



Nebraska Children's Commission

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Dear Mr. O'Donnell:

The Nebraska Children's Commission is pleased to advance the attached Juvenile Services Committee report to the Judiciary Committee, as outlined by Neb. Rev. Stat. [§43-4203\(2\)\(b\)](#). The report was completed as a joint effort with the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice. Information included within relate to legislative reform, services for high needs youth, transition services, and youth and family engagement. The Nebraska Children's Commission reviewed and accepted this report at the August 17, 2021 meeting.

Respectfully,

Jeanne K. Brandner,
Chair, Nebraska Children's Commission

Nick Juliano, Co-Chair
Juvenile Services Committee

Deb VanDyke-Ries, Co-Chair
Juvenile Services Committee

Enclosure:

JSC and NCJJ Joint Annual Report 2021 (Final-Legislature)

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Juvenile Services Committee and Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice 2020-2021 Joint Annual Report

Recommendations to the Nebraska
Children's Commission and the
Judiciary Committee of the Legislature

Juvenile Services Committee and Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice Joint Annual Report

The Juvenile Services Committee (JSC) of the Nebraska Children’s Commission and the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice (NCJJ) present this joint report as a thoughtful contribution to the reform of juvenile justice in Nebraska and in compliance with [Neb. Rev. Stat. 43-4203](#) and [43-2412\(1\)\(b\)](#). The recommendations contained in this joint report support the ongoing juvenile justice reform efforts, and reflect a collaborative, open, and inclusive process of discussion and information sharing.

In order to enhance collaboration, coordinate initiatives, and increase the impact and efficacy of juvenile justice reform in Nebraska, the JSC and NCJJ have begun collaborating in the form of joint meetings, joint reporting, and inclusive workgroups. This collaboration will allow the most coordinated response possible for juvenile justice reform, while allowing each body to meet its statutory obligations in the most efficient way possible.

The two have divided initiatives and work based on the juvenile justice continuum of care.

These groups will work together towards juvenile justice reform and improved outcomes for Nebraska’s youth and families. Both groups remain willing to serve as a resource to the Legislature, Governor, Judicial Branch, and state agencies for any juvenile justice related issue or initiative.

MISSION AND GOAL

- 1. Mission:** Design a comprehensive, accountable, culturally competent, continuum of care in the juvenile justice system that meets the needs of families and youth while maintaining public safety.
- 2. Goal:** To work collaboratively with the executive, legislative, judicial, and county branches of government, the Nebraska Children’s Commission (Commission), and other key stakeholders to establish and support the development of the ideal Juvenile justice System that will prevent children and youth from entering or becoming more deeply involved in the juvenile justice system.



Juvenile Services Committee

Workgroups

In October of 2020, the Committee reexamined its goals and determined three new workgroups would be created: 1) Racial and Ethnic Disparities, 2) Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers and 3) Needs Assessment.

Racial and Ethnic Disparities (RED) Workgroup

A'Jamal Byndon and Stanford Bradley, Co-chairs

The RED Workgroup was established by the Committee to examine racial and ethnic disparities in the juvenile justice system and create a plan to address disparities within the scope of the Committee's purpose. Within the first few meetings, discussions centered around data, both what is currently available and what is missing. It was determined that mapping statewide system points and matching them with race and ethnicity data would be the first priority of the workgroup. The Douglas County Juvenile Justice Systems Map, located here: <https://tinyurl.com/SystemsMap>, was used as a guide as the workgroup began creating a map to be utilized statewide. While the Douglas County map is specific to their local structure and services for youth, the workgroup identified the need for a map that can be utilized statewide with all counties. Additionally, prevention and education are priorities as the map is developed. Instead of starting the map at law enforcement contact, the Workgroup will create a "pre-system" map that focuses around data on contributing factors to youth contact with the juvenile justice system. This is a key component to educating stakeholders and county teams about the factors leading up to youth's contact with the system. If we start collecting data at the point of law enforcement data, we are limited to the reactive side of the system at the point where a concern has already been identified. The pre-system intervention map developed by the Workgroup will look at the youth, family, community, and governmental factors.

Collaboration

The RED Workgroup has collaborated with the JDAI REDI Committee as well as other system partners such as the Juvenile Justice Institute, Foster Care Review Office, Probation, Voices for Children, and other key system partners.

