

Evidence-based Nebraska 2024-2025

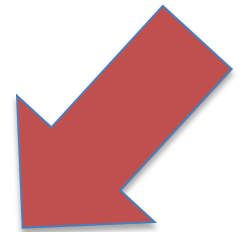
Diversion Program Evaluation Reports

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This Year's Process

- Updating all data (July 1, 2020- June 30, 2023)
 - Funded
 - *No longer* funded
- Run analysis and write brief reports
- Meetings by program type
 - Discuss findings in “communities of practice”
 - Discussion of “effectiveness”
 - If inconclusive or ineffective – please meet 1:1 with us



What's Our Why?

“Program design and evaluation provide pathways for putting a vision into action and continuing to hone its effectiveness and impact.”


Del Tufo & Gonell (2023)

Individual Program Reports

- Designed to be useful to you
- Help you and your staff examine ways that you can improve a service or intervention
- Help determine youth that your program is not reaching sufficiently.
- Recommendations *specific* to your program.

Data Required for the Research Question

- Is your program effective at the specific aim of your program type and at keeping youth out of the “system”?
- Must have sufficient cases
- Must have sufficient data to examine outcomes



Some measures are
uniform across all
program types
and services

Future System Involvement (FSI)

The intent of the Community-based Aid Fund was to develop local programming and provide services *before youth are drawn into* the juvenile (or adult) justice system.

- Status Offenses
- Law Offenses
- Probation
- Detention

Reading Your Report

Program Name

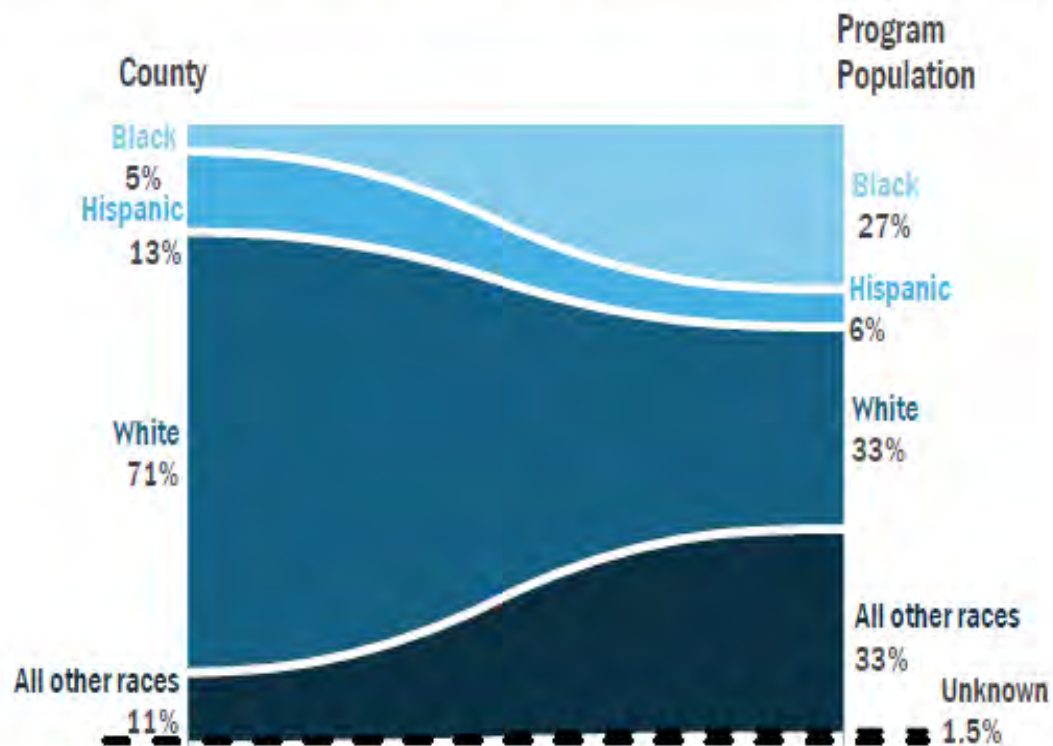
County X

July 2020- June 2023

Program Type

Compared to [COUNTY's] youth population, a greater proportion of the program's youth were **Black** or **multiracial/youth of another race**.³

Racial/Ethnic Group Proportions of Population compared between Program and County



AGE

Youngest = 8 years old

Average = 16 years old

Oldest = 19 years old

GENDER

♂ 59% (388) Male

♀ 41% (267) Female

CHARGES

Average of 1 charge (range 1-7)

