

## **Youth Advisors' Retreat Notes**

### **Gina Warner, Afterschool Partnership for Greater New Orleans**

- Their organization is the intermediary that meets monthly with advisors
  1. no fees to advisors (they absorb costs)
  2. 2-2.5 hours long
  3. present a forum; training based on surveys
  4. offer technical assistance, training for advisors
- Their services:
  1. have a resource library
  2. write grant applications for nonprofits
  3. collect data
  4. work on policy issues at the state level
  5. send e-newsletters
  6. map out local programs
  7. their initiatives:
    - extended learning activities focusing on neighborhoods
    - summer learning cohort
    - children-youth planning board
  8. trained in finding funding
- Her suggestions for us:
  1. find an intermediary to help us
  2. find funding for a director of the intermediary

### **Break out group report on solutions to problems (1 out of 4)**

- develop a check list of desired student behavior
- ask a student to be a secretary and sending text messages to members
- collaborate with another program's event
  1. Habitat for Humanity
  2. Judge Naman wants youth to address drugs & violence
  3. youth can attend City Council meetings
- join a social network/listserve
- give students a list of volunteer opportunities (from Volunteer Mobile)
- ask members' parents to speak on pertinent issues
- have a Face Book page, inviting parents; set standards on who can become friends
- use Twitter to communicate with youth
- develop a listserv