Missing Data

Through the establishment of the workgroup, missing data has been identified as a persistent challenge in addressing racial and ethnic disparities within our system. Data is not consistently collected, analyzed, or shared by all entities who come into contact with youth. Although a collaborative data system requires both financial and time investment, it is a necessary component in addressing disparities. As a system, we cannot expect to reduce racial and ethnic disparities without a robust, transparent structure for collecting, analyzing and sharing data. Through mapping, the workgroup plans to identify specific areas of need and will release a comprehensive system graphic during the next report year.

Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers (YRTC) Workgroup

Bobbi Taylor and Rico Zavala, Co-chairs

The YRTC Workgroup was established by the Committee to reexamine our statutory charge related to the YRTC's and to assess the 5-year plan the Department of Health and Human Services submitted to the Legislature on March 15, 2021 in accordance with [§43-427](#). The Workgroup reviewed and discussed the 5-year plan and identified 3 priority areas: Youth Voice, Accreditation and Family Engagement. During the next report year, the Workgroup plans to gather additional information and plan collaboratively with DHHS and other stakeholders in order to strengthen the supports and services youth receive at the YRTC's.

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Needs Assessment Workgroup

Patrick Connell and Julie Smith, Co-chairs

The Needs Assessment Workgroup was established to assess in-state residential treatment options for youth and identify gaps to be addressed. The Workgroup is reviewing data to aid in the assessment process. During the next report year, this Workgroup plans to utilize Probation data to collect additional information related to gaps in residential treatment and to identify strategies for strengthening our system of care.

Legislative Activity

During the 107th Legislature, 1st session, a number of bills and interim studies were introduced related to the juvenile justice system.

[LB568](#) was introduced by Senator Pansing Brooks. This piece of legislation sought to address the concerning amount of youth who enter the juvenile justice system through truancy filings. Senator Pansing Brooks office worked with several groups including county attorneys to work on a compromise amendment. LB568 was named a Judiciary Committee priority and advanced through debate to Select File with several amendments.

[LB492](#) was introduced by Senator Machaela Cavanaugh. The bill would create the Nebraska Integrated Juvenile Data Governing Body, with the purpose of establishing a unified juvenile justice and child welfare data system to be managed by the Juvenile Justice Institute at the University of Nebraska Omaha. The bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee and has not been voted out of Committee.

[LB202](#) was introduced by Senator Pansing Brooks. If passed, this bill expands eligibility in the Bridge to Independence program to a select population of juvenile-adjudicated youth. LB202 was referred to the Health and Human Services Committee and has not been voted out as of the issuing of this report.

[LB428](#) was introduced by the Health and Human Services Committee. This bill was passed with an emergency clause and signed by the Governor on May 25, 2021. LB428 has several components from other YRTC related bills that were introduced this session. LB428 requires DHHS to report quarterly to the Legislature regarding the operations plan. It states that youth committed to the YRTC's are entitled to an equivalent education to other school districts across the state. DHHS is required to maintain accreditation to provide age and developmentally appropriate educational programming. Additionally, LB428 requires DHHS to contract for the completion of a needs assessment and cost analysis for the establishment of an inpatient adolescent psychiatric unit housed within the Lincoln Regional Center.

[LR25](#) was introduced by the Health and Human Services Committee and continued for a second year during this Legislative session. LR25 created the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers Special Oversight Committee of the Legislature.

COVID-19 Pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic significantly impacted the juvenile justice system and stakeholders alike during this report year. The Committee conducted several virtual meetings in addition to some in-person meetings in accordance with local Emergency Orders and the Open Meetings Act. The ability to meet virtually allowed members to stay safe and brought unique challenges. Overall, the Committee has done an excellent job continuing to focus on strengthening the juvenile justice system during uncertain times. The impact of COVID-19 will certainly be seen for many years to come. The Committee is committed to ensuring Nebraska's juvenile justice system is serving youth and families well.

Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice

*This portion of the report was reviewed by members but was not formally approved due to the lack of quorum for NCJJ at the July 2021 meeting.

The Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice (NCJJ) was created in 2000 by LB1167 and codified at [Neb. Rev. Stat. §43-2411](#) as an advisory committee to the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice (Nebraska Crime Commission). The NCJJ was formed to recommend grant recipients to the Nebraska Crime Commission; identify juvenile justice issues, share information, and monitor and evaluate programs in the juvenile justice system; recommend guidelines and supervision procedures to be used to develop or expand local diversion programs for juveniles; and prepare an annual report including recommendations on administrative and legislative actions which would improve the juvenile justice system.

