

Cass County

Comprehensive Juvenile Services

Community Plan

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Introduction

Cass County lies approximately halfway between Omaha and Lincoln along two rivers, the Platte River, and the Missouri River. Cass County is one of the earliest settled counties in Nebraska. The county measures thirty-four miles east to west, and twenty miles north to south. With a population of just over 25,000, Cass County has fifteen towns, six high schools, three middle schools and eight elementary schools. Cass County is primarily agricultural, but is home to several manufacturing sites, like Ash Grove Cement, Ox Bow Pet Products, Stock Seed and Martin Marietta Aggregates.

Plattsmouth is the county seat of Cass County. There is easy access to two US Highways from Plattsmouth, Highway 34 and Highway 75, and one State Highway, Highway 66. Plattsmouth sits three miles west of Interstate 29 and eighteen miles south of Interstate 80 and is approximately fifty miles east of the State Capitol in Lincoln. The Plattsmouth Main Street Historic District includes forty-five buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places, including the Cass County Courthouse, built in 1892.

In 2018, Cass County, Nebraska had a population of approximately 25,700 people with a median age of 41.6 and a median household income of \$71,139. Between 2017 and 2018 the population of Cass County grew from 25,513 to 25,702, a 0.741% increase and its median household income grew from \$68,284 to \$71,139, a 4.18% increase.

The median property value in Cass County is \$170,700, and the homeownership rate is 82%. Most people in Cass County, commute by driving alone, and the average commute time is 25 minutes. The average car ownership in Cass County is two cars per household.

*Data USO/io

Data Summary

Youth:

The number of total youth with chronic absenteeism has decreased in 2018-2019 from previous years, however, due to COVID-19 and resulting remote learning, these numbers will look drastically different next year, and at the time of the next community plan.

Of the 3,865 students in Cass County in 2018 - 2019, about 92% are White, almost 4% are Hispanic, about 1.5% are Black or African American, less than 1% are Asian, less than 1% American Indian or Alaska Native, and less than 1% are Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, and approximately 4% report being of two or more races. The total number of students enrolled in school in Cass County has increased by 87 from 2014 to 2019. (See Table 2) Cass County boasts a 93% graduation rate, which is slightly higher than the state's graduation rate, which is almost 89%.

Reducing chronic absenteeism is one of the main targets of the Cass County Diversion Program. About 95% of Cass County youth who experience chronic absenteeism are white, about 6% are Hispanic, around 5% are two or more races, and other races all report less than ten students respectively who struggle with chronic absenteeism. (See Table 3)

Cass County twelfth graders are using marijuana and tobacco, and report gang involvement at higher rates than other Nebraska counties. Although several youth have been referred to our program for vaping at school, the percentage of youth who report vaping in Cass County is less than the state average. Our twelfth graders report feeling less hopeful for the future than other same-aged youth in the state. The overall mental health status of our school-aged youth is slightly more positive than that of others in the state, the percentage who report they have considered or attempted suicide being approximately 14%, compared to the rest of the state, at 16%. Gang involvement is not as big of a problem as it is in nearby surrounding counties, however, in 2018, almost 3% of our eighth graders report some kind of gang involvement. This number doubles for our seniors, where almost 6% report some kind of gang involvement. (See Table 11)

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In 2018, about 19% of twelfth graders reported experiencing loss of sleep from worry compared to 15% of eighth graders. This is actually less than state averages, which range from 31% of eighth graders to 35% of twelfth graders who lose sleep due to worry. In Cass County there is a lower percentage of twelfth graders who consider or attempt to commit suicide compared to the state's overall numbers. Cass County reports about 14% of twelfth graders who have considered or attempted to commit suicide, compared to 16% in the state. Over a quarter of Cass County twelfth graders report currently using alcohol. Reported marijuana use increases from eighth graders, about 1.3% and about 19% of twelfth graders who report using marijuana. This is a major concern for our youth, not only because the percentage of youth using marijuana increases each year, but our numbers are higher than the state's averages. (See Table 6)

Cass County juvenile system provides juveniles with the least restrictive appropriate environment, becoming incrementally more restrictive only as necessary. Therefore, alternative/programming are needed in order to provide youth with services to divert them from detention.

Cass County utilizes a Family Crisis Mediation Response Team that has been in service since 2015. When families encounter conflicts that can escalate to the point that intervention is necessary. This service is utilized when a juvenile runs away, during physical altercations, issues regarding parents and children mutually respecting each other. The goal of this team is to cause a decline in youth being detained or placed in a higher level of care. Youth can be referred to the service through law enforcement at this time, whether they are already involved in the juvenile system, or have not yet been involved.