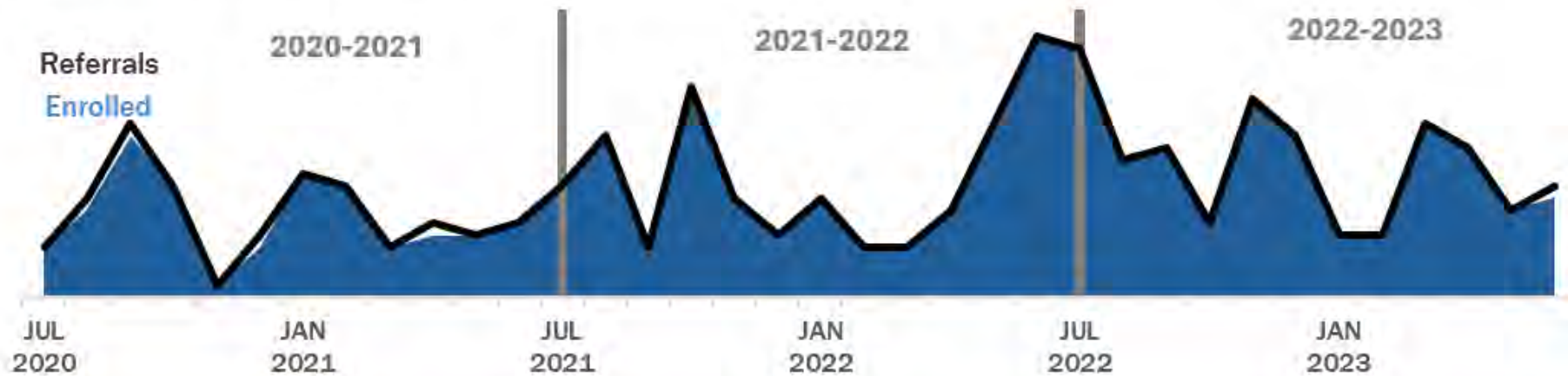
Top three common charges:

1. Minor in possession (192)
2. Tobacco use, underage (86)
3. Ungovernable (81)

Trends Over Time

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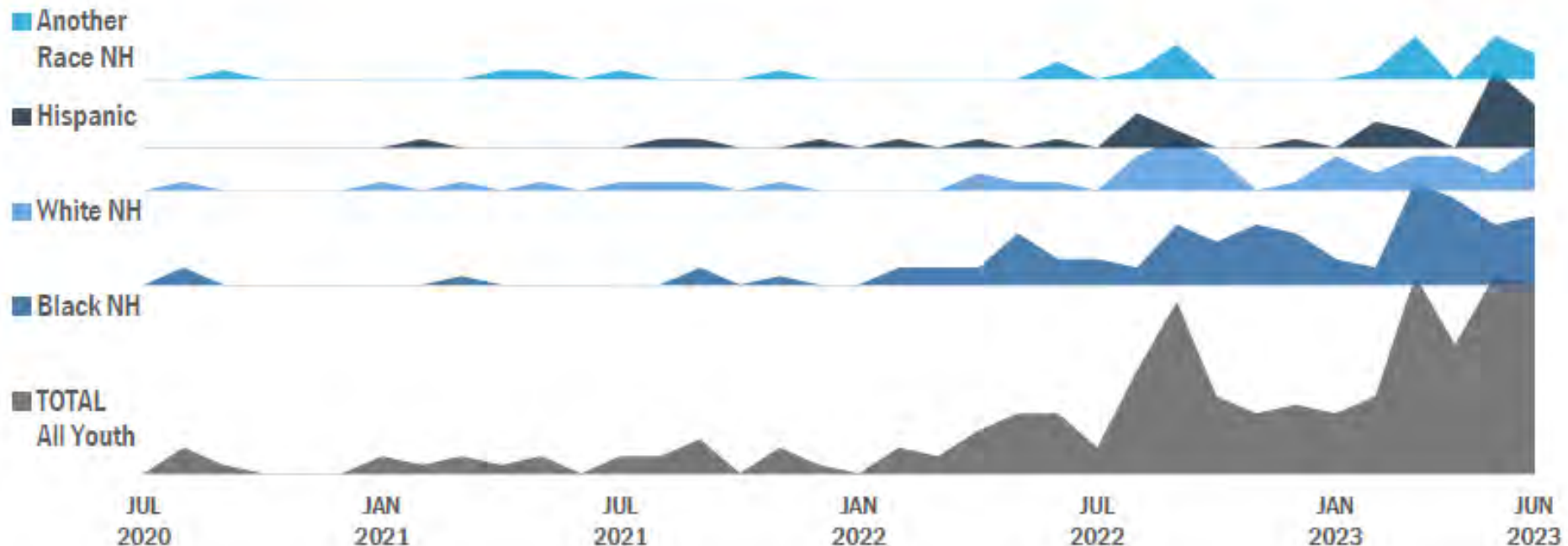
Across all three years, XXX County **enrolled** nearly all youth **referred** for diversion. The program received the most referrals in fiscal year 2020, with 130 total referrals that year. Counts of referrals (black line) and youth enrolled (blue) between July 2020 and June 2023. Gaps represent months in which not all youth referred to the program were enrolled.