While the NCJJ is no longer federally mandated, due to the withdrawal from Title II funding, the NCJJ remains active with five standing subcommittees who meet in addition to quarterly NCJJ meetings: Executive, Grant Review, Disproportionate Minority Contact, Diversion, and Community Planning.

The goal of the NCJJ remains 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 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.

Due to the desire to not duplicate efforts with other statewide commissions and coalitions, and to develop strong recommendations for juvenile justice in Nebraska, the NCJJ has joined forces with the Juvenile Services Committee of the Nebraska Children's Commission to hold joint meetings and provide annual recommendations.

During this fiscal year the NCJJ was able to secure a federal Title II grant to support the State Advisory Group (NCJJ) in meetings and training for members. The NCJJ was able to have four additional young adults appointed to represent lived experience in the juvenile justice system. There is also a small group exploring Title II compliance in order to open up the opportunity for our state to be eligible for federal funding again.

Grant Review Subcommittee

The Grant Review Subcommittee is responsible for making funding recommendations to the Crime Commission for the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid grant (CBA) and the Juvenile Services grant (JS). Annually, funds are announced and distributed on a formula basis for CBA funds and on a competitive basis for JS funds. Any county or tribe not requesting their formula amount are put into a competitive pot of funding called Enhancement. Counties and tribes are also able to apply for these enhancement funds in addition to the formula allocation. If Nebraska were to receive federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention funds (Title II) in the future, the grant review subcommittee would also make the funding recommendations for this competitive funding.

In the fall of 2020, the subcommittee was able to approve and award an additional \$428,615 in supplemental Community-based Aid funding that had been de-obligated the previous year (see distribution of funds table).

Diversion Subcommittee

The Juvenile Diversion Subcommittee of the NCJJ is a working group established in 2013. The duties of the subcommittee, outlined in [Neb. Rev. Stat. §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.

In January 2018, the subcommittee developed a strategic plan identifying priorities of the subcommittee in which goals and direction could be established moving forward. Those goals were then assigned to working groups to start the process of achieving those statewide goals. The Diversion Subcommittee Strategic Plan can be found [here](#). Over the last year, the

diversion subcommittee was able to proceed with goal of contracting with a researcher with experience in developing screening and assessment tools for states to create one for Nebraska youth referred to diversion. The new Nebraska Screen and Assessment Tool (N-SAT) completion is wrapping up and the Phase II implementation is proceeding through FY 2021-2022. These have been some very exciting steps and accomplishments with implementing evidence-based practices in diversion and developing consistency between counties and programs.

Additionally, the diversion subcommittee was also able to assist Lancaster County in coordinating and hosting the 2020 Community Aid and Juvenile Justice Conference that consisted of dozens of national and local speakers presenting virtually over a 5-day period in November 2020.

For more information about Juvenile Diversion in Nebraska, please see the Annual Report [here](#).

Community Planning Advisory Subcommittee

Pursuant to [Neb. Rev. Stat. §43-2404.01](#), the Director of the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program shall develop and coordinate a statewide working group as a subcommittee of the NCJJ 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. The working group was developed in 2013 and is comprised of individuals from across Nebraska. This statewide working group is referred to as the Community Planning Advisory Subcommittee of the NCJJ. This year the community planning advisory subcommittee assisted in the review of Community-based Juvenile Services Aid grant requests in the amount of \$6,471,062.83. Thirty-three Community-based Juvenile Services Aid grants and ten (10) Enhancement Based grants were awarded for project period July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022. (See distribution of funds table below for May 2020 awards (CB/EB) and September Supplemental EB awards with effective project period of July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$6,529,778.00). For more information about the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program, please see the Annual Report [here](#).

Updated Comprehensive Juvenile Services Community Plans were due this year, to be effective for the period of July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2025. This year subcommittee worked with the Juvenile Justice Institute to update the community planning manual, designating the requirements for the comprehensive juvenile services plan for counties requesting Community-based Juvenile Services Aid or Juvenile Services funds. The subcommittee members reviewed and provided feedback on 29 Community Plans covering 80 counties.

Other NCJJ Subcommittees

The Racial and Ethnic Disparities (RED) subcommittee has not been active over the last year. The hope is to have individuals come forward to chair the subcommittee and resume work on assessing and recommendations on addressing RED in Nebraska.

The NCJJ chair and vice-chair have developed a Young Adult subcommittee to work on bringing more youth and family voice to the forefront of juvenile justice issues and discussion. Members have joined and agenda and activity formation is underway.