Family:

Cass County, in 2018, had 8,156 owner-occupied households, the total number of households in Cass County was 10,005. Approximately 18% of households in Cass County are rentals. About 335 of these houses or around 3% report having no vehicle, in comparison to the state overall, which reports over 5% of households with no vehicle. (See Table 15)

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The number of adults with bachelor's degrees is lower than the state average, however it is possible that residents who go to college outside of Cass County find employment where they go to school and do not return to Cass County. Cass County is considered a "bedroom town" to the larger communities nearby, Bellevue, Omaha, and Papillion. Many Cass County residents seek employment opportunities in larger, more populated areas, yet choose to reside in a smaller community. In Cass County, about 27% of people over the age of twenty-five have a bachelor's degree compared to approximately 31% of the overall population of Nebraska. About 25% of Cass County residents over the age of twenty-five have attended some form of college, but have no degree. Almost 95% of the residents of Cass County have a high school diploma compared to approximately 91% in the state.

In 2018, 99% of youth under 18 years of age report having a computer at home, and 91% report having an internet subscription at home which is exactly in-line with the state's numbers. About 91% of youth under the age of 18 report having broadband internet access at home. (See Table 15)

Cass County has lower rates of youth in poverty compared to the state overall, and our youth have access to computers and the internet at higher rates than the state. About 7% of children under the age of eighteen are considered in poverty, which is less than half of the state's overall youth reporting poverty. Young persons who lack a strong relationship with a caring adult while growing up are much more vulnerable to a host of difficulties, ranging from academic failure to involvement in risky behaviors.

Research shows that resilient youth, those who successfully transition from risk-filled backgrounds to successful adults, are consistently distinguished by the presence of structured community programming and a caring adult in their lives. As Cass County youth age, they report increased levels of supportive adults who listen to them at home. By the time our youth reach twelfth grade, about 94% of Cass County youth report having a supportive adult at home who listens to them, which is higher than the percentage of youth, 86%, overall in the state. At school, approximately 89% of Cass County kids report having an adult who listens to them and is supportive, compared to the state's twelfth graders, who report 87%. (See Table 16)

Offering services that are accessible for families in the Cass County area will assist families in being able to participate in programs that can divert juveniles from the court system. The Truancy Program helps youth and their families recognize the behaviors that made them eligible for the program and make any necessary corrections to avoid involvement in the court system in the future.

Often times, when a child is struggling with attendance issues, parents support the thinking that their child should be allowed to stay home without intervention from schools, diversion, or any other services to support, without question. Even after agreeing to a plan for attendance improvement, parents can be defiant, or non-communicative, leading to involvement in diversion programs, and court systems. Since remote learning has begun, there seems to be an increase in school age youth refusing to attend school, or log on for their classes, and parents who do not get involved or feel they cannot assist their child with on-line learning.

Community:

Cass County youth’s perceptions of community attitudes regarding substance use fall close to the state’s averages, the younger a child is, the more they tend to believe that marijuana use is wrong or very wrong, although this number drops significantly in the twelfth grade. The same can be said for their perceptions of community attitudes regarding alcohol and cigarette use. No statistics were available for vaping. (See Table 20)

Policy, Legal and System Level:

Cass County is not a county required to provide counsel under statute, however, access to counsel for our juveniles is higher than the state’s percentage. Eighty to 100% of our youth have access to counsel, compared to 73.5% at the state level. (See Table 22)

Cass County had a small frequency of filings for curfew violations, abuse, uncontrollable and mentally ill and dangerous violations in comparison to the state, which indicates the community is diverting appropriately, which in turn, reduces the burden on the court system. (See Table 23 and 24)

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Not all juvenile first time offenders are offered diversion, depending on the nature of the crime, the frequency of crimes, and the discretion of the County Attorney. When a juvenile is offered the diversion option, their case is not normally filed with the court. If a juvenile does not complete the diversion program successfully, their case is almost always filed with the court, but this is also at the discretion of the County Attorney. For most juveniles, diversion is a one-time offer. If a youth has already completed a diversion program in another county or in Cass County, they are not normally offered a second chance at diversion. Youth who have committed felony offenses, or crimes of a sexual nature are not eligible for the diversion program, this is consistent with the rest of the state. (See Table 25)

The primary objective of the Truancy Program is to assist eligible individuals in taking responsibility for their actions in a way beneficial to all those affected, including the community as a whole. Offering a Truancy Program helps school officials reinforce accountability of students who attend school on a regular basis and assist families that are struggling to get students to school on a regular basis. The Truancy Program is responsible for carrying out specific individualized service plans as developed by youth, family, schools and the Diversion Director. Attendance Monitors assist in monitoring, supporting and documenting the achievement of goals for youth through services provided in the home, school and community.

