

**Promise Partners Committee Meeting Notes**  
Youth and Family

**COMMITTEE:** Youth and Families  
**MEETING DATE:** September 8, 2015

**CHAIRPERSON:** Jessica Rayment  
**LOCATION:** Micah House

**PRESENT:**

Jessica Rayment (Promise Partners)  
Tiffani Pinkerton (Heartland Family Service)  
Gretchen Filip (Heartland Family Service)  
Kimberly Kolakowski (Children's Square IHS)  
Michelle Kannedy (CL Resource Center)  
Dave Smith (Trailblazers)  
Graham Jura (City of CB)  
Sonya Fittje (Hope 4 Iowa Crisis Line)  
Dan Flores (CBPD)

Terri Dowell (Community Volunteer)  
Christy Hagen (Trailblazers)  
Megan Nederhoff (Children's Square IHS)  
Rebecca Losh (Big Brothers Big Sisters)  
Cindy Goodin (Youth Emergency Service)  
Terre Amaral (IWCC HISET Program)  
Tony Fiala (City of CB- Recycling Center)  
Misty Graeve (HPS – Tobacco)

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENSE:**

Audrey Clauson (Family Connections)

**Introductions and Announcements:**

Cindy Goodin (YES) – they currently have openings in their Transitional Living Services in Council Bluffs. If you know someone ages 16-21 who can afford their apartment but could use some additional support please have them fill out an application. The application is on their website.

Kimberly Kolakowski (Children's Square) – introduced Megan who will be attending YF meetings in the future as Kimberly's schedule is getting full.

Jessica Rayment (Promise Partners) – Provided information on a youth leadership opportunity. Lamarr Womble will be presenting 9/27. Community Networking grants are also available now.

Michelle Kannedy (CL Resource Center) – 9/19 – Carter Lake Community wide Garage sales. 9/26 CL will also be participating in drug drop and shred events.

Rebecca Losh (Big Brothers Big Sisters) – They have seen an increase in volunteers, so their match wait list is getting shorter. Please continue to make referrals.

Misty Graeve (HPS – Tobacco) – she is available for presentations and education around tobacco use.

Terri Dowell (Community Volunteer) – Provided information on In The Neighborhood Conference on Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Dave Smith (Trailblazers) – Trailblazers pumpkin patch will be ready for harvest soon. They have harvest dates set and they need volunteers to help out.

Sonya Fittje (Hope 4 Iowa Crisis Line) – This is a new program offered in SW Iowa. It is a 24/7 telephone crisis line operated by Boys Town as a referral to fill gaps in services.

**Prescription Drug Take Back – Saturday 9/26 10am – 12pm Walgreens – 535 E Broadway**

- Event will be ran the same as past events
- The DEA is sponsoring this event.
- They are still seeking volunteers to help the day of the event and promotion of the event
- Advertisement will run in the Nonpareil paper and website
- “Goodie bags” will be handed out to participants, they will have community resources and education
- A quick survey will be given to each car, 4 questions will be asked. They hope to gather more information about who this event is serving and how they would use future events or services.

**Laundry Love Project** – TBA Spring 2016. Grant application due 10/30. Please contact Tiffani Pinkerton if you wish to be a part of the planning committee.

**Review of Committee Survey Results**

Topics to learn about & discuss:

1. Community resources and programs
2. Engaging parents
3. Drug use & addiction in community

Projects to be involved in:

1. Promotion & marketing of community trends & issues
2. Promotion & marketing of parenting tips
3. Laundry Love Events

\*\* Please see attached document for survey results

**Planning Future Meetings** – Please sign up for the scheduling of educational speakers, spotlight speakers and door greeters. The committee decided to continue holding meetings on Tuesday afternoons, but to cut the time to 3:00-4:00pm.

**Small Group Work: Committee Planning - Marketing & Promotion**

We broke into small group to continue to work on possible ideas around Youth & Families Committee and Spotlight on Topics for future meetings.

