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Message from the Chair

Greetings, Governor Heinemann:

It is an exciting time for Juvenile Justice in Nebraska with such dynamic and diverse efforts focused on improving outcomes for Nebraska's youth. Over the last year, the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice has focused on implementing key steps from its strategic plan developed in 2013 and staying abreast of the changes impacting our juvenile justice system.

As you'll read in their committee letters, the Coalitions two new sub-committees, Diversion and Community Planning, have been busy working to improve opportunities and information around these two important areas of work. Members also attended multiple conferences, including the Nebraska Juvenile Justice Association Conference and the National Coalition for Juvenile Justice Conference in Washington, D.C. While in Washington, D.C., Nebraska's representatives shared the success and work being done in Nebraska around youth engagement, detention alternatives and work to keep youth in their homes.

In many ways, our state is above the curve in ensuring our young people's involvement with the juvenile justice system is rehabilitative, prevents deeper and more long-term system involvement and includes the youth's voice in system improvement efforts. With the continued support from your office and the diligent work of our state's communities, the trend of better outcomes for youth in care is sure to continue.

Sincerely,

Cassandra Rockwell

Cassandra Rockwell,
Nebraska Coalition for
Juvenile Justice Chairperson

Introduction

The **FY 2013/2014 Annual Report to the Governor & Nebraska Legislature** outlines activities and accomplishments of the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice (Coalition) from July 1, 2013– June 30, 2014.

Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice

The Coalition is an advisory group to the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice (Nebraska Crime Commission). Members are appointed by the Governor. The Coalition is required to comply with the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP Act) and was established in Nebraska Revised Statute § 43-2411 in 2000 to advise on state and federal juvenile justice grant funds received by the Nebraska Crime Commission. There are five standing subcommittees who meet in addition to quarterly Coalition meetings: Executive, Grant Review, Disproportionate Minority Contact, Youth , Diversion, and Community Planning Advisory.

Goal

The goal of the Coalition is to improve all aspects of the juvenile justice system in the State of Nebraska by assisting communities and the state with the planning and implementation of systemic improvements, advocacy, education, and award recommendations of state and federal funds for such purposes. It is hoped the lives and futures of children, youth, and families involved with the juvenile justice system will be improved.

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Youth Subcommittee

Dear Governor Heinemann,

As a State, Nebraska has a history of dedication to its young people and the Nebraska Coalition of Juvenile Justice is no exception. To continue the tradition of strong youth involvement, the Coalition expanded its youth voice, supported participation in national youth development discussions and celebrated successful Nebraska youth.

First, the Coalition's youth committee expanded its members. The Coalition added one new youth member to the board with direct experience in the Juvenile Justice System. Another alumnus of our system has joined the sub-committee and attended a larger coalition meeting. Having alumni of juvenile justice on the coalition allows its members a direct link to the authentic experience of those involved in our system and an opportunity to learn about the interventions that work, as both of these young adults are strong examples of the resilience and positive results that can occur when the right interventions are implemented.

Second, Nebraska continues to have strong representation of young people on the national stage. This year, two members, both alumni of juvenile justice, attended the National Youth Summit where they learned about national efforts to improve juvenile justice, best practices and connected with fellow advocates and positive peers from across the country. Additionally, Nebraska CJJ youth member, Symone Saunders, was elected for a second term as the National Coalition for Juvenile Justice Youth Board member and still holds her position on the Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice which reports directly to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

Finally, Nebraska awarded a third Spirit of Youth Award to a young person at the Nebraska Juvenile Justice Association Conference in May. This award honors a former juvenile justice youth who has overcome his or her struggles, has found success and is giving back to his or her community. Two of the three Spirit of Youth award recipients are currently enrolled in a Nebraska college or university, further illustrating the potential to thrive within all Nebraska's youth.

We are grateful for such a supportive and inclusive state advisory group and look forward to furthering the positive work being done in our state.

Sincerely,

The 2014 Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice Youth Members

Community Planning Subcommittee

The Community-based Juvenile Service statewide subcommittee of the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice is a working group established in 2013. Pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statute §43-2404.01, the subcommittee of the coalition is to assist in regular strategic planning related to supporting, funding, monitoring, and evaluating the effectiveness of plans and programs receiving funds from the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program.

Current members of the subcommittee include representatives from rural and urban communities statewide to include community planning coordinators, juvenile diversion directors, county attorney, probation, Nebraska Association of County Officials, and the University of Nebraska. Throughout the year, members evaluated Community Plans and Community-based Aid and Enhancement Applications, developed a subcommittee charter and assisted in the development of a Statewide Community-based Aid and Juvenile Justice Conference focused on evidence-based programming, hosted by Lancaster County.

In May of 2013, LB561 proposed an emergency clause to change the name from County Aid to Community-based Aid, to be inclusive of counties and tribes, and \$3 million were allocated statewide. Currently, the Crime Commission is receiving \$5 million dollars annually for Community-based Aid funding for juvenile delinquency prevention and intervention focused on alternatives to detention. The Crime Commission distributes almost \$11.5 million in aid money annually, and the Community-based Aid Program is nearly 45% of that total amount. During the last two years, Community-based Aid funding has more than tripled.

Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC)

To successfully address Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC), the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention recommends a five-phase process, whereby jurisdictions: 1) identify whether disproportionality exists and the extent to which it exists; 2) assess the contributing factors, examine minority overrepresentation and explain differences at all contact stages of the juvenile justice system; 3) provide an intervention plan; 4) evaluate the efficacy of efforts to reduce DMC; and 5) monitor and track DMC trends over time .

In 2012 Nebraska completed a Statewide DMC assessment. The goal of the assessment was to identify the factors that contribute to DMC so that Nebraska's juvenile justice system stakeholders can design appropriate intervention strategies. In July 2012, the statewide DMC Subcommittee held a retreat and began to review and prioritize recommendations made in the Nebraska DMC Assessment. In August 2012 a new State DMC Coordinator was hired. The new DMC Coordinator was to strengthen the statewide DMC Committee and its relationships with county DMC committees as well as ensure compliance with the 4 core requirements.

The statewide DMC Committee has accomplished the following this past year:

- Received approval for “Effective Interactions with Youth” training for Law Enforcement to be brought to Nebraska.