Cass County does not attempt to refer all juveniles who are first-time offenders, those decisions are based on historical data and offense type. A youth's charges are not normally filed in the county court unless the Diversion program is refused, the youth and parents do not respond to a Diversion offer, the juvenile does not succeed in the Diversion program, or the offense is of a more serious nature that it would not be considered for the Diversion Program. In most cases, the Cass County Diversion program is offered one time per juvenile. However, this can change if a juvenile has completed Diversion for a status offense, and now is struggling with truancy issues. Cass County does currently drug test Diversion participants if the participant is currently charged with a drug or alcohol offense. A youth who participates in the Diversion Program in Cass County pays an enrollment fee, and a drug testing fee (if drugs or alcohol are involved in the offense), and they participate

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in on-line programming at their own expense. Cass County provides cognitive workbooks and other educational programming which is paid for by grant funds.

Comprehensive List of Services

SYSTEM POINT: PREVENTION		
(includes programs that aim to intervene before and after problematic behaviors are identified)		
Program/ Agency Name	Eligible age	Risk or need
Owens Educational Services	10 – 17	Missing school, behavioral issues
BoysTown	All ages	Missing school, family issues, behavioral issues, mental health concerns
Heartland Family Services	All ages	Families in crisis, can be contacted by law enforcement, probation, or other first responders
Advent e-Learning	All ages	Criminal thinking, bullying, fighting, parenting issues, anger issues
One World Community Health Center	All ages	Drug counseling (group and individual), marital therapy, outpatient services, mental health disorder recovery

SYSTEM POINT: DIVERSION SERVICES		
(diversion and services available to youth on diversion)		
Program/ Agency Name	Eligible age	Risk or need
Diversion-Truancy	10-17	Drug/alcohol use, lack of supervision, lack of concern for others, inappropriate use of time
Diversion	All ages	Lack of concern for others, drug/alcohol abuse, theft, shoplifting, assault, bullying, driving violations (except speeding), assault
Crisis Mediation	All ages	Families experiencing crisis of any kind, runaway children, physical altercations in the home, situations that call for de-escalation
On-line classes	All ages	Anti-social behavior, bullying, conflict resolution, drug/alcohol use, unsafe driving, failure to follow rules, corrective thinking
Family Support	10 – 17	In-home support to help educate parents/kids about better ways to communicate, keep a uniformed set expectations, follow through with consequences, and be accountable for attendance issues

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SYSTEM POINT: ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION FOR PRE-ADJUDICATED YOUTH ONLY

(include any programs that allow youth to remain in the community after any contact with law enforcement)

Program/ Agency Name	Eligible age	Risk or need
Trackers	10-17	Lack of parental supervision, defiance of authority, behavioral problems at school, poor school attendance
Family Support Services	10-17	Behavioral issues at home/school, parenting issues, therapy
NDHHS	All ages	In home services, therapy, drug/alcohol abuse, out of home placement
Probation	All ages	Electronic monitoring
Heartland Family ASAP program	All ages	Crisis mediation
Heartland Family Services	All ages	On-call service for crisis mediation utilized by law enforcement and other referral sources 24/7

KNOWN GAPS IN SERVICES

(include any programs that allow youth to remain in the community after any contact with law enforcement)

Program/ Agency Name	Eligible age	Risk or need
Diversion	10-17	Short term solution
NDHHS	All ages	Local services, instead of traveling to Sarpy/Douglas/Otoe
One World Community Health Center	All ages	Mental health concerns, therapy, counseling
Probation	All ages	Electronic monitoring, tracker, drug/alcohol abuse, therapeutic services

Community Analysis and Response (CAR) Final Worksheet

COMMUNITY ANALYSIS & RESPONSE WORKSHEET			
Identified Need	Existing Program, Agency or Resource	Eligible age	Does this program accomplish the desired change? If no, what is missing?
Youth who commit minor crimes	Juvenile Diversion Program	10 and up	Yes
Youth with high percent of absenteeism	CPS calls /welfare check	10 – 17	Case progression is slow
Youth with a high percent of absenteeism	Juvenile Truancy Diversion Program	10 – 17	Yes, however there is often a waiting list for in-home family support services provided by Diversion and it's a short term program
Youth with mental health concerns	One World/Heartland Family Services	All ages	Unknown