Marketing & Promotion of Committee

1. Conduct a Survey – done over the summer
2. Outlook – send a meeting request through Outlook as a meeting reminder – will start with October meeting
3. Monthly column in Nonparallel. This could be a call to action where members sign up to write a article for the paper.
4. Meeting sharing – everyone personally invite someone to attend the meeting. People might be more inclined to attend if they are personally invited.

Marketing and Promotion of Assets

1. Nonparallel article – similar to above

2. Create a Y&F Committee brochure or fact sheet that would promote the purpose of the meeting
3. Develop a logo that will be unique to Y&F committee
4. Ask members to promote Y&F at health fairs that they are attending for their agency. Having the information on hand to share to other professionals or community members.

**NEXT MEETING**

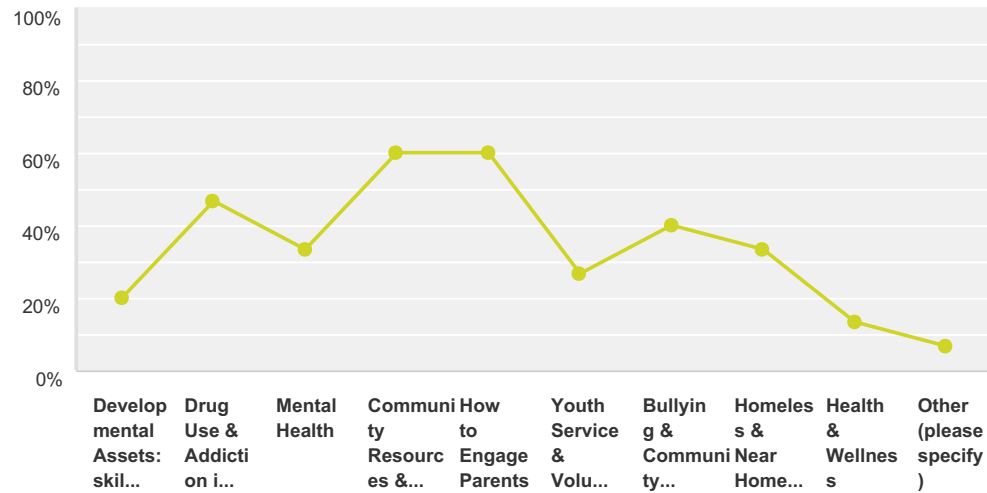
Next Committee Meeting: Tuesday, October 13 at 3PM at the Micah House

Next Steering Committee Meeting: Tuesday, October 6 at 9 AM, 445 Glen Avenue

Meeting minutes will be posted at [www.promisepartners.org](http://www.promisepartners.org).

### Q1 What topics would you most like to learn about or discuss at meetings? (please select your top 3 choices)

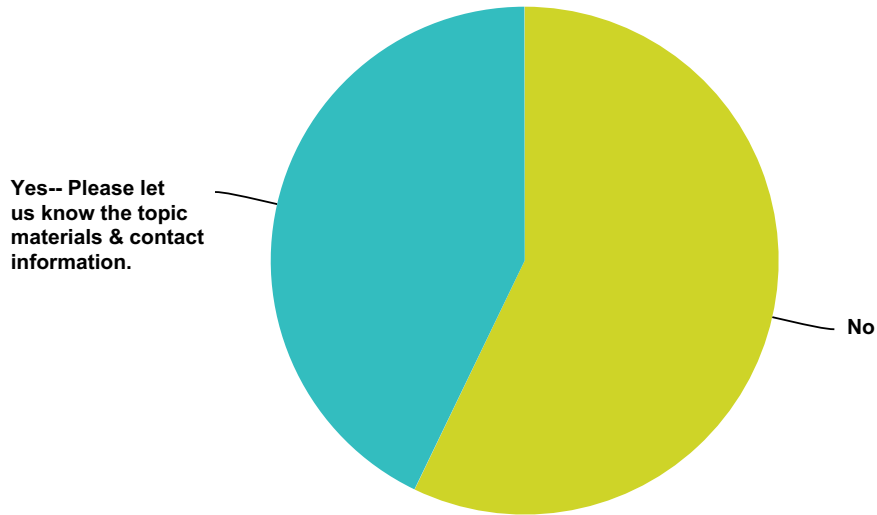
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Answer Choices	Responses
Developmental Assets: skills, experiences, relationships, and behaviors that enable young people to be successful	20.00% 3
Drug Use & Addiction in the Community	46.67% 7
Mental Health	33.33% 5
Community Resources & Programs	60.00% 9
How to Engage Parents	60.00% 9
Youth Service & Volunteerism	26.67% 4
Bullying & Community Violence	40.00% 6
Homeless & Near Homeless Youth	33.33% 5
Health & Wellness	13.33% 2
Other (please specify)	6.67% 1
<b>Total Respondents: 15</b>	

