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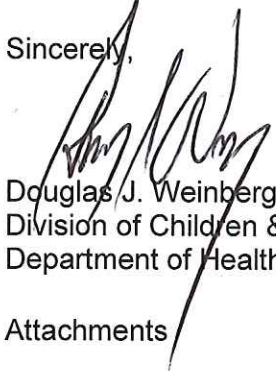
Patrick O'Donnell, Clerk of the Legislature
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Dear Mr. O'Donnell,

Nebraska Statute 43-405 (5) & (6) requires the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Juvenile Services to submit an annual report to the Legislature and to the Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee describing an assessment of the administrative costs of operating the facilities, the cost of programming, the savings realized through reductions in commitments, placements, evaluations and information regarding collaborations.

I am submitting this report to fulfill these requirements for Calendar SFY 2013/2014. Please note that there is included within the Office of Juvenile Services Report an Executive Summary of the Annual Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center annual reports. Included within the Office of Juvenile Services report is a link that can be accessed to review the YRTCs full annual report.

Sincerely,



Douglas J. Weinberg, Director
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Department of Health and Human Services

Attachments

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Department of Health and Human Services
Office of Juvenile Services
Annual Legislative Report
SFY 2014/2015

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HISTORY AND STRUCTURE OF OJS

The Nebraska Legislature created the Office of Juvenile Services (OJS) effective July 1, 1994 for purpose of providing; individualized supervision, care, accountability and treatment to juveniles' adjudicated delinquent by Nebraska courts. The YRTCs and Juvenile Parole had been under the direction of the Department of Correctional Services (DCS) since the early 1980s. Following the creation of OJS in 1994, OJS remained connected to the Department of Correctional Services (DCS) for the next 3 years primarily to access support services. The OJS Administrator was a Governor appointed position. On July 1, 1997, the Legislature, pursuant to the Health and Human Services, Office of Juvenile Services Act, placed the Office of Juvenile Services under a newly formed Health and Human Services System within the DHHS, Office of Protection and Safety.

In 2007 the Health and Human Services System was re-organized into what is currently known as the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). OJS is located within the Division of Children and Family Services. In 2007 legislation passed that changed the appointment of the OJS Administrator from the Governor to the Department's Chief Executive Officer.

In 2013 the Legislature passed LB 561, which was signed into law by the Governor with an effective date of May 30, 2013. LB 561 made major revisions to DHHS-OJS statutes and provisions. A transition period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 required many different portions of the new legislation be implemented in incremental phases. DHHS-OJS community based budget and approximately 1,500 court adjudicated delinquent and status offender juveniles were to be transferred to the Administrative Office of Probation by July 1, 2014.

In 2014 the Legislature passed LB 464, which made additional clarifications and modifications to the juvenile justice system in Nebraska.

While the full intent of the previously mentioned laws was to transition youth from within HHS and/or OJS who were before the courts on either a Status Offense or Delinquency docket to Probation, some youth for varying reasons remained with HHS and/or OJS until permanency could be achieved. **This report does not include information on youth in Status Offense cases, as those youth are within the protection and safety system within child welfare and not the Office of Juvenile Services.** The Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers continue to be operated by DHHS-OJS.

For additional information about the Office of Juvenile Services, Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers, and transition work with Probation, Deputy Director Tony Green can be reached at; tony.green@nebraska.gov or phone 402-471-8403.

MISSION

The mission of OJS is to provide individualized supervision, care, accountability and treatment to juveniles age 18 and younger in a manner consistent with community safety.

PURPOSE AND TOPICS

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 43-405(6) this OJS annual report is to provide a comprehensive report on the Office of Juvenile Services (OJS) from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. The report includes data on juvenile populations served by OJS in the Service Areas and at the YRTC's as well as information regarding programming and operation costs as follows:

- OJS Juvenile Definitions
- OJS Program 250 Budget and Expenditures
- OJS Community-based Programming and Costs
- OJS Evaluations and Assessments
- OJS Department of Correctional Services & Community Collaborations
- Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers (YRTC)

WHERE THE DATA COMES FROM

Data provided has been extracted from information that is entered into the Children and Family Services information system known as N-FOCUS (Nebraska Family Online Client User System). Data has also been obtained directly from the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center data system.