Gaps to be Filled Worksheet

GAPS IN THE CONTINUUM			
Brief Data Snapshot	Existing Program, Agency or Resource	Eligible age	Does this program accomplish the desired change? If no, what is missing?
Children under the age of 10 years old	Typically children under 10 are not accepted into the Truancy program	10 – 17	Increasing need for Truancy services in elementary-aged youth, especially with remote learning
Youth who “age out” of the system, but still are experiencing truancy issues in their last year of school	Diversion	10 - 17	There are youth who are not offered diversion because they are or will soon be 18 years of age
Home-schooling/Remote Learning	Diversion	10 – 17	Education for parents regarding school portals, logging on for classes and use of Zoom or other on-line classrooms.

List of Team Members

Description of Team (how formed, how long meeting, how often meet/met, structure, etc.)

The community team for Cass County consists of the members of the LB1184 Treatment Team. The team members are representatives from various agencies and other components of the county who deal with juvenile issues. These include the various county schools, school counselors, school nurses, school administrators, doctors, medical students, nurses and other medical professionals from local clinics and doctor’s offices, law enforcement officers from the Cass County Sheriff’s Department and the Plattsmouth Police Department, probation officers, NDHHS Protection and Safety Workers, Office of Juvenile Services workers, domestic violence victim’s advocates, and members of the Cass County Attorney’s Office, including the Cass County CASA representative, Cass County Attorney, Deputy Cass County Attorney, and Diversion Director.

The Community Team began meeting in 2018, when Colin Palm became the Cass County Attorney. Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month, and are directed by Colin Palm.

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Appendix: Sealed Court Records by Year

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Youth Level

- The number of total youth with chronic absenteeism has decreased in 2018-2019 from previous years.
- Hispanic youth in Cass County are overrepresented in chronic absenteeism compared to the school enrollment data.
- While we could not get race/ethnicity data for chronic absenteeism in this community because the frequency was too low to report Native American and Black youth are over-represented statewide in chronic absenteeism.
- 12th graders report marijuana and tobacco use at higher rates in Cass County compared to state rates.
- 12th graders in Cass County report feeling less hopeful for the future compared to the state.
- 10th and 12th graders report gang involvement at higher rates compared to the state.
- Arrests for all age groups increased in Cass County between 2018 and 2019, especially with the “all other offenses” category, DUIs and liquor laws.
- Arrests for the Under 18 category decreased for other assaults but increased for liquor laws.
- The Arizona Assessment domains with the highest number of “yes” responses are Family Conflict, Drug Use, Truant, Mental Health, Peers, and Prior Compliant. Programs in Cass County should focus on addressing these areas.
- Law enforcement data by race and ethnicity would be very beneficial to have a clearer picture of RED. Compared to the Census and school data, Native American youth are overrepresented at all diversion points and probation intake; Asian youth are overrepresented at successful diversion completion; and Black youth are over-represented at all diversion points, multiple charges being filed, being filed on in adult court, RAI overrides, probation intakes, successful probation completion and probation revocations.
 - Race/ethnicity is missing at the system point of having multiple charges filed.
- Only about 60% of youth referred to diversion are successfully completing diversion even though about 86% of youth referred are enrolled.

Table 1. Distribution of the Population Age 10-17 by Race/Ethnicity and Gender (5-year estimates, 2014-2018) ^a

Males

Geographic Area Name	Total Count	Non-Hispanic White	Hispanic or Latino	Black	American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	2+ Races
Nebraska	108,494	70.4%	16.2%	5.7%	1.4%	2.0%	4.4%
Cass	1,426	92.6%	5.0%	1.3%	0.1%	0.0%	1.1%



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Females

Geographic Area Name	Total Count	Non-Hispanic White	Hispanic or Latino	Black	American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	2+ Races
Nebraska	102,658	69.9%	15.8%	5.2%	1.2%	2.5%	5.4%
Cass	1,484	89.9%	5.1%	1.5%	0.0%	0.1%	3.3%

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Table 2.
 School Membership by Race/ Ethnicity and School Year (2014-2019) ^b