### Q2 Would you be interested in presenting information at a meeting? Or do you have a suggestion for a presenter?

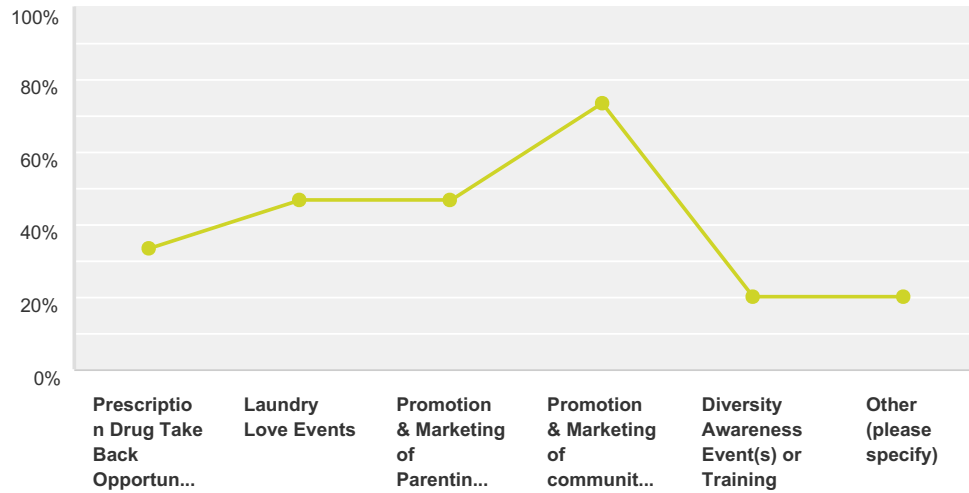
Answered: 14 Skipped: 1



Answer Choices	Responses	
No	57.14%	8
Yes-- Please let us know the topic materials & contact information.	42.86%	6
<b>Total</b>		<b>14</b>

### Q3 What projects (or types of projects) would you like to see the Youth & Families Committee get involved in and continue to be involved in?