OJS Juvenile Definitions

To assist in understanding this report the following definitions describe the OJS juvenile population of state wards by their level of commitment to the Department of Health and Human Services-Office of Juvenile Services (DHHS-OJS). Changes in Nebraska law in 2013 that resulted in the transition of court adjudicated juvenile delinquents and status offenders from DHHS to Probation Administration have altered some of the definitions below.

- A. **Direct Commitment for Community Supervision:** Until LB 561 changed OJS statutes, community supervision was defined as “the control, supervision, and care exercised over juveniles committed to the Office of Juvenile Services when a commitment to the level of a youth rehabilitation and treatment center has not been ordered by the court”. The OJS population was referred to as “direct commitments”. Up until October 1, 2013 these juveniles were ordered by the court to OJS for either an in-home or out-of-home placement in the community that could provide appropriate supervision and services that meet juvenile’s individual needs while also ensuring community safety. Direct Commits were supervised in the community under Conditions of Liberty (a behavior contract that identifies the rules and special conditions with which the juvenile must comply while under supervision). A judicial review was required for approval of placement changes and discharges from the OJS system for direct commitments. Since July 1, 2013 the direct commitment for community supervision juvenile population has been transitioning from DHHS-OJS to Probation Administration. Supervision and services are provided by probation officers in cases where the juvenile court entered a new dispositional order. DHHS-OJS continues to provide direct commit community supervision for cases that did not transfer to probation.
- B. **Commitment to a YRTC:** Juveniles who have been court ordered to the Office of Juvenile Services for placement at a YRTC.
- C. **Recommitment to a YRTC:** When a juvenile has previously been committed by the court to the YRTC, is back in the community and commits a new law violation or violates the terms and conditions of their probation and is then recommitted by the court to the YRTC on the new law violation and technical violation.
- D. **Parole:** Parole is defined in state statute as “a conditional release of a juvenile from a youth rehabilitation and treatment center to aftercare or transferred to Nebraska for parole supervision by way of interstate compact”. Juveniles on parole were commonly referred to as parolees. Juveniles on parole sign Conditions of Liberty agreements prior to release from a YRTC. Juveniles that complete parole successfully are discharged administratively by DHHS-OJS. Those that violated their parole may have their parole revoked by means of a DHHS-OJS administrative hearing process and returned to an YRTC. Note that juveniles committed to a YRTC after October 1, 2013 are released back to the community on Probation rather than Parole.
- E. **Both OJS and DHHS Wards:** Juveniles that are dual adjudicated by the court.

OJS Program 250 Budget and Expenditures for FY2015

NOTE: Funding for Program budgets 345 and 364 transferred from DHHS-OJS to Probation Administration on July 1, 2013. Youth who remained with DHHS-OJS beyond July 2013 had some of their expenses incurred into Program 354 in the Child Welfare program.

- A. **Program 250:** The overall budget of the Office of Juvenile Services (OJS) is identified as Program 250. Appropriations made by the Nebraska Legislature for Program 250 are allocated to specific programs for OJS as follows:
- B. **Program 315:** Provides salaries and benefits for DHHS-OJS central office staff which consists of the Deputy Director and Program Specialist. Program 315 supports operating costs that include, but not limited to the following:
1. Administration of the Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ) and Annual Dues;
 2. Oversight of the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers at Kearney and Geneva (YRTC's);
 3. Development of Administrative Regulations and Operational Memorandum for the YRTC's for American Correctional Association Accreditation;
 4. Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators, Performance Based Standards fee for data collection and evaluation of the YRTC's;
 5. Legal services for juvenile parolees during Parole Revocation Hearings and juveniles committed to a YRTC who are interviewed by law enforcement as a suspect in a criminal law violation;
 6. Administering the determination of revoking a juvenile's parole;
 7. Development of and defining regulations and procedures for OJS;
 8. Special projects as requested by the Director of Children and Family Services; and
 9. Continuing education, training and travel expenses for Central Office Staff and
 10. Monitoring OJS budget
- C. **Program 345:** Provides juvenile community-based services and programs that address community safety, youth accountability, treatment and rehabilitation. The provision of these services and programs are the responsibility of the Service Area Administrators. Services are contracted for with private sector service providers. However secure detention is contracted for and monitored by OJS Central Office staff. **NOTE: Program 345 closed with the exception of maintaining some funds for past years payments at the end of SFY 2013. This program also sustained costs from SFY14' that were paid in SFY15'.**
- D. **Program 371:** Supports the operation of the YRTC at Geneva, Nebraska. Provides for the supervision, care and treatment of female juvenile offenders committed to the facility by the court or pursuant to parole revocation.
- E. **Program 374:** Supports the operation of the YRTC at Kearney, Nebraska. Provides for the supervision, care and treatment of female juvenile offenders committed to the facility by the court or pursuant to parole revocation.