Year	Geographic Area	Total Count	Hispanic	Asian	American Indian or Alaska Native	Black or African American	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific islander	White	Two or More Races
2014-2015	Cass	3778	3.44%	0.71%	0.71%	1.38%	0.13%	93.30%	0.32%
	Nebraska	312,281	17.74%	2.43%	1.42%	6.70%	0.13%	68.20%	3.38%
2015-2016	Cass	3721	3.20%	0.73%	0.86%	1.26%	0.16%	93.47%	0.32%
	Nebraska	315,542	18.08%	2.53%	1.38%	6.67%	0.14%	67.72%	3.47%
2016-2017	Cass	3822	3.61%	0.68%	0.89%	1.54%	0.24%	92.52%	0.52%
	Nebraska	318,853	18.61%	2.66%	1.38%	6.69%	0.15%	66.92%	3.59%
2017-2018	Cass	3840	3.62%	0.57%	0.73%	1.51%	0.21%	92.53%	0.83%
	Nebraska	323,391	18.80%	2.76%	1.35%	6.67%	0.14%	66.50%	3.78%
2018-2019	Cass	3865	3.91%	0.62%	0.72%	1.53%	0.16%	91.82%	1.24%
	Nebraska	325,984	19.13%	2.83%	1.33%	6.63%	0.15%	66.02%	3.91%

Table 3.
 Chronic Absenteeism by Race/Ethnicity and School Year (2014 - 2019) ^b

Year	Geographic Area	Total Youth with Chronic Absenteeism	Hispanic	Asian	American Indian or Alaska Native	Black or African American	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific islander	White	Two or More Races
2014-2015	Cass	462	4.11%	*	*	*	*	95.89%	*
	Nebraska	35,638	24.54%	1.64%	4.42%	12.93%	0.19%	51.61%	4.68%
2015-2016	Cass	427	5.39%	*	*	*	*	94.61%	*
	Nebraska	38,812	25.73%	1.55%	4.27%	13.68%	0.27%	49.68%	4.83%
2016-2017	Cass	465	6.02%	*	*	*	*	93.98%	*
	Nebraska	42,290	26.90%	1.66%	4.40%	14.22%	0.24%	47.66%	4.92%



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2017-2018	Cass	491	5.50%	*	*	2.65%	*	91.85%	*
	Nebraska	46,365	26.81%	1.77%	4.18%	14.49%	0.22%	47.37%	2389
2018-2019	Cass	255	5.49%	*	*	*	*	94.51%	*
	Nebraska	46,356	27.64%	1.76%	4.16%	14.71%	0.23%	46.27%	5.23%

Per the Nebraska Department of Education, the * represents masked data, which they define as 10 or fewer students, for the confidentiality of the students

Table 4. Disabilities, English Proficiency, Eligibility for Free/Reduced Lunch and School Year (2014 – 2019) ^b

Year	Geographic Area	Total Count	IDEA	504 Plan	Limited English Proficiency	Free/Reduced Lunch
2014-2015	Cass	3778	14.45%	0.40%	0.37%	33.70%
	Nebraska	312,281	13.66%	0.76%	5.97%	44.53%
2015-2016	Cass	3721	14.16%	0.35%	0.35%	32.55%
	Nebraska	315,542	13.64%	0.90%	5.90%	44.23%
2016-2017	Cass	3822	13.47%	0.26%	0.31%	33.73%
	Nebraska	318,853	13.80%	0.93%	6.99%	44.76%
2017-2018	Cass	3840	15.18%	*	0.29%	30.57%
	Nebraska	323,391	15.87%	0.88%	6.59%	46.24%
2018-2019	Cass	3865	16.14%	0.28%	0.57%	32.34%
	Nebraska	325,984	16.13%	0.85%	6.78%	45.42%

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Table 5. Nebraska Public High School 4-Year Graduation Rates by County (5-year estimates, 2015-2019) ^c

County	Total in Last 5 Years		Yearly Averages		Graduation Rate	Rank
	Graduates	Students	Graduates	Students		
Nebraska	100,111	112,857	20,022.2	22,571.4	88.7%	n/a
Cass	1,316	1,414	52.6	56.6	93.1%	61

Data are only for public school districts and their associated high schools. The figures are aggregated based on the location of the school, not the residential location of the student. The figures for Dawes County are impacted by a vocational school where graduation rates are less than 25%; in the rest of the county graduation rates equal 93%.

Table 6. Youth Who Report Mental Health Symptoms and Substance Use by Grade (2018) ^d

		8 th	10 th	12 th
Cass	Loss of sleep from worry	15.1%	15.3%	19.2%
Nebraska		18.0%	20.6%	21.6%



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Cass	Depressed	24.8%	