Juvenile Services Funds

Juvenile Services funds are state funds appropriated by the Nebraska Legislature and administered by the Nebraska Crime Commission. Availability of funds are announced on an annual basis and applications are accepted through a competitive grant process. The purpose of these funds, as outlined in state statute, is to provide the implementation of programs that are considered to be evidence-based or working towards becoming evidence-based. These funds provide program development and evaluation consultation for projects funded through Juvenile Services. A variety of projects are funded through juvenile services such as programs for assessment and evaluation, family support services, alternatives to detention, delinquency prevention, community centers, mentoring, substance abuse, school programs, prevention of delinquent behavior, diversion and to address Racial and Ethnic Disparities. In May 2021, Juvenile Services grant requests totaling \$1,307,335.64 were reviewed and awarded to 12 counties or organizations for a total of \$564,300.00 for project period July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022. (See distribution of funds table for May 2020 awards with effective project period of July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$588,608.00).

Distribution of Grant Funds Table	
Project Period July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021	
FY2021 Juvenile Services Awards	
Banister's Leadership Academy	\$ 35,525.00
Big Brothers Big Sisters	\$ 42,653.00
Completely Kids	\$ 25,047.00
Dodge County	\$ 37,440.00
Girl Scouts Spirit of Nebraska	\$ 11,648.00
Girls Incorporated of Omaha	\$ 20,880.00
GOALS Center	\$ 35,000.00
International Council of Refugee and Immigrants	\$ 48,516.00
Jefferson County	\$ 17,680.00
Lancaster - Asian Community and Cultural Center	\$ 48,500.00
Lancaster - Big Brothers Big Sisters	\$ 36,286.00
Lancaster - Boys and Girls Club	\$ 24,390.00
Lancaster - HUB	\$ 27,100.00
Lancaster - Lighthouse	\$ 31,050.00
Lancaster - Rabble Mill	\$ 64,025.00
Latino Center of the Midlands	\$ 35,525.00
Saunders County	\$ 47,343.00
Total	\$ 588,608.00
FY2021 Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid (CB) Awards	
Holt County - Lead (Boyd)	\$ 51,288.00
Lincoln County	\$ 116,654.00
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska	\$ 34,844.00
Dodge County	\$ 115,371.00
Platte County	\$ 112,771.00
Cass County	\$ 88,326.00
Saunders County	\$ 73,672.00
Cheyenne County - Lead (Deuel, Kimball)	\$ 47,506.00
Scotts Bluff County - Lead (Banner, Morrill)	\$ 139,109.00
Sarpy County	\$ 548,626.00
Gage County	\$ 68,439.00

Adams County - Lead (Clay, Nuckolls, Webster, Fillmore, Phelps, Harlan, Kearney, & Franklin)	\$ 245,360.00
Richardson County - Lead (Nemaha, Johnson, & Pawnee)	\$ 72,220.00
Chase County - Lead (Dundy, Hayes, Hitchcock, Red Willow, Furnas)	\$ 84,676.00
Saline County	\$ 49,498.00
Merrick County - Lead (Hamilton, Nance, & Polk)	\$ 92,546.00
Hall County	\$ 197,146.00
Madison County	\$ 298,640.00
Dawes County	\$ 29,645.00
Sheridan County (\$16,949 CB + \$6,444 Supplemental)	\$ 23,393.00
Lancaster County	\$ 817,655.00
Thayer County	\$ 16,004.00
Jefferson County	\$ 20,496.00
Seward County - Lead (Butler)	\$ 84,852.00
Howard County	\$ 21,738.00
Otoe County	\$ 51,929.00
Colfax County	\$ 35,418.00
Buffalo County	\$ 145,960.00
Washington County	\$ 74,078.00
Dakota County	\$ 80,425.00
Douglas County	\$ 1,661,511.00
York County	\$ 43,623.00
Custer County - Lead (Blaine, Dawson, Gosper, Greeley, Loup, Valley)	\$ 161,903.00
Box Butte County	\$ 27,439.00
Sherman County	\$ 9,386.00
Total	\$ 5,742,147.00
FY2021 Enhancement (EB) Aid Awards	
Saunders County	\$ 60,280.00
Adams County - Lead (Clay, Nuckolls, Webster, Fillmore, Phelps, Harlan, Kearney, & Franklin)	\$ 5,000.00
Merrick County - Lead (Hamilton, Nance, & Polk)	\$ 40,288.00
Holt County - Lead (Boyd)	\$ 17,252.00
York County	\$ 11,205.00
Hall County	\$ 15,000.00
Lancaster County	\$ 142,800.00
Jefferson County	\$ 34,926.00
Colfax County	\$ 38,709.00
Colfax County (Supplemental)	\$ 14,560.00