The Effective Police Interactions with Youth curriculum:

(A) Increases the capacity of law enforcement agencies, and particularly patrol officers, to communicate effectively with the youth in the communities they serve in ways that improve mutual respect and understanding;

(B) Enhances the decentralization of decision-making by encouraging the use of appropriate discretion by front-line officers in handling encounters with youth in a way that improves the well-being of the community; and

(C) Increases the capacity of law enforcement agencies to respond of the issue of disproportionate minority contact with the juvenile justice system.

Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC)

- Created 3 State DMC Sub-committee workgroups

Implicit Bias Sub-Committee. Challenging people to look at our process & how could they affect kids going deeper into the Juvenile Justice System.

Education/ Media & Publications Sub-Committee. Utilizing resources to better inform community, faith based stakeholders about DMC.

Education/ Training Curriculum Sub-Committee. Creating training opportunities for Law Enforcement as well as community members on effective ways to decrease DMC.

Attended the Coalition For Juvenile Justice Annual Conference/ Training. Washington DC.

Attended the 2014 Community Aid & Juvenile Justice Conference/ Training. Lincoln, Ne

Attended Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice Conference/ Training. Kearney, Ne.

Juvenile Diversion Subcommittee

The juvenile diversion statewide subcommittee of the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice is a working group established in 2013. The duties of the subcommittee outlined in Nebraska Revised Statute §81-1427 include assisting in regular strategic planning related to supporting, funding, monitoring, and evaluating the effectiveness of plans and programs receiving funds from the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program.

The current members of the diversion subcommittee include representation from rural and urban county attorneys, rural and urban diversion directors, juvenile justice research practitioner, probation, and Nebraska Association of County Officials.

Many members of the subcommittee attended the Juvenile Diversion Certificate Program at Georgetown University in the fall of 2014, and will spend the next year working on a statewide juvenile diversion capstone project. That project will include creating a Nebraska Juvenile Diversion Guidebook and toolkit, training diversion programs on the guidebook, and working with a small number of rural counties that do not offer a juvenile diversion program to develop options for referring juveniles to a diversion program. The ultimate goal is for all juveniles across the state of Nebraska to have equal access to quality diversion programs.

Subcommittee members are chair Denise Kracl, Elaine Menzel, Vanessa Sherman, Anne Hobbs, Monica Miles-Steffens, Kim Culp, Wilma Arp, Shakil Malik, Vicky Thompson, Bob Denton, Pam Lausterer, and Julie Beyer.

Grant Review Subcommittee

The Nebraska Crime Commission is the designated state agency to facilitate the functions of state funds and federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention funds (Title II and JABG). While each has different guidelines and rules, the process of granting the awards is consistent across funding sources.

Annually, funds are distributed on a competitive basis, with the exception of Community-Based Aid Juvenile Services funds and Juvenile Accountability Block Grant funds, which are formula based. An announcement for the availability of funds is released once a year and applicants have approximately two months to complete the required application. After the deadline, applications experience a grant review process. Three levels of review include: Staff Review, Grant Review Subcommittee of NCJJ and ultimately the Nebraska Crime Commission.

Programs receiving funding may be required to attend a Grant Management Training and have a project period of one year. Continuation of funding is not guaranteed and applicants must apply for funds annually. A step-down policy exists for Title II and Juvenile Services Grants. The policy states that contingent upon a program complying with the reporting requirements, meeting goals and objectives and proper management of funds, a program will be recommended for the same level of funding for two years and a step down in funds of 25% increments in the three years to follow.

The NCJJ Grant Review Subcommittee members are Chair, Judge Kent Turnbull, Amanda Speichert, Vanessa Sherman, Elaine Menzel, Kim Hawekotte, and Denise Kracl.

Spirit of Youth Award

The Spirit of Youth Award recognizes a young adult who has made great strides following involvement with the juvenile justice system; has overcome personal obstacles; and is making significant contributions to society.

The award provides the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice and the public an important opportunity to learn from a young person's direct experience about the hard work and dedication it takes to build a better life, and how juvenile justice professionals and systems can most effectively support the youth they serve.

The Winner of the 2014 Spirit of Youth Award was Thomas Burns. Burns became involved in the Juvenile Justice system as a teen due to involvement with drugs. He recalls his time in intensive treatment programs, drug court and probation without bitterness. Judge Vernon Daniels, who nominated Thomas for the award, shared in his nomination letter, “He regularly tells how grateful he is to his treatment team, probation officer, attorney, and most especially his judge, the Honorable Lawrence Gendler. Thomas reports that they saved him...From their example, he has learned to never give up on others. He often tells me to give that [additional] chance.”

Burns recently celebrated four years of sobriety in March. He gives back at his local Chips Night events by celebrating sobriety birthdays and providing mentorship to his peers.

Since completing probation, Thomas has achieved a great deal. He overcame academic setbacks to graduate high school, receive an academic transfer degree from Metropolitan Community College (MCC) in May of 2014 and enroll at the University of Nebraska-Omaha. He hopes to pursue a degree political science, attend law school and become President of the United States.

Spirit of Youth Award

While at MCC, Burns won a seat on the Student Advisory Council. His commitment to running a true campaign inspired others to run; resulting in the largest student voting turn out in MCC's history. He has used these skills to serve on a state candidate's campaign and wishes to continue exploring politics with an internship in Washington DC during his future academic pursuits. Burns is currently a member of the NCJJ youth committee and represented Nebraska at this year's Youth Summit in Washington D.C. along with last year's spirit of youth award winner Nicola Variano. Burns was originally honored at the Nebraska Juvenile Justice Associations Annual Conference on May 8th, but was unable to attend. The NCJJ celebrated him at their public coalition meeting in Lincoln on Friday, June 6th, 2014. Upon receiving the award and \$500 scholarship, Burns simply stated, "Thank you. I'm so grateful and honored to even be considered."



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Federal Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Act

The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act is a federal law that governs the secure confinement of juveniles in detention and correctional facilities. The JJDP Act declares it a policy of congress to provide necessary resources, leadership and coordination to:

- Develop and implement effective methods of preventing and reducing Juvenile Delinquency.
- Divert juveniles from the justice system, and provide alternatives to institutionalization.
- Encourage parental involvement in treatment and alternative disposition programs; and
- Increase the capacity for, and promote interagency cooperation and coordination of services between state, local, and community based agencies in order to provide juvenile justice, delinquency prevention, rehabilitation programs, conduct research, evaluations and training in delinquency prevention.