YTD Expenditures As of June 30, 2015												
										Percent of Year Elapsed		100.00%
										Biweekly Percent		100.00%
PSL Summary												
Program	Program Title	Total Budgeted PSL	PSL YTD Expenditures	Percent Expended	Budgeted Benefits	YTD Benefits	Percent Benefits Expended	Operations Budget	YTD Operations Expenditures	Percent Operations Expended	Total Budgeted	Total YTD Expenditures
315	OJS Admin	251,680	212,176	84.30%	68,420	51,489	77.52%	73,039	30,284	41.46%	391,139	293,950
345	Community Base	-	-	-	-	-	-	260,657	8,123	3.12%	260,657	8,123
364	Parole	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
371	Geneva YRTC	4,294,081	3,940,122	91.76%	1,697,409	1,510,170	88.97%	1,907,197	1,493,400	78.30%	7,898,687	6,943,692
374	Kearney YRTC	7,127,129	6,367,132	89.34%	2,638,500	2,367,042	89.71%	2,654,186	2,494,959	94.00%	12,419,815	11,229,132
250	Total OJS	\$ 11,672,890	\$ 10,519,430	90.12%	\$ 4,402,329	\$ 3,928,701	89.24%	\$ 4,895,079	\$ 4,026,766	82.26%	\$ 20,970,298	\$ 18,474,897
Budget by Fund Source												
Program	Program Title	Budget General Funds	General Fund Expenditures	YTD % General Fund Expended	Budget Cash Funds	Cash Funds Expenditures	YTD % Cash Fund Expended	Budget Federal Funds	Federal Funds Expenditures	YTD % Federal Fund Expended	Total Budgeted	Total FY15 Expenditures
315	OJS Admin	391,139	293,950	75.15%	-	-	-	-	-	-	391,139	293,950
345	Community Base	260,657	8,123	3.12%	-	-	-	-	-	-	260,657	8,123
364	Parole	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
371	Geneva YRTC	7,636,859	6,755,400	88.46%	105,796	94,374	89.20%	156,032	93,918	60.19%	7,898,687	6,943,692
374	Kearney YRTC	11,024,270	9,925,285	90.03%	979,584	947,919	96.77%	415,961	355,928	85.57%	12,419,815	11,229,132
250	Total OJS	\$ 19,312,925	\$ 16,982,758	87.93%	\$ 1,085,380	\$ 1,042,293	96.03%	\$ 571,993	\$ 449,846	78.65%	\$ 20,970,298	\$ 18,474,897

Fiscal Year 2015 chart comparisons to Fiscal Year 2013:

- DHHS-OJS total expenditures decreased \$9,317,771.93 or 34%
- Expenditures primarily decreased in Community Based Services and Parole categories
- OJS Administration Expenditures decreased \$25,446.18 or 8%
- Community Based Services Expenditures decreased by \$9,409,680.58 or 99.9%
- Parole Expenditures decreased \$178,164.30 or 100%
- Geneva YRTC Expenditures decreased \$103,365.86 or 2%
- Kearney YRTC Expenditures increased \$398,884.99 or 4%

Community-Based Programming and Costs

In SFY 2014 funding for community-based services was transferred to Probation Administration from DHHS. Probation Administration, in collaboration with DHHS-OJS, is now responsible for the development and application of services for delinquent juveniles and status offenders. In previous years the services listed below were routinely offered to juvenile delinquents committed to DHHS-OJS. Services fall under three main categories: a) Supervision Services; b) Out-of-Home Services; and c) Other Services which include In-Home Services. The services listed below are not reflective of all services offered by the Department of Health and Human Services.