Race/Ethnicity Comparison Over Time

Cases involved in the [PROGRAM] increased in fiscal year 2022-23. Starting in fiscal year 2021-22, approximately half of all youth receiving scholarships were **Black**, and about a quarter of youth were **White**.

Counts of cases involved in referral services program between July 2020 and June 2023 by race/ethnicity.



PROGRAM PROCESSES & OUTCOMES



89%

of case plans indicated youth attitude concerns.

91%

of these cases received relevant programming (e.g., behavioral health).

57%

indicated education or employment assistance.

99%

received relevant programming (e.g., skill building, academic).



1%

indicated family circumstances as a need.

0%

received relevant programming (e.g., family support, restorative).

0%

indicated recreation needs.

0%

received relevant programming (e.g., prosocial activity).



40%

indicated peer relations as a need.

99%

received relevant programming (e.g., restorative).

89%

indicated behavioral concerns or needs.

91%

received relevant programming (e.g., behavioral health).



53%

indicated substance abuse intervention.

88%

received relevant programming (e.g., personal goals).

On average, youth completed
10 program hours & **8** program activities.

White youth were slightly more likely to be discharged **successfully** compared to other groups.

Case outcomes by race/ethnicity. All bars total to 100% for each race category.

■ Successful

■ Unsuccessful

■ Other

■ Still Open/Unknown

■ Did Not Participate

TOTAL (197)

69%

24%¹%

Another Race
NH (13)

62%

38%

Hispanic (44)

64%

30%

White NH
(134)

73%

20%²%

Black NH (4)

25%

25%

25%

AIAN NH (0)

100%

Evaluation Matrix

Diversion Programs

BASIC PROCESS VARIABLES:

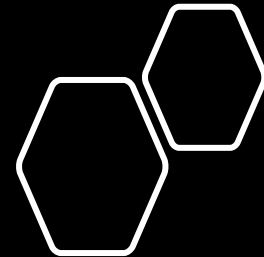
- Youth referred (date)
- Youth “enrolled” (date)
- Program completion
- Demographic: Race and ethnicity, gender, age

HOW DO WE DETERMINE EFFECTIVENESS?

- The JJI examined whether youth needs were assessed
- Whether the top domains matched the activities assigned in the case plan
- The number of activities and hours required, and the percentage of youth who completed required hours
- The percentage of youth who participated in the program that had future system involvement and FSI comparisons between successfully and unsuccessfully/other discharged youth.

Diversion Evaluation Criteria

Meets Data Standards	Missing more than 20% of data on required variables OR has fewer than 10 cases. (rated <i>Inconclusive</i>).	Has over 80% of data on required variables.	
	<i>Needs Attention</i>	<i>Working Well</i>	
Domains and Programming Activities	Fewer than 40% of youths enrolled received programming matching their need(s).	Between 40% and 80% of youths enrolled received programming matching their <u>need(s)</u> .	Over 80% of youths enrolled received programming matching their <u>need(s)</u> .
	-5	+0	+5
Program Hours & Completion Rates	Youths completed, on average, less than 40% of all required time AND/OR on average, youths completed fewer than 50% of activities.	Youths completed, on average, between 40% and 60% of all required time AND/OR on average, youths completed between 50% and 80% of activities.	Youths completed, on average, at least 60% of all <u>required</u> time AND on average, youths completed at least 80% of activities.
	-5	+0	+5
Successful Cases Future System Involvement	Successful youth were statistically <i>more</i> likely to have FSI, or became system involved <u>quicker</u> , than unsuccessful or other closed cases.	No significant difference between successful and non-successful youth's likelihood of FSI.	Successful youth were statistically <i>less</i> likely to have FSI, or took longer to become system involved, than unsuccessful or other closed cases.
	-5	+0	+5
Overall Future System Involvement	High FSI among all youth served (i.e. over 30% of youth).	Moderate FSI among all youth served (i.e. between 10% and 30% of youth).	Low FSI among all youth served (i.e. fewer than 10% of youth).
	-5	+0	+5
Overall Rating	No Effect = 0% of <i>total possible</i> points, or negative points	Promising = 1-50% of <i>total possible</i> points	Effective = Over 50% of <i>total possible</i> points



The XXX County Juvenile Diversion Program received 10 out of 15 possible points. The program is rated as **promising** to **effective**.



Narrative Description

- Understanding your program rating
 - Serving the correct population
 - Hitting targets that are specific to your program type
 - Successful closure of cases
 - Future System Involvement
- Recommendations
 - Understanding potential ways to improve the effectiveness of your program

Program Evaluation Report Dates

- Promotion/ Prevention – June 26, at 2:00 p.m.

General Report Questions

1:1 meeting?

Please complete the survey

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