Congress originally enacted the JJDP Act in 1974 to require the deinstitutionalization of status offenders and non-offenders as well as the separation of adult and juvenile offenders in detention and corrections. In 1980 Congress passed an amendment to the JJDP Act requiring the removal of juveniles from adult jails and lockups.

Nebraska's Participation in the JJDP Act

Nebraska's eligibility for receiving Formula Grant Program funding is determined by its compliance with the four core requirements of the JJDP Act.

The Four Core Requirements are:

- Removal of status and non-offenders from secure detention facilities
- Separation of adult and juvenile offenders throughout incarceration
- Removal of juveniles from adult jails and lockups
- The state must collect and analyze data to identify and address any disproportionate numbers of minority youth at specific decision points throughout the juvenile justice system.

The Nebraska' Legislature's passage of LB1073 in April of 1988 brought about much needed consistency from the State Law with respect to the requirements of the Federal JJDP Act.

Nebraska Juvenile Services Act

The Nebraska Juvenile Services Act was created in July of 1990 with the passage of LB663. The Act is designed to assist communities in providing programs and services that create alternatives to incarceration for juveniles in the justice system. In July of 1992, the responsibility for administration of the Juvenile Services Act was transferred to the Nebraska Crime Commission via LB447. The original Juvenile Services Grant Committee established working groups to develop by-laws, rules and regulations to meet state requirements.

In 2000, this group was combined with the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice. The Coalition works to focus funding on current juvenile justice issues. The 2012/2013 appropriation for the Juvenile Services Act funds was \$702,190; \$114,378 was retained for administrative costs; \$587,812 was awarded.

Compliance Monitoring

Under the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act, Nebraska is required to maintain an adequate system of compliance monitoring for the four core requirements of the Act. These requirements are: 1) removal of status and non-offenders from secure detention facilities; 2) separation of adult and juvenile offenders; 3) removal of juveniles from adult jails and lockups; and 4) disproportionate minority contact. The Crime Commission's full-time juvenile compliance monitor is responsible for overseeing the compliance monitoring program including the development of policies and procedures, classification and inspection of secure and non-secure facilities, and data collection and verification on all juveniles confined or securely detained. Nebraska continues to maintain compliance with the JJDP Act. Noncompliance with one or more of the four core requirements would result in the state losing 20% of the allocation for each requirement not found in compliance. Compliance equates to a significant amount of dollars for the state and, more importantly, it means that Nebraska has raised its standards with respect to youth treatment within the juvenile justice system.

Nebraska's Three Year Plan 2012—2014

The Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice (Coalition) gathers community input on juvenile justice issues by accepting public comment at quarterly Coalition meetings, conducting public forums, reviewing local Comprehensive Community Juvenile Services plans, and from Coalition members' professional experience. The development of the 2012-2014 three-year plan was completed by members of the Coalition, Nebraska Crime Commission staff, and a consultant. The following juvenile justice needs were set forth:

- Nebraska has geographic and resource gaps along with system inefficiencies that result in inconsistent detention practices;
- Organize communities to be proactive in the development of policies and procedures for youth and family;
- Equal access to juvenile diversion programming within the state of Nebraska;
- School engagement and absenteeism to reduce juvenile delinquency;
- Substance abuse issues, particularly in rural areas;
- Gang and gun violence reduction;
- Information sharing and data collection; and
- Address minority youth overrepresentation in the juvenile justice system.

Based on the federal priority areas, Nebraska will continue to focus on maintaining compliance with the Four Core Requirements and remain cognizant of the state juvenile justice needs. Programming with the following focus areas will receive prioritization:

- Alternatives to Detention
- Strategic Community Action Planning
- Diversion
- School Programs
- Substance Abuse
- Gangs
- Juvenile Justice System Improvement
- Disproportionate Minority Contact

Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI)

Nebraska continues to utilize national evidence based models to improve outcomes for youth and families, one of which is the JDAI work supported by the Annie E. Casey Foundation. The Foundation through the JDAI model has helped with system reform for over 20 years in 200 jurisdictions across the nation. Nebraska began JDAI work in Douglas County in 2011, followed by Sarpy County in 2012. State level work is being supported by Nebraska Probation Administration.

JDAI's key objectives focus on public safety while reducing unnecessary and inappropriate use of secure detention, minimizing failure to appear and re-offend, and ensuring quality conditions in secure facilities. Historically youth of color have been overrepresented in nearly all system points, but particularly detention. The work of JDAI focuses on identifying and reducing this racial and ethnic disparity. Finally, sites commit to redirecting resources as detention costs decrease toward community based alternatives.

Sites utilize the following core strategies collectively to reach the above stated objectives:

- Collaboration
- Data Driven Decision Making
- Objective Admissions
- Alternatives to Detention
- Case Processing Innovations
- Focus on Racial and Ethnic Disparity
- Addressing special populations (violations, pending placements)
- Improving Conditions.

Over the past year both local sites have worked diligently on data collection in order to establish a clear baseline from which to measure progress as well as identify a target population. This has been a highly collaborative effort within each jurisdiction as well as across sites.

Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI)

Based on the data, Douglas County will be focusing their collective efforts on those youth who are being detained on warrants, particularly youth of color. In utilizing their data, Sarpy County will be focusing on those youth being detained for violations of the CARE program, one of their alternatives to detention.

Both sites have been successful this year in further developing their continuum of alternatives to detention. This work has been accomplished through their Alternative to Detention sub-committees that include numerous system and community based partners. Funding for these alternatives has come through support from the Sherwood Foundation and Community Based Aid funding.

State level work continues to move forward. In August of this year, probation launched an updated Juvenile Intake Risk Assessment Tool and has increased access to electronic monitoring and tracking for all probation districts statewide as alternatives to detention. The state level committee met quarterly and has developed infrastructure, data and expansion sub-committee's to finalize statewide expansion plans.

Training has been an emphasis this year. Members of local sites and the state delegation traveled to two conference sponsored by the foundation to learn about state scale work and JDAI work in jurisdictions across the nation. Douglas County collaborative members traveled to Chicago for a model site visit and Sarpy County members visited the model site of Santa Cruz, CA. The foundation also provides onsite technical assistance through a team leader. Nebraska's team leader made three visits and provided training on alternatives to detention, data and community engagement. Both sites developed local teams to attend the Facility Assessment Training and implemented that process over the last year.