- A. **Supervision Services:** The types of services listed below are designed to hold juveniles accountable for their unlawful conduct, manage their problem behaviors and provide the assistance/services needed to meet the goals in his/her case plan while maintaining community safety.
1. **Home Based Supervision:** The assigned Juvenile Service Officer visits the home and school regularly to monitor and manage the juvenile's movement, behaviors and progress.
 2. **Tracker Services:** Provided by private contractors for the purpose of enhancing supervision and support to the juveniles. The tracker is responsible for monitoring behavior, mentoring, crisis intervention and assisting the juvenile in meeting goals in his/her case plan.
 3. **Electronic Monitoring:** This is the use of electronic equipment (ankle bracelet) for intensive supervision of juveniles whose freedom of movement within the community is restricted and monitored electronically. This is provided by private contractors.
 4. **Urinalysis Testing:** This is used as a means to detect the use of illegal drugs by juveniles or deter such use while under community supervision. Testing can be done either on site through the use of "preliminary" urinalysis test equipment, or at a lab through use of "confirmatory" test procedures.
 5. **Commercial Transportation:** A service provided by private contractors for the secure or non-secure transportation of OJS juvenile delinquents.
- B. **Out-of-Home Services:** These services are designed to meet the placement and treatment needs of delinquent juveniles. In some cases juveniles are unable to return home due to the absence of family or home conditions which are not conducive to the success of the youth. At other times juveniles may need temporary removal from the home due to behavioral issues, family crisis, violations of the Conditions of Liberty or the need for mental health or substance abuse in-patient treatment.
1. **Agency Based Foster Care:** Is defined as residential services in individual foster homes, supported by a private agency.
 2. **Emergency Shelter Center:** A facility to support juveniles and families experiencing a crisis that requires removing the juvenile from the home and placing him/her into a safe, secure facility with 24-hour supervisory staff. This is a short term placement that should last no longer than 30 days.
 3. **Group Home Care:** A residential service in a group setting with 24-hour supervision.
 4. **Therapeutic Group Home:** Home-like setting in the community with services provided under the direction of a psychiatrist or psychologist. Utilized by youth requiring 24/7 intensive level of care/supervision in an environment that treats mental health, substance abuse, sex offending or dual diagnosis (MH/SA) issues.
 5. **Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF):** PRTF's are Medicaid approved residential facilities that are available to juveniles when it is determined during the initial evaluation or subsequent reviews that treatment is necessary (Magellan) to address mental health/substance abuse issues. The PRTF provides 24-hour inpatient care in a highly structured, closely supervised environment.
 6. **Detention:** Temporary holding of an OJS adjudicated delinquent in a locked or staff-secure detention facility.
- C. **Other Services which includes those utilized In-home:** In addition to the services listed under Supervision Services above, there are **other types of services** available that are utilized for youth placed in the home or out of the home which includes, but not limited to, the following:
1. **Day Reporting Centers:** Private contractor provides supervision and structured programming Monday through Saturday during certain hours of the day.

2. Intensive Family Preservation: Services provided in the family home which focus on improvement of family functioning in the form of family therapy, parenting, communication, behavioral management, etc.
3. Family Support Services: Services provided to build skill in parents/caretakers or to the youth to control behaviors.

The following charts show the over-all cost of community-based services for OJS juveniles, by funding source and costs by Service Area.

NOTE: This does not include the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers or youth who have Status Offenses.

Medicaid dollars are not included.

Expenditures for OJS Juveniles SFY 15	
Supervision Services	\$428,616.84
Out of Home Services	\$2,305,879.38
Other Services	\$536,860.06
Total	\$3,271,356.28

Expenditures by Service Area SFY 15	
CENTRAL	\$362,415.58
EASTERN	\$800,354.25
NORTHERN	\$760,823.45
SOUTHEAST	\$1,162,400.05
WESTERN	\$185,362.95
Total	\$3,271,356.28

Expenditures by Funding Source SFY 15				
	Child Welfare	IV-E	Office of Juvenile Services	Total
Supervision Services	\$76,505.44	\$0.00	\$352,111.40	\$428,616.84
Out of Home Services	\$2,007,868.15	\$121,927.99	\$176,083.24	\$2,305,879.38
Other Services	\$107,519.58	\$195.00	\$429,145.48	\$536,860.06
Total	\$2,191,893.17	\$122,122.99	\$957,340.12	\$3,271,356.28

