



Youth Engagement and Serving Organization (YESO)  
Committee Meeting Agenda

DATE: May 8, 2019

9:00 am to 10:30 am

Easter Seals, 1st Floor Conference Room,  
22317 Dupont Blvd., Georgetown, DE 19947

*Mission: The YESO Committee exists to positively impact and promote healthy outcomes for children/families through collaboration with key health community partners that empowers families to live healthy lifestyles.*

**Co-Chairs of YESO Committee: Sara Shultz, Lindsay Hughes**

**YESO Dashboard:**

1. Increased Graduation Rate
2. Increased Prevention Activities and program capacity
3. Decreased High Risk Behaviors

**IMPACT** - Increased assets for youth between the ages of 12 -18, leading to less risky behaviors and increased college and career readiness.

**Call to Order and Introductions**

**Regina Sidney-Brown**

**Meeting Called to Order** by Regina Sidney-Brown to approve the minutes made by Melody Bush, seconded by Mark Harmon

**Attendees:** 11 in attendance, 0 new, 10 different organizations

**Partner Updates:**

- ✓ Sun Behavior has opened (Get Leah to write it up)
- ✓ Building our bridges Conference May 15 & 16, 2019 at Dover Downs.

**Speakers:**

- **Faye Blake – Executive Director for Pathways to Success**  
Started in 2016 by Ms. Faye Blake, she decided to follow her passion and she really wanted to provide services for youth.
- **There are 24 pockets of poverty throughout Sussex County.**
- **They work with where the most help is needed with youth.**
- **Who they connect with are children who have low grades, behavior programs, poverty etc.**
- **Notified when a child that is part of Pathways they will sit with the child in class and make sure things are ok. They are trying to help the children to understand that they are valued and valuable.**
- **Pathways is in 4 school, Milford, Cape, Seaford, Sussex Tech**
- **300 kids**
- **Pathway is an advocate for the Parents and the Child to make sure they are receiving support.**

- Math and English enrichment in 9<sup>th</sup> grade for the afterschool program. They get life skills, resume writing, etc.
- They help children with job places
- They work with the youth in 9<sup>th</sup> grade for 5 years. They continue with youth the first year after high school to help the transition.
- 98 percent on time graduation rate.
- They prep with SAT
- They work with the Parents
- They provide support services and started with food insecurity in 3 of the schools they are in.
- 96 percent of the kids go into colleges, military, or a full-time work force.
- 6 pm on May 24<sup>th</sup> the cord ceremony
- 120 kids that will be graduating
- Two Summits a year. November is the Girls Summit and the Boys is in May. 2018 was over 300 young ladies

**Review of Dash Board:**

**New Business: Upcoming Speakers-**

- The Day of Hope Conference on June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

- Who do you want to hear from in the coming months?
- Who/what and where are the after-school success stories?

**Latino Service Expansion Update - La Colectiva Representative**

**Meeting Adjourned**

**Next YESO Meeting will be held on Wednesday – 9:00am to 10:30 am at Easter Seals in Georgetown, DE  
“Save the DATE” – Addiction Symposium – June 12<sup>th</sup> at Del Tech**