justice System and Agencies

This one-year grant is focused on improving the juvenile justice system in jurisdiction 11 (Crawford County) in several ways. The first is to increase community capacity to collect and share data about the juvenile justice system and its key decision points. The second is to increase the community’s ability to analyze and interpret juvenile justice data in order to identify areas of improvement and possible system interventions. The third is to create an action plan and increase collaborative capacity to address these system needs.

In order to better understand the juvenile justice system and agencies that serve justice-involved youth, we want to ask you a few questions about the juvenile justice system. Your responses will be used to help us to understand the juvenile justice system so that stakeholders have information that can facilitate improvements and recommend best practices. This interview should be complementary to the online survey that you may be asked to completed.

The main topics the interview will ask about include:

Agency-Level Operation

1. What is in your and your offices purview exactly?
2. How does your office operate; that is, how do you decide which programs to invest in/offer?
3. With which agencies do you most frequently interface?

Juvenile Justice System Strengths and Challenges

1. What is your agency or your work’s vision for juvenile justice in the community?
2. Please define positive juvenile justice outcomes
3. What are the things (processes, outcomes, programming, etc.) that the juvenile justice system does well?
4. Are there areas of challenge for juvenile justice system?
5. What are some needs specifically related to juvenile justice in our community?
6. What feedback or commentary on the juvenile justice system has your agency received from youth and families, or the public in general?

Agency/Division Strengths and Challenges

1. What works well with your agency in supporting the juvenile justice system?
2. What works less well for your agency/division?
3. Who or what groups does your organization partner with the most?

Vulnerable Subpopulations

1. Our grant identifies vulnerable populations, such as minority youth, LGBTQI youth, and youth without legal status or from families with mixed legal status.

Data Use and Sources

1. To what extent do you use publicly available sources, like KBHID?
2. How up-to-date is the data that you use? How often is it updated?
3. What kind of information or data would you like to have that may currently be incomplete, not collected, or not available?

We appreciate your time and effort on behalf of the youth of Crawford County.