Community Aid Division

The Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid Administrator was created through the passage of Legislative Bill 561, effective in May 2013. Cynthia Kennedy was promoted internally to this position on August 19th, 2013. The Nebraska Crime Commission has received funding through the state of Nebraska, referred to as County Aid, beginning in 2001. This funding stream is predetermined for 93 counties based upon the juvenile population in each county aged 12 – 18. Beginning with the passage of LB561 in May 2013, federally and state recognized tribes were included in the formulated amount now known as Community-Based Aid. For the past decade, this funding stream has received approximately \$1.4 million. An emergency clause was included with the passage of LB561 for an increased amount to be distributed effective immediately. For fiscal year 2013, the amount that was allocated to counties/tribes was \$3 million. The 2014 allocation of \$5 million was announced in November 2013. Applications were due Friday, January 10th, 2014. The following duties are specifically listed in LB561:

- Provide technical assistance and guidance for the development of comprehensive juvenile services plans.
- Coordinate the review of the Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid Program application as provided in section 43-2404.02 and make recommendations for the distribution of funds provided under the Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid Program, giving priority to those grant applications funding programs and services that will divert juveniles from the juvenile justice system, impact and effectively treat juveniles within the juvenile justice system.
- Reduce the juvenile detention population or assist juveniles in transitioning from out-of-home placements to in-home treatments.
- Develop data collection and evaluation protocols, oversee statewide data collection, and generate an annual report on the effectiveness of juvenile services that receive funds from the Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid Program.
- Ensure that no funds appropriated or distributed under the Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid Program are used for purposes prohibited under subsection (3) section 43-2404.02.

Community Comprehensive Juvenile Services Plan

To be eligible for the Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid Program [CB/JSAP] a three year community comprehensive juvenile services plan [community plan] shall be developed, adopted, and submitted to the Nebraska Crime Commission. The community plan may be developed by individual counties, multiple counties, federal recognized or state recognized tribes, or any combination of the listed communities. Community plans will:

- ◆ Be developed by a comprehensive community team representing juvenile justice system stakeholders.
- ◆ Be based on data relevant to juvenile and family issues;
- ◆ Identify policies and practices that are research-based or standardized and reliable and are implemented with fidelity and which have been researched and demonstrate positive outcomes;
- ◆ Identify clear implantation strategies; and
- ◆ Identify how the impact of the program or service will be measured.

Any portion of the community plan dealing with administration, procedures, and programs of the juvenile court will not be submitted to the Nebraska Crime Commission without the concurrence of the presiding Judge or Judges of the court or courts having jurisdiction in juvenile cases for the geographic area to be served. Programs or services established by such plans will conform to the family policy tenets prescribed in sections 43-532 to 43-534 and will include policies and practices that are research-based or standardized and reliable and are implemented with fidelity and which have been researched and demonstrate positive outcomes.

Community Plans are due July 1st, 2015. Historically, counties have submitted community plans to the Crime Commission for different timeframes. It is now mandated that all counties and tribes submit plans within the same timeframe. Community plans will be submitted to the Crime Commission for the timeframe July 1st, 2015 – June 30th, 2018. For assistance in submitting a community plan, please contact Cynthia Kennedy.

It is essential that communities have programs to prevent youth from becoming unnecessarily involved in the juvenile justice system. These programs should be available at multiple points throughout the system, providing every opportunity to exit the system. Such programs rarely occur by chance; they are almost always the result of careful community planning. Community planning can also be used to: assess current programs, identify preventive measures to keep youth from entering the juvenile justice system, pinpoint duplication and/or gaps in services to youth and focus on effective, research-proven strategies.

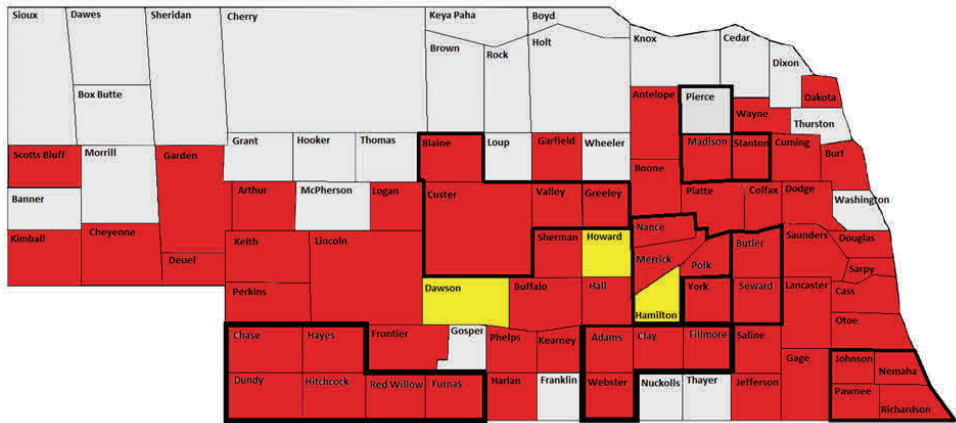
Examples of community plans, the community planning manual, and the community planning template are found at the following website: http://www.ncc.state.ne.us/crime_commission/organization_and_functions/grants/juv_justice.html#County_Comprehensive_Juvenile_Services_Plans

Juvenile Diversion Division

Among the many initiatives created with the passage of LB 561 in 2013, the position of the Juvenile Diversion Program Administrator was established within the Nebraska Crime Commission. The Diversion Administrator is tasked with assisting in creating and maintaining juvenile pretrial diversion programs to divert juveniles away from the judicial system and into community-based services. That process includes creating a statewide steering committee to assist in regular strategic planning related to supporting, funding, monitoring, and evaluating the effectiveness of plans and programs receiving funds from the Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid Program, as well as provide best practice recommendation guidelines and procedures used to develop or expand local juvenile diversion programs.

The Juvenile Diversion Program Administrator tracks and analyzes statewide juvenile diversion data through the statewide Juvenile Diversion Case Management System (JDCMS).

The map below displays the counties that indicated a juvenile diversion program is offered in their county.



There are currently 62 counties reporting they offer a juvenile diversion program in Nebraska, an increase of 10 programs from this time last year. Of the 35 applications representing 67 counties and two tribes that applied for Community-Based Aid funds for FY2014-2015, 22 counties received funding for juvenile diversion services in Nebraska, estimating a total of \$557,360, or 12.2% of the available community-based aid funds.

Program Success Stories:

Banister's Leadership Academy

The Level of Leadership Advisory Program (LLS) is a family support program that incorporates traditional one to one, peer, and group mentoring that support the whole family. The purpose of the program is to mobilize community resources around a centralized, multifaceted approach to curb gang violence.