Expenditures by Service Area and Funding Source				
SFY 15				
	Child Welfare	IV-E	Office of Juvenile Services	Grand Total
CENTRAL				
Supervision Services	\$12,061.31	\$0.00	\$67,404.86	\$79,466.17
Out of Home Services	\$237,781.67	\$2,756.15	\$29,081.52	\$269,619.34
Other Services	\$1,921.39	\$0.00	\$11,408.68	\$13,330.07
EASTERN				
Supervision Services	\$12,760.70	\$0.00	\$122,264.56	\$135,025.26
Out of Home Services	\$458,736.29	\$61,805.85	\$35,089.84	\$555,631.98
Other Services	\$21,437.93	\$135.00	\$88,124.08	\$109,697.01
NORTHERN				
Supervision Services	\$1,760.33	\$0.00	\$36,309.39	\$38,069.72
Out of Home Services	\$524,631.22	\$0.00	\$31,174.74	\$555,805.96
Other Services	\$68,184.57	\$0.00	\$98,763.20	\$166,947.77
SOUTHEAST				
Supervision Services	\$48,033.92	\$0.00	\$109,646.30	\$157,680.22
Out of Home Services	\$738,941.10	\$34,465.49	\$77,759.14	\$851,165.73
Other Services	\$14,650.05	\$60.00	\$138,844.05	\$153,554.10
WESTERN				
Supervision Services	\$1,889.18	\$0.00	\$16,486.29	\$18,375.47
Out of Home Services	\$47,777.87	\$22,900.50	\$2,978.00	\$73,656.37
Other Services	\$1,325.64	\$0.00	\$92,005.47	\$93,331.11
Total	\$2,191,893.17	\$122,122.99	\$957,340.12	\$3,271,356.28

Demographics of Youth Served

The below tables show the number and types state wards served in SFY 2015 by category, service area, age, race/ethnicity and gender. There has been 899 fewer juveniles served by DHHS-OJS in these categories from SFY 2014 to SFY2015 as cases were transitioned to Probation Administration.

Youth Served During SFY 15	
Delinquency Only	381
Delinquency & Status Offender	46
Delinquency & Abuse/Neglect	33
Delinquency & Mentally Ill/Dangerous	1
Total	461

Youth Served During SFY 15 by Service Area

	Central	Eastern	Northern	Southeast	Western	State
Delinquency Only	83	88	72	70	68	381
Delinquency & Status Offender	0	16	3	25	2	46
Delinquency & Abuse/Neglect	3	14	3	12	1	33
Delinquency & Mentally Ill/Dangerous	1	0	0	0	0	1
Grand Total	87	118	78	107	71	461

Youth Served During SFY 15 by Age

Adjudications	13 Years Old	14 Years Old	15 Years Old	16 Years Old	17 Years Old	18 Years Old	Total
Delinquency Only	1	20	50	86	124	100	381
Delinquency & Status Offender	1	2	4	11	18	10	46
Delinquency & Abuse/Neglect	0	0	3	9	7	14	33
Delinquency & Mentally Ill/Dangerous	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Grand Total	2	22	57	106	150	124	461

Youth Served During SFY 15 by Race/Ethnicity

	American Indian or Alaska Native (Non-Hispanic)	Asian (Non-Hispanic)	Black or African American (Non-Hispanic)	Hispanic	Multi-Racial	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Island (Non-Hispanic)	Other	Unknown	White (Non-Hispanic)	Total
Delinquency Only	17	0	60	82	17	0	8	9	188	381
Delinquency & Status Offender	5	0	11	9	6	1	0	1	13	46
Delinquency & Abuse/Neglect	1	0	10	6	2	0	0	1	13	33
Delinquency & Mentally Ill/Dangerous	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	23	0	81	98	25	1	8	11	214	461

Youth Served During SFY 15 by Gender

	Female	Male	Total
Delinquency Only	109	272	381
Delinquency & Status Offender	17	29	46
Delinquency & Abuse/Neglect	15	18	33
Delinquency & Mentally Ill/Dangerous	0	1	1
Grand Total	141	320	461

OJS Data by Service Area and Statewide

Table #1 provides the total number of juveniles supervised by OJS between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015 who resided in their natural home (in-home), compared to the number of those living in foster homes, group homes, treatment facilities, Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers or other placements away from the natural home.