Custer County (Supplemental)	\$ 30,480.00
Dakota County (Supplemental)	\$ 50,000.00
Dawes County (Supplemental)	\$ 35,849.00
Lancaster County (Supplemental)	\$ 246,094.00
Merrick County (Supplemental)	\$ 14,000.00
Saunders County (Supplemental)	\$ 14,796.00
Scotts Bluff County (Supplemental)	\$ 8,067.00
Adams County (Supplemental)	\$ 1,186.00
Washington County (supplemental)	\$ 7,139.00
Total	\$ 787,631.00

Juvenile Services Committee Statutory Authority

Neb. Rev. Stat. §43-4203(b)

The commission shall create a committee to examine the Office of Juvenile Services and the Juvenile Services Division of the Office of Probation Administration.

Such committee shall review the role and effectiveness of out-of-home placements utilized in the juvenile justice system, including the youth rehabilitation and treatment centers, and make recommendations to the commission on the juvenile justice continuum of care, including what populations should be served in out-of-home placements and what treatment services should be provided at the centers in order to appropriately serve those populations.

Such committee shall also review how mental and behavioral health services are provided to juveniles in residential placements and the need for such services throughout Nebraska and make recommendations to the commission relating to those systems of care in the juvenile justice system.

The committee shall collaborate with the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Juvenile Justice Institute, the University of Nebraska Medical Center, Center for Health Policy, the behavioral health regions as established in section 71-807, and state and national juvenile justice experts to develop recommendations.

The recommendations shall include a plan to implement a continuum of care in the juvenile justice system to meet the needs of Nebraska families, including specific recommendations for the rehabilitation and treatment model.

The recommendations shall be delivered to the commission and electronically to the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature annually by September 1.

Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice Statutory Authority

Neb. Rev. Stat. §43-2412

(1) Consistent with the purposes and objectives of the Juvenile Services Act and the federal act, the coalition shall:

- (a) Make recommendations to the commission on the awarding of grants under the Commission Grant Program to eligible applicants;
- (b) Prepare at least one report annually to the Governor, the Legislature, the Office of Probation Administration, and the Office of Juvenile Services. The report submitted to the Legislature shall be submitted electronically;
- (c) Ensure widespread citizen involvement in all phases of its work; and
- (d) Meet at least two times each year.

(2) Consistent with the purposes and objectives of the acts and within the limits of available time and appropriations, the coalition may:

- (a) Assist and advise state and local agencies in the establishment of volunteer training programs and the utilization of volunteers;
- (b) Apply for and receive funds from federal and private sources for carrying out its powers and duties;
- (c) Provide technical assistance to eligible applicants;
- (d) Identify juvenile justice issues, share information, and monitor and evaluate programs in the juvenile justice system; and
- (e) Recommend guidelines and supervision procedures to be used to develop or expand local diversion programs for juveniles from the juvenile justice system.

(3) In formulating, adopting, and promulgating the recommendations and guidelines provided for in this section, the coalition shall consider the differences among counties in population, in geography, and in the availability of local resources.