The pilot program began in January 2012, enrolling 147 families; each assigned a level or leadership support, and introduced them to Level of Leadership Advisor (LLSA). Since beginning its LLS services, Banister's has received 18 new referral with all 8 enrolling into the project. Since January of 2014, enrollment increased with 53 additional families served. Overall, 37 Mentor/Mentee matches have occurred. Sixteen (16) youth are currently waiting for a Mentor. Thirty-five (35) mentors have attended 2 two- hour training events.

Level 2 and Level 3 youth require more engagement with their LLS Advisor. In addition to program contact, the LLS Advisor will contact youth and their families weekly either by phone, email, or text. Level 2 youth is contacted one to three days per week and Level 3 youth are contacted up to 5 times per week. Home visits, school visits, and community visits are encouraged on all levels. Many of these youth also attend Level of Leadership Achievement Meetings (LAM).

“Jason” was having trouble in school, fighting, and threatened expulsion by the school. Jason’s mom call the LLS Advisor asked for a LAM to help them. Banister staff and parents all met together to understand Jason’s reasoning for fighting at school. Together with Jason’s input, an Individualized leadership plan was made for Jason. His family’s LLS advisors both attended a due process hearing to support the family. At the end of the hearing, she stated how happy she was that they were there and “how much you care about my son and his future.” Jason also agreed that without support of the LLS advisors this “would have been harder to take.”

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Horizon Recovery

This juvenile Intensive Outpatient Program has served 85 youth ages 12-18 referred, 70 accepted and 26 completing the program the first two years. The 44 who did not complete the program 12 were sent to a higher level of care.



A 17 old male who was referred through District 10 probation came through our IOP program a year ago and failed. He was then was sent to inpatient treatment. This past summer this youth volunteered to give treatment another try and volunteered to begin IOP again because he had a good therapeutic relationship with our counselor.

This youth comments that “he has learned about consequences about the pathways of what he was doing and how drugs affected his life; parents, family, friends, peers and everyone in his life”. He admits that he is thankful for the wake-up call from freedom verses being locked up. This youth told me that since “he has been working his recovery program everyone he mentioned above has more respect for him as he has started to earn their trust and is gaining their confidence “ I’m improving with self-esteem and confidence; I’m becoming more successful in sobriety which has helped me become more successful in school”. This youth was also excited to tell me he is now employed and that is going well. This youth admitted that he relapsed about three weeks in the most recent IOP. “Impulsive thinking caused me to relapse. My first reaction was to call my sponsor as I knew I needed help and I felt guilty”. My sponsor told me not to use and to talk to my counselor which I did as I feel comfortable with my counselor. “I felt ashamed but as I talked with my counselor I felt more confident and accepted. This allowed me to understand there are people out there who actually care about me”. My counselor brought the reality of my action of impulse behaviors which attribute to attitude and thinking which leads to negative behavior.

After my visit with my counselor he encouraged me to talk to my probation officer. The probation officer was honest with me and told me if I relapse again, I will be sent to YRTC. “This is a huge reality check for me. If I don’t stay sober, my life and everything is at risk. I don’t want my life to become unmanageable and unhealthy as it was before. I decided to get clean. I’m now attending the 26 week Aftercare/Continuing Care program and feel safe”.



Permission was given to the Crime Commission to re-print photos. Horizon Recovery Program is funded through the Juvenile Accountability Grant (JABG) # 12-JA-606.

Lancaster County Juvenile Truancy Program

The Lancaster County Juvenile Diversion Program is a collaborative effort between the Separate Juvenile Court of Lancaster County, Lancaster County Attorney's Office, and Lincoln Public Schools. The program began at Park Middle School in 2011. It was created for students and their families as an alternative to traditional court proceedings. The short term goals of the program are to improve school attendance, grades, and attitudes toward school. The long term goals are for the student to maintain consistent school attendance after completion of the program followed by graduation from high school.

While in the program, the student and his or her parent(s) attend hearings facilitated by a Lancaster County Juvenile Court Judge or the Lancaster County Attorney's Office. During the hearings, the student's progress in the program and school is reviewed. Successes throughout the program are recognized and rewarded. A designated school Social Worker and Functional Family therapist are available to coach and support the family throughout the program. Completion of the program results in no further court action.

The Truancy Diversion Program is now available at Park, Culler, and Goodrich Middle Schools and North Star, Northeast, and Lincoln High Schools in Lincoln Nebraska. Over 100 students have participated in the program. An evaluation of the program found youth in the program have an 80% reduction in truancies. 86% of the youth in the program successfully completed the program. Funding through the Crime Commission allowed this program to develop and expand our collaborative effort in helping our students both attend and excel in school.

The Lancaster County Truancy Diversion Program is funded through the JABG Grant # 13-JA-604.

Scottsbluff Detention Center Equine Assisted Program

The Scotts Bluff County Juvenile Detention Center implemented Equine Assisted Learning Program in the fall of 2009. Through generous funding from the Nebraska Crime Commission, the program has been able to serve well over 500 youth and families from across the State. Equine Assisted Learning utilizes horses to assist in the development of solid relationships, attachments and confidence within the clientele.



Although there is little, if any contact with youth when they leave our facility there are many success stories within the walls of Juvenile Detention. The biggest success is the fostering of a different mind-set among Staff and the manner in which Residents are addressed and confronted regarding behaviors.

There was a youth placed here that was diagnosed as having severe Autism. Participating in the equine program provided him the opportunity to “learn” how to manage his behaviors and self-regulate. During this process, Staff also began to realize that they, themselves could dictate the outcome of a situation with this young man by how they addressed him.

Over the course of a year, this young man and Staff devolved very strong attachments and positive relationships which enabled *all* to function on a higher level. In the end, there was a treatment level placement that came to our facility to assess this young man as a possible candidate for placement. They observed him in the equine program, with staff/peers and in the classroom setting. They indicated that their Staff was not well enough equipped to handle this young man and that what we were doing with him was more productive than what they could offer. “Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, Involve me and I learn” sums up the philosophy of our equine program and that is why it is successful.

Permission was given to the Crime Commission to re-print photos. The Equine Assisted Learning Program is funded through the Juvenile Services Grant # 13-JS-430.