Table #1		
OJS Juveniles Served During SFY 2015		
In Home	Out of Home	Total
141	320	461
31%	69%	100%

Table #2 provides where the juveniles were located geographically across the state by Service Area. This table compares the number of juveniles placed in-home versus out-of-home.

Table #2			
OJS Juveniles Served During SFY 2015			
Service Area	In Home	Out of Home	Total
Central	20	67	87
	23%	77%	100%
Eastern	34	84	118
	29%	71%	100%
Northern	30	48	78
	38%	62%	100%
Southeast	35	72	107
	33%	67%	100%
Western	22	49	71
	31%	69%	100%
State	141	320	461
	31%	69%	100%

Table #3 provides the age range of juveniles committed to OJS and whether they were living in the natural home or were placed out-of-home.

Table #3			
OJS Juveniles Served During SFY 2015			
Age	In Home	Out of Home	Total
13 Years Old	0	2	2
14 Years Old	3	19	22
15 Years Old	14	43	57
16 Years Old	26	80	106
17 Years Old	44	106	150
18 Years Old	54	70	124
Total	141	320	461

Table #4 shows out-of-home placements by type of placement.

Table #4	
Placement Types of OJS Juveniles in Out of Home Care During SFY 2015	
Relative Foster Care	10
Non-Relative Foster Care	39
Detention	141
Treatment Congregate Care	29
Other Congregate Non-Treatment Care	38
YRTC	255
Runaway	51
Hospital	19
Independent Living	20
A juvenile may have had more than one placement type during the year so these are duplicated numbers.	

Table #5 shows where juveniles were placed in out-of-home care by Service Area.

Table #5						
Placement Types of OJS Youth in Out of Home Care During SFY 2015						
Service Area	Central	Eastern	Northern	Southeast	Western	Total
Relative Foster Care	2	2	1	5	0	10
Non-Relative Foster Care	7	14	2	12	4	39
Detention	13	50	19	44	15	141
Treatment Congregate Care	8	2	10	7	2	29
Other Congregate Non-Treatment Care	3	14	6	12	3	38
YRTC	57	58	41	57	42	255
Runaway	6	24	4	16	1	51
Hospital	2	5	4	7	1	19
Independent Living	3	8	0	6	3	20
A juvenile may have had more than one placement type during the year so these are duplicated numbers.						

Evaluations and Assessments

Beginning October 1, 2013 juvenile's adjudicated for delinquency offenses were placed with Probation Administration pursuant to LB561. NFOCUS shows that OJS did not complete any Comprehensive Child and Adolescent Assessments or OJS Evaluations on youth in SFY15.

OJS & Department of Correctional Services Collaborations

The primary collaboration that has been occurring over the last several years between OJS and the Department of Correctional Services (DCS), has been surrounding the Prison Rape and Elimination Act (PREA). PREA was established at the Federal level under 28 C.F.R. Part 115.

OJS and DCS have continued to work together on implementing these Federal Regulations. OJS has established a Statewide PREA Compliance Specialist as well as local PREA Managers within each YRTC facility.

OJS will be undergoing our first PREA Audit as required in October 2015. PREA also requires under section 115.313 that each juvenile facility achieve staffing patterns at a 1:8 (staff/resident) ratio during waking hours, and a 1:16 (staff/resident) during sleeping hours. This standard must be achieved by States prior to October 1, 2017 in order to achieve compliance.

Other Community Collaborations

Today it is imperative that juvenile justice agencies and the community work together to meet the supervision, placement and treatment needs of court adjudicated delinquent juveniles. Below is a description of the collaborative work that DHHS-OJS has been involved in over the last fiscal year with public and private agencies:

As noted above, with the passage of LB561 and LB464 DHHS/OJS has been in a transitional period to transfer many of its current functions to probation (excluding YRTC's).

