From: Shaw, Barbara
To: Irving, Toni
Subject: Re: YAP Request for Meeting
Date: Saturday, December 04, 2010 9:00:22 AM

No I haven't, and Arthur has not brought them up in any of our reentry discussions, nor have they come up in the school-based counseling meetings (which includes CPS). It does look like they have a lot to offer and could be of assistance in some way, perhaps as trainers of the local providers. If the Gov's Office is reaching out to them about the NRI, it would be great if Arthur and I could participate in any discussions with them about this so we can where they might fit.

Thanks,
Barbara

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From: Irving, Toni
Sent: Saturday, December 04, 2010 07:35 AM
To: Shaw, Barbara
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Have you heard of this group?

Toni Irving
Deputy Chief of Staff
Governor Pat Quinn

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From: Enyia, Chimaobi
Sent: Friday, December 03, 2010 07:35 PM
To: Irving, Toni
Subject: Fw: YAP Request for Meeting

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From: David R. Williams [mailto:drwilliams@yapinc.org]
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Subject: YAP Request for Meeting

Dear Mr. Enyia,

Thanks for your call Wednesday about Youth Advocate Programs. We are very much looking forward to meeting with you.

I hope we can set up a time in the near future - possibly next week - to meet with you about what we do and what the Governor's needs are.

YAP is a national 501(c)(3) agency that has helped keep kids out of placement since 1975. We operate in 18 states and serve over 12,000 families annually.

In Illinois, YAP has two programs - one working with dually engaged kids (DCFS and DJJ), and one which works with ultra-high-risk kids in Chicago Public Schools. I am attaching four documents that might serve as introduction to you about YAP:

* A letter from Ron Huberman, the former CEO of Chicago Public Schools, to US Secretary Arne Duncan, recognizing our work with kids in CPS.
* An RFI we submitted back in October for a potential opportunity to help ex-prisoners and IDOC on adult reentry. This describes our model well. (Corey Foster has received and reviewed a copy of this RFI.) Please take a look at the anecdotal story on Page four - that highlights the type of intensive advocacy we do with kids in our programs.
* An information sheet about YAP's model,which we use in all of our programs. '
* A document that highlights our evidence-based practices.

Also, you may find this front-page NY Times article about our Chicago CPS program interesting. In it, a national expert highlighted our model and the role of the advocate, noting that the partnership with YAP and CPS was "strikingly well-planned at the strategic level, backed with really unique date and followed all the way down to the kids level with 24/7 coverage. I don't anything in the country quite like it, that has the promise that this initiative does." http://www.nytimes.com/2010/07/02/us/02chicago.html?_r=2&pagewanted=1&emc=eta1 <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/07/02/us/02chicago.html?_r=2&pagewanted=1&emc=eta1>

Finally, as we mentioned on the phone, myself or my staff have relationships with many people in the Administration or in relevant agencies, including Arthur Bishop, Erwan McEwan, Jennifer Koehler and Corey Foster. We've also worked closely with Miquel Lewis in the Cook County Juvenile Probation Department (he focuses on disproportionate minority contact - DMC) and Jon Moy of Chicago Public Schools, who is our program manager for our school-based program.

In closing, it would be great to meet with you. If you can email or call me with times and dates that are convenient for you, we will set it up. I can be reached at this email, or by phone at the office at (773)374-6100 or on my cell at [redacted].

Thanks again,

Dave Williams
Regional Director
Youth Advocate Programs, Inc.

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