Madison County JAO

During the 2013-2014 budget year the Madison County Juvenile Accountability Office received grant funding to employ a part-time bilingual Juvenile Accountability Officer. Nieves Salavera began working for us in 2012 and is originally from Spain. Nieves has traveled around the world with her husband and her two sons while her husband was in the military. Recently her husband retired from the military and they have made Norfolk, Nebraska their home.

Nieves spends three days a week in the Juvenile Accountability Office in Madison and also assists with the Madison County Diversion Program. During our meetings Nieves is available to meet with Spanish speaking families with clarity and integrity. Nieves is able to explain the Diversion Program to the family and verbalize with the parents as to what other concerns or problems they may be experiencing. Prior to this position being filled the Diversion Officers were only able to communicate with the parents through the youth, who were not always truthful in relaying information from their parents to the Diversion Officer.

Nieves has also spent time assisting at the Norfolk Junior High working with youth who are having trouble in school or with personal behaviors. Nieves will continue to attend meetings with the youth, their parents and school administration and a voluntary plan will be put into place in attempt to control the behaviors and to prevent the youth from entering the Juvenile Justice System.

In 2014 Nieves assisted the Juvenile Accountability Office in facilitating an Independent Living Class for 12 girls. The girls learned how to fill out applications and were able to practice with local business in doing mock interviews. The girls also learned about finances, looking for your own place to live and how to keep a home. The most exciting class was when Nieves taught the girls to cook, making Italian food that was amazing.

Nieves will continue to assist the Juvenile Accountability Office when youth have been placed on conditions through the court and/or a truancy case when the parents do not speak English.

Permission was given to the Crime Commission to re-print photos. The Madison County Bi-lingual JAO is funded through the Juvenile Services Grant # 13-JS-418.



Executive Summary

In FY 2013/2014, the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice (NCJJ) and Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice (Nebraska Crime Commission) reviewed and made recommendations on applications requesting funding, **awarding grants for a total of \$4,158,654** in state and federal funds.

The Coalition and the Nebraska Crime Commission are proud to highlight accomplishments from July 1, 2013– June 30, 2014. The projects listed herein were funded by the State of Nebraska and Federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention grant funds administered by the Nebraska Crime Commission.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES PROVIDED IN FY 2013/2014

Grant	Programs Serviced	Amount Awarded
FY 2013 State Juvenile Services	30	\$587,812
FY 2013/2014 Community-Based Aid	67	\$3,000,000
FY 2012 Juvenile Accountability Block Grant	7	\$230,842
FY 2012 Title II	11	\$340,000

Grant Overviews

Juvenile Accountability Block Grant

Lancaster County JABG Grant: \$12,474.00

Funds were used to hire a part-time attorney, project hire- employment assistance for youth, and the POWER program to reduce truancies.

Contact: Sara Hoyle, 555 S. 10th St. Ste. 107, Lincoln, NE 68510 (402) 441-7204

SHoyle@lincoln.ne.gov

Omaha/Douglas County JABG Phase 15: 60,000.00

Funds were used to bring together state and local juvenile justice agencies within Douglas County. The agencies include the Juvenile Assessment Center, Heartland Victim Empathy Group and the Concord Mediation Center Victim Offender Program.

Contact: Gail Braun, 1819 Farnam Street, Ste 300, Omaha, NE 68183 (402) 444-5286

gbraun@ci.omaha.ne.us

Sarpy County Juvenile Justice Center: \$ 12,469.00

Funds were used to bring two class facilitators for facilitation of the Project Reality Navigator Program. Funds were also used for wellness classes, and other life skills programs for youth.

Contact: Lisa Haire, 1210 Golden Gate Drive, Papillion, NE 68046 (402) 593-1565

lhaire@sarpy.com

Hall County HCJS Improvement: \$ 20,000.00

Money was used to fund a full-time Juvenile Diversion Officer for Hall County. Diversion Officer is currently facilitating youth programs, working with referring agencies, and assess risk levels to better serve youth of Hall County.

Contact: Clay Schutz, 117 East 1st Street, Grand Island, NE 68801 (308) 385-6216

clay.schutz@nebraska.gov

Grant Overviews

Juvenile Accountability Block Grant

Horizon Recovery and Counseling Center: \$ 36,923.00

Funds were used for a Juvenile Intensive Outpatient Treatment Center that offers IOP and OP services. This program also offers day treatment, early intervention, and aftercare services for adolescents aged 12-18.

Contact: Dan Rutt, 835 S. Burlington, Ste 115, Hastings NE 68901 (402) 462-2066
dan@horizonrecoverycenter.com

JDAI Statewide Coordinator: \$ 27,075.00

These funds were used for a JDAI Statewide Coordinator who works to help build and sustain community collaboration through proper community representation and relationships. These funds helped develop and validate objective criteria and a risk assessment instrument to ensure un-biased detention admissions decisions.

Contact: Corey Steel, 521 South 14th Street, Rm. 220, Lincoln, NE 68508 (402) 471-4976
corey.steel@nebraska.gov

UNO Statewide Data Collection: \$ 27,050.00

Funds were used for the web-enabled Juvenile Diversion Case Management Project which enhances data collection, data sharing and accountability. This system also establishes and maintains interagency information-sharing programs.

Contact: Ann Fruhling, 6001 Dodge Street- PKI 280 A, Omaha, NE 68182 (402) 554-4968
afruhling@unomaha.edu

Grant Overviews

Title II

Lancaster County– Indian Center: \$ 41,000

Funds were used to hire a full time youth coordinator who continues to work with Lincoln Public Schools to coordinate programs for youth.

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SHoyle@lincoln.ne.gov

Lancaster County-Golden Warriors: \$ 21,539.00

The Latino Youth Intervention and Prevention Program addresses the priority of reducing the overrepresentation of Latino males in the juvenile justice system by offering a program that focuses on Latino empowerment, positive role models, and parental involvement through family support groups.

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Sarpy County Juvenile Justice Center: \$ 33,553.00

Funds were used for the Sarpy County Sheriff Juvenile Services Truancy Program including three part-time truancy staff to monitor the program focusing on absenteeism and truancy contributing to failing grades, criminal behavior, alcohol and drug usage .

Contact: Lisa Haire, 1210 Golden Gate Drive, Papillion, NE 68406 (402) 593-1565

lhaire@sarpy.com

Sarpy County Juvenile Justice Center: \$ 25,000.00

Funds were used for the Sarpy County Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative. The Juvenile Justice Center in collaboration with the Annie E. Casey Foundation is working to analyze system inefficiencies and ineffective policies in order to implement reforms in the overall juvenile justice system in Sarpy County.