Additional community collaboration that DHHS/OJS engaged in during this fiscal year included:

- Lancaster County Re-Entry Grant
- Cross Over Youth Practice Model (CYPM)
- Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI)
- Greater Omaha Attendance and Learning Services (GOALS)
- Nebraska Children's Commission
- Nebraska Children's Commission – OJS Subcommittee
- Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice (NCJJ)
- Nebraska Juvenile Justice Association (NJJA)
- Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators (CJCA)
- Interstate Commission for Juveniles (ICJ)
- Justice Behavioral Health Committee
- Department of Correctional Services (DCS)
- Prison Rape and Elimination Act (PREA)
- Department of Education

Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers (YRTC)

Executive Summary

The mission of the YRTC-Geneva is to protect society by providing a safe, secure, and nurturing environment in which the juveniles who come to the facility may learn, develop a sense of self, and return to the community as productive and law abiding citizens. To accomplish this, the YRTC-Geneva provides diverse programming that responds to each juvenile's unique needs.

The mission of the YRTC-Kearney is to help juveniles' live better lives through effective services, affording juveniles the opportunity to become law abiding citizens. To accomplish this, the YRTC-Kearney provides diverse programming that responds to each juvenile's unique needs.

Upon arrival at a YRTC, juveniles enter an orientation program. Juveniles attend orientation classes, complete various assessments and screenings, and are familiarized with the YRTC program and facility rules. After orientation, juveniles are assigned a living unit. The daily routine generally includes cleaning details, participation in a school or work program, involvement in therapeutic group and individual counseling, and recreation/volunteer activities.

Each YRTC has a school accredited by the Nebraska Board of Education through a special purpose agreement. Each school setting consists of certified teachers, a school principal, a vocational counselor, a certified library aide, and a staff assistant who assist juveniles with their education throughout their stay. Juveniles at the YRTC can earn credits that transfer to their home schools, complete GED activities and even receive a high school diploma.

**YRTC-GENEVA FACT SHEET
SFY 2013, 2014 & 2015 Comparison**

	SFY2013	SFY2014	SFY2015
Rated Capacity	88	82	
Average Length of Stay	201 days 6.7 months	211 days 7.04 months	234 days 7.81 months
Average Daily Population	62	59	42
Total Admissions	110	89	65
Average Age at Admission	16.32 years	15 years	16 years
Recidivism Rate (return to facility)	23.08%	6.06%	22.39%

	Total Expenditures 2013	Total Expenditures 2014	Total Expenditures 2015	Variance SFY2013 to SFY2015
General Funds	\$6,805,452	\$7,177,133	\$6,755,400	\$(50,052)
Federal Funds	\$ 153,470	\$149,103	\$93,918	\$(59,552)
Cash Funds	\$ 88,137	\$90,550	\$94,374	\$6,237
TOTAL	\$7,047,058	\$7,416,787	6,943,692	\$103,367

2013: Per Diem Costs: \$309.23
 2014: Per Diem Costs: \$347.55
 2015: Per Diem Costs: \$442.08

Go to: http://dhhs.ne.gov/children_family_services/Pages/jus_yrtc_yrtcindex.aspx for the full SFY 2015 annual report for detailed information about the Geneva Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center.

**YRTC-KEARNEY FACT SHEET
SFY 2013, 2014 & 2015 Comparison**

	SFY2013	SFY2014	SFY2015
Rated Capacity	172	172	172
Average Length of Stay	154 days 5.1 months	204 days 6.8 months	240 days 8.0 months
Average Daily Population	160	111	98
Total Admissions	350	203	161
Average Age at Admission	16.7 years	16 years	16 years
Recidivism Rate (return to facility)	22%	17%	16%

	Total Expenditures 2013	Total Expenditures 2014	Total Expenditures 2015	Variance SFY2013 to SFY2015
General Funds	\$9,536,688	\$9,737,070	\$9,925,285	\$388,597
Federal Funds	\$403,273	\$394,521	\$355,928	(\$47,975)
Cash Funds	\$890,286	\$917,360	\$947,919	\$57,633
TOTAL	\$ 10,830,247	\$11,048,951	\$11,229,132	\$398,885

2013: Per Diem Costs: \$309.23
 2014: Per Diem Costs: \$347.55
 2015: Per Diem Costs: \$314.73

Go to: http://dhhs.ne.gov/children_family_services/Pages/jus_yrtc_yrtckindex.aspx for the full SFY 2015 Annual Legislative Report for detailed information about the Kearney Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center.

This concludes the Department of Health and Human Services' SFY 2015 annual report on the Office of Juvenile Services.