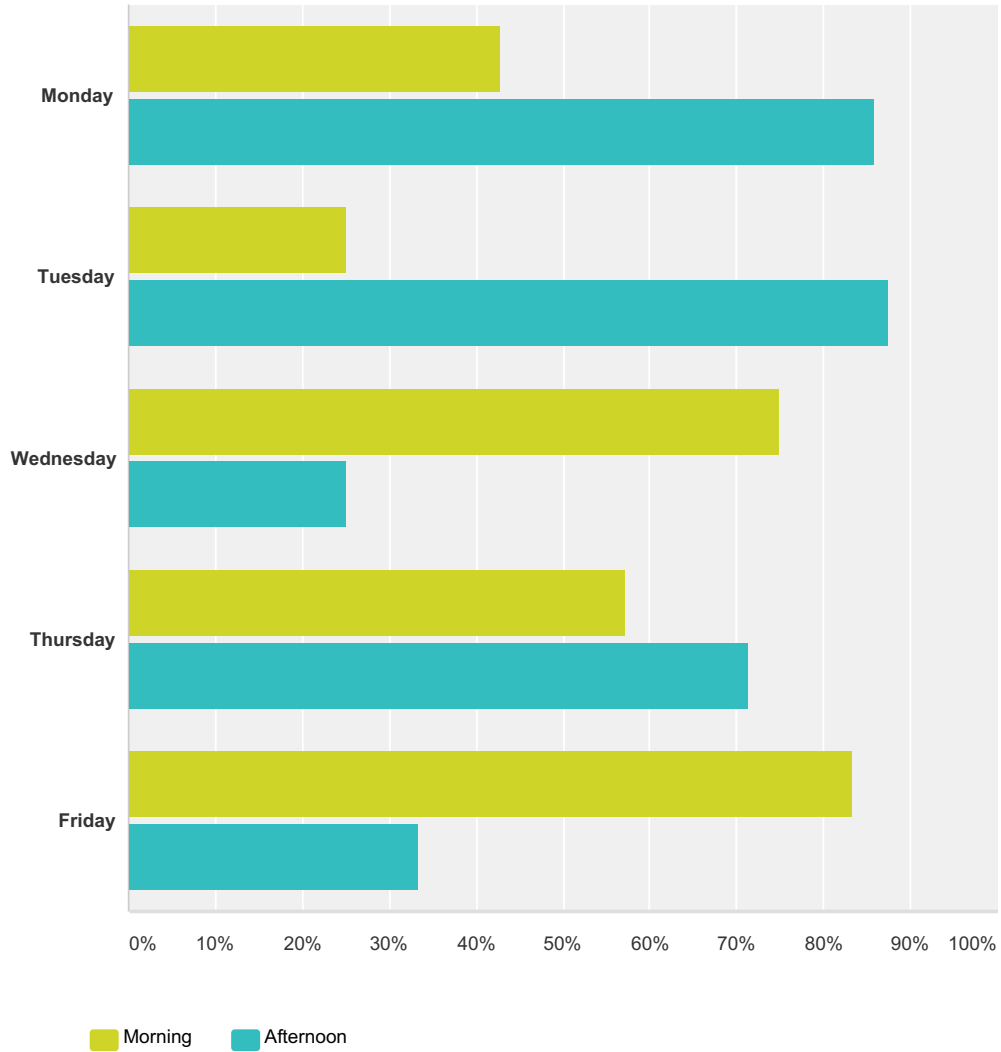
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Answer Choices	Responses
Prescription Drug Take Back Opportunities	33.33% 5
Laundry Love Events	46.67% 7
Promotion & Marketing of Parenting Tips	46.67% 7
Promotion & Marketing of community trends, issues facing the community	73.33% 11
Diversity Awareness Event(s) or Training	20.00% 3
Other (please specify)	20.00% 3
<b>Total Respondents: 15</b>	

### Q4 What day and time works best for you to attend a Youth & Family Committee meeting?

Answered: 14 Skipped: 1



	Morning	Afternoon	Total Respondents
Monday	42.86% 3	85.71% 6	7
Tuesday	25.00% 2	87.50% 7	8
Wednesday	75.00% 6	25.00% 2	8
Thursday	57.14% 4	71.43% 5	7
Friday	83.33% 5	33.33% 2	6

### Q5 What have been your barriers to attending a Youth & Families Committee Meeting?

Answered: 9 Skipped: 6

#	Responses	Date
1	scheduling conflicts	8/18/2015 7:06 PM
2	Available time, particularly when the meeting is in the afternoon...something always seems to come up and get in the way.	8/5/2015 4:05 PM
3	Schedule conflicts	8/4/2015 9:56 AM
4	No barriers. I like the time	8/3/2015 4:03 PM
5	Time of day	8/3/2015 3:49 PM
6	late afternoon meeting results in overtime.	7/14/2015 8:01 AM
7	Time of meetings-being in the afternoon sometimes the day gets crazy and other things take priority.	7/13/2015 9:55 AM
8	Not being able to attend the Tuesday meeting time	7/8/2015 9:49 AM
9	Time	7/8/2015 9:44 AM



### Q6 Do you have any other comments, questions, or concerns?

Answered: 1 Skipped: 14

#	Responses	Date
1	Great group! Thanks for all you do!	8/5/2015 4:05 PM