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Grant Overviews

Title II

Nebraska Crime Commission: \$ 69,909.00

These funds are used to fund the Juvenile Specialist DMC Coordinator who facilitates Nebraska's compliance with all four core requirements of the JJDP Act and monitor secure and non-secure facilities across the state.

Contact: Lisa Stamm, PO BOX 94946, Lincoln, NE 68509 (402) 471-3687

lisa.stamm@nebraska.gov

Douglas County Board of Commissioners: \$ 36,583.00

Funds were used for the Juvenile Alternative to Detention program which offers early mental health assessments, behavioral health, and truancy awareness.

Contact: Chris Rodgers, 1819 Farnam Street, Omaha, NE 68183 (402) 444-7025

crodgers@douglascounty-ne.gov

Lancaster County-Sudanese Advocate Project: \$ 23,650.00

Funds were used to assist ongoing efforts across Lancaster County to strengthen Sudanese families and reduce delinquent and violent behavior in Sudanese youth. The funds were used to support two part-time advocates, supplies, mileage, and youth activities.

Contact: Sara Hoyle, 555 S. 10th St. Ste. 107, Lincoln, NE 68510 (402) 441-7204

SHoyle@lincoln.ne.gov

Girls Inc. (Girls with Futures): \$ 33,572.00

Funds were used for the Girls with Futures program which is an evidence based gender specific program offering preventative and activities for the targeted age group of 10-17. Contact: Roberta Wilhelm, 2811 N. 45th St, Omaha, NE 68104 (402) 457-4676.

rwilhelm@girlsincomaha.org

Grant Overviews

Title II

Seward County: \$ 23,665.00

Funds were used for the Seward County truancy program which focuses on early identification of children of all ages that are at risk of court involvement for truancy.

Contact: Denise Janssen, 322 S. 14th St, Seward, NE 68434 (402) 643-3055

sewardcountydiversion@gmail.com

Douglas County: \$ 48,750.00

Funds were used for the Truancy Diversion Program Enhancement which is intended to increase awareness of truancy and decrease its incidence through a combined effort between schools, service providers, and law enforcement.

Contact: Ashley Strader, 1819 Farnam St, Omaha, NE 68183 (402) 444-1782

Ashley.strader@dc4dc.com

Sherman County Prevention Coalition: \$ 17,819.00

Funds were used for the Sherman County Diversion program. The goal of this program is to offer juvenile pre-trial diversion to all individuals referred by the Sherman County Attorney in order to prevent first time offenders from progressing through the legal system.

Contact Kris Hervert, PO Box 391, Loup City, NE 68853 (308) 745-0127

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Grant Overviews

Juvenile Services

Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska, Inc.: \$ 8,750.00

Funds were used for the Five County Juvenile Diversion Program. Providing pre-trial juvenile services for Dundy, Furnas, Hayes, Hitchcock and Red Willow counties.

Contact: Dave Lund, 120 E. 12th St, North Platte, NE 69101 (308) 532-0587

dlund@lfsneb.org

People United For Families– Rockets After School Program: \$ 16,405.00

Funds were used for the Rockets after School Program to provide after school activities for local children in a safe and supervised setting.

Contact: Jacki Schmitz, 917 Wildwood Lane STE H, Nebraska City, NE 68410 (402)

873-6343 puffnc@windstream.net

People United For Families: \$ 6,250.00

Funds were used for the Otoe County CASA program which offers trained CASA advocates who speak in juvenile court for the best interests of children involved with abuse/neglect cases in Otoe County.

Contact: Jacki Schmitz, 917 Wildwood Lane STE H, Nebraska City, NE 68410 (402)

873-6343

puffnc@windstream.net

Sherman County Prevention Coalition: \$ 15,000.00

Funds were used for maintaining the current after school and summer school program. This program is intended to reduce behavioral problems for youth as well as Juvenile Delinquency.

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Grant Overviews

Juvenile Services

City of Omaha– Omaha Street School: \$ 20,680.00

Funds were utilized for the program Future Focus. This program focuses on addressing truancy, mental/behavioral health, early assessment, Juvenile Re-integration, youth violence, and DMC in the Omaha area.

Contact: Gail Braun, 1819 Farnam Street, Ste 300, Omaha, NE 68183 (402) 444-5286
gbraun@ci.omaha.ne.us

CASA of South Central Nebraska: \$ 23,375.00

These funds were used for the S.T.A.R.S. program (Strategic Targeted Attendance Reporting System). This program works with students in grades K-12 in Adams County with truancy and chronic absenteeism.

Contact Amy Swayze, 1100 West 14h St, Hastings, NE 68901 (402) 469-5744
aswayze@esu9.org

City of Omaha, Office of the Mayor– ENCAP: \$ 30,500.00

Eastern Nebraska Community Action’s ENCAP mission is to eliminate the causes of poverty by strengthening individuals, families and communities through self-sufficiency initiatives in Douglas and Sarpy counties.

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Madison County– Bilingual JAO: \$ 18,138

Funds were used to hire a bilingual diversion officer to better serve the non-English speaking community of Madison County. The goal is to improve communication between Diversion officers, parents, and youth for a successful outcome.

Contact: Sherry Peterson, P.O. BOX 269, Madison, NE 68748 (402) 454-3311
speterson@madisoncountyne.com

Grant Overviews

Juvenile Services

Kids Plus Inc. \$ 22,500.00

These funds were used for the support of the No Limits after school and summer camp programs as well as the implementation of the ALL STARS prevention program for Middle and High school students.

Contact Cassie Challburg, PO Box 296 Sidney, NE 69162

cdchallburg@hotmail.com

Girl Scouts Spirit of Nebraska: \$ 30,000.00

Funds were utilized for an after school prevention program for middle and high school girls in underserved areas of Omaha addressing sexual activity, self-esteem, issues of crimes committed during peak after-school hours, leadership building, and truancy.