Juvenile Services Committee Membership

Member Name	Member Type	Title and Organization	Representation
Nick Juliano (Co-Chair)	Voting	President & CEO , Nebraska Youth Justice Initiative	Treatment placement representative
Deb VanDyke-Ries (Co-Chair)	Voting	Director , Nebraska Court Improvement Project	Representative of the Court Improvement Project
Breanna Anderson	Voting	Platte County Deputy County Attorney , Platte County Nebraska	Representative of the Nebraska Children's Commission Member
Michele Borg	Voting	Education of Systems-Involved Students (ESIS) Coordinator , Nebraska Department of Education	Representative of the Department of Education
Nicole Brundo	Voting	Deputy County Attorney, Division Lead , Douglas County Attorney's Office, Juvenile Division	County attorney representative
A'Jamal Byndon	voting	Racial and Ethnic Disparities Coordinator , Douglas County	Representative of the Entity Administering Title II Funds
Tamara Gavin	Voting	Deputy Director , DHHS, Division of Behavioral Health	Representative of DHHS, Division of Behavioral Health
Amy Hoffman	Voting	Director of Juvenile Diversion and Community-Based Aid , Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice	Nebraska Crime Commission representative
Mark LaBouchardiere	Voting	Facilities Director , DHHS, Division of Children and Family Services, Office of Juvenile Services	Representative of the office of juvenile services
Tom McBride	Voting	Executive Director , Nebraska Juvenile Justice Association	Advocate group representative
Patrick Sailors	Voting	Director of Crisis and Residential Services , Child Guidance Center	In-Home Service Representative
Kelli Schadwinkel	Voting	Director of Juvenile Placement , Administrative Office of Probation, Juvenile Services Division	Representative of juvenile probation
Bobbi Taylor	Voting	Contract Consultant , Nebraska Children and Families Foundation	Young Adult with Previous Juvenile Justice Experience
Vicky Thompson Smith	Voting	Program Manager , CEDARS Youth Services	Group home/Shelter representative
Vacant	Voting		Defense Attorney Representative
Vacant	Voting		Judge representative
Dr. Richard Wiener	Voting	Bessey Professor of Psychology , University of Nebraska, Lincoln	Data expert representative
Brenda Kastens	resource	DHHS Program Coordinator , DHHS, Medicaid and Long-Term Care	Representative of DHHS, Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care
Sen. Patty Pansing Brooks	resource	Senator, District 28 , Nebraska Legislative Council, District 28	Representative of the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature
Julie Smith	resource	Juvenile Justice Programs Specialist , Administrative Office of Probation, Juvenile Services Division	Representative of Juvenile Probation
Vacant	resource	,	Representative of the office of juvenile services

Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice Membership

Member Name	Member Type	Title and Organization	Representation
Denise Kracl (Vice Chair)	Voting	Colfax County Attorney , Colfax County	One county attorney
Elaine Menzel (Chair)	Voting	Legal Counsel , Nebraska Association of County Officials	The Executive Director of the Nebraska Association of County Officials or his or her designee
Roma Amundson	Voting	County Commissioner , Lancaster County	One county commissioner or supervisor
Colleen Barnes	Voting	Criminal Justice/Sociology Instructor , Northeast Community College	At Large Member
Neleigh Boyer	Voting	Attorney , DHHS, Division of Legal Services	The chief executive officer of the Department of Health and Human Services or his or her designee
Stanford Bradley	Voting	Youth Program Coordinator , Malone Community Center	Youth Advocate
Patrick Connell	Voting	Vice President of Behavioral Health, Compliance and Government Relations , Boys Town	Community-based, private nonprofit organizations who work with juvenile offenders and their families (2nd District)
Misty Frazier	Voting	Executive Director , Nebraska Indian Child Welfare Coalition	Community-based, private nonprofit organizations who work with juvenile offenders and their families (3rd District)
Greg Gonzalez	Voting	Deputy Chief of the Executive Services Bureau , City of Omaha Police Dept	Representative from law enforcement
Monika Gross	Voting	Executive Director , Foster Care Review Office	The executive director of the Foster Care Review Office
Brian Halstead	Voting	Deputy Commissioner , Nebraska Department of Education	The Commissioner of Education or his or her designee
Amy Hoffman	Voting	Director of Juvenile Programs and Interventions , Nebraska Crime Commission	The executive director of the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice or his or her designee
Janteice Holston	Voting	,	Youth under 24 years of age
Justin Myers	Voting	Young Adult Representative ,	Young Adult Member
Jill Schubauer	Voting	Youth Systems of Care Specialist , Region 3 Behavioral Health	One member of a regional behavioral health authority established under section 71-808
Amanda Speichert	Voting	Attorney , Lindemeier & Dawson Attorneys at Law	One public defender
Tami Steensma	Voting	Director , Sarpy County Juvenile Justice Center	The director or his or her designee from a secure juvenile detention facility or a staff secure youth confinement facility;
Bobbi Taylor	Voting	Contract Consultant , Nebraska Children and Families Foundation	Youth under 24 years of age
Vacant	Voting	,	Youth Advocate
Rico Zavala	Voting	Director of Strategic Alliances , CEDARS Youth Services	Non-Profit - 1st District
Hon. Vernon Daniels	Non-Voting	Judge of the Separate Juvenile Court , Douglas County Court	One separate juvenile court judge
Judge Joel B. Jay	Non-Voting	County Judge , 11th Judicial District Court	One county court judge
Kari Rumbaugh	Non-Voting	Assistant Deputy Administrator for Juvenile Services , Nebraska Probation Administration	The probation administrator of the Office of Probation Administration or his or her designee