Contact: Lisa Hiatt; 2121 S. 44th St, Omaha, NE, 68105 (402) 476-7539

lhiatt@girlscoutsnebraska.org

Area Substance & Alcohol Abuse Prevention (ASAAP): \$ 41,750.00

Funds were used for Youth Leadership/Mentoring services through ASAAP. Services address caring school climate, youth as resources, school boundaries, positive peer pressure, and resistance skills. Contact: Scott Stempter; 835 S. Burlington Ave Ste# 114, Hastings, NE 68901 (402) 463-0524

scott@asaap-ne.org

Madison County– Diversion Program: \$ 5,940.00

Funds were used for the Alternatives Youth Diversion Education Program. To facilitate an education program to youth in the tri-county area in hopes of preventing drug and alcohol abuse and increasing the chances of youth having healthy relationships.

Contact: Sherry Peterson, P.O. BOX 269, Madison, NE 68748 (402) 454-3311

speterson@madisoncountyne.com

Grant Overviews

Juvenile Services

Otoe County: \$ 8,250.00

Funds were used for the Otoe County CARE (Children at Risk Education Program) Program. This program is offered to at least 12 juveniles per year who might otherwise be placed in a juvenile detention facility in another community.

Contact: Jacki Schmitz, 917 Wildwood Lane, Ste H, Nebraska City, NE 68410 (402) 873-6343 puffnc@windstream.net

GLW Children's Council, Inc: \$ 22,150.00

Funds were used for the GLW Diversion Program to establish an effective alternative method to detention.

Contact: Trisha Crandall, 455 Grand Avenue POB 310, Burwell, NE 68823 (308) 346-4284 tlc@nctc.net

Saunders County: \$ 18,050.00

Funds were used for CASA (Court appointed special advocate) which offers trained CASA advocates who speak in juvenile court for the best interests of children involved with abuse/neglect cases in Saunders County.

Contact: Pam Lausterer, 354 West 4th St, Wahoo, NE 68066 (402) 443-8169
plausterer@co.saunders.ne.us

Region 3 Behavioral Health Services: \$ 17,500.00

These funds were used for a Buffalo County Juvenile Facilitator. The facilitator conducts intervention programs that would be accessible by several agencies.

Contact Kay Glidden, PO Box 2555, Kearney, NE 68848 (308) 237-5113
kglidden@region3.net

Grant Overviews

Juvenile Services

Lancaster County– Destination Dad: \$ 19,757.00

Funds were used for the Destination Dad Program. This program allows incarcerated fathers the opportunity to participate in sessions to learn parenting skills and develop a re-entry plan to connect with their children which is the final step upon re-entry.

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Lancaster County– The Artist Inside: \$ 8,000.00

Funds were used for the program “The Artist Inside”. This program adds art to the curriculum at youth detention centers. This program utilizes a strengths based approach to help youth attain success and self-confidence in other academic subjects.

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City of Omaha; Office of the Mayor– AAYLDE: \$ 16,875.00

Funds were utilized for the African American Youth Leadership Development Experience program. This program draws on culturally relevant principles of Kwanzaa to help youth affected by the juvenile justice system.

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City of Omaha; Office of the Mayor– Teen Girls Chat: \$ 13,535.00

Funds were utilized for the Teen Girls Chat; Real Life Situations program. This program offers guidance for youth in developing positive health planning and decision-making strategies.

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Grant Overviews

Juvenile Services

Lancaster County- BUILD: \$ 11,500.00

The funds were used for BUILD (Building Up Interdependence and Leadership Development). This program provides 15-20 youth with counseling services in a group setting.

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Lancaster County– Children in Shelter Project: \$ 14,000.00

Funds were used for the Children in Shelter Project Enhancement program. This program offers services to children and youth through the Friendship home to decrease truancy, runaways, and over-representation of minorities in the Juvenile Justice System.

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Sherman County Prevention Coalition– Trojans after School Program: \$ 10,000.00

Funds were used for the Trojans after school program. The focus is to develop an after school program in Litchfield Elementary School and monitor the outcomes of the program through evaluation.

Contact Kris Hervert, PO Box 391, Loup City, NE 68853 (308) 745-0127

krishervert@yahoo.com

City of Omaha, Office of the Mayor– Completely Kids: \$ 50,000.00

Funds were used to develop youth and their families through out of school time and family strengthening programs in communities where they live. Services address youth violence and youth therapy services to diminish risk factors.

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gbraun@ci.omaha.ne.us

Grant Overviews

Juvenile Services

City of Omaha, Nebraska: GOALS: \$ 50,500.00

The Goals Center objective in conjunction with the School Districts is to reduce the number of truancy referrals to the Douglas County Attorney by reaching out to students and families who are at risk of being referred to the County Attorney.

Contact: Gail Braun, 1819 Farnam Street, Ste 300, Omaha, NE 68183 (402) 444-5286

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City of Omaha; Office of the Mayor: \$ 3,543.00

Funds were utilized for the Noble Youth Seminars for Young Men. This program offers a 12 week seminar that offers education to young Latino men between ages of 14-18 who are at risk.

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Lancaster County– Cedars Weekend Reporting Center: \$ 10,000.00

Funds are being utilized to support a weekend reporting center. The Cedars reporting center is providing the weekend service. The goal is to reduce the citations and poor choices that occur on weekends by youth.

Contact: Sara Hoyle, 555 S. 10th St. Ste. 107, Lincoln, NE 68510 (402) 441-7204

SHoyle@lincoln.ne.gov

Lancaster County– Back on Track: \$36,200.00

Funds were used for the HUB-Central Access point for young adults in Lincoln. The HUB serves youth ages 16-24 in the areas of Education, employment, housing, mental health and community involvement.

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Grant Overviews

Juvenile Services

Scottsbluff Detention Center-Equine Assisted Learning: \$ 31,164.00

Funds were used for the Equine Assisted Learning program which offers an alternative method to traditional counseling/therapy methods used in dealing with troubled youth by utilizing an experiential approach.

Contact: Veronica Camarillo, 2522 7th St, Gering, NE 69341 (308) 436-7300,
vcamarillo@scottsbluffcounty.org

Banister's Leadership Academy- \$ 15,000.00

Funds were utilized for the Youth Advocacy Leadership Teen Empowerment Program. Assessments are conducted for families and youth on a monthly basis based off the 12 pillars of Leadership, 40 Assets of Development, grades, attendance, and behaviors at home/school/programs.

Contact: Akile Banister, P.O. Box 31512, Omaha NE 68131 (402) 991-9930
abanister@blaomaha.org

Sherman County Prevention Coalition– Youth Coordinator: \$ 7,500.00

Funds were utilized for a youth coordinator to work with the after school program in Loup City. This is the only after school program in Sherman County and continues to serve children and youth during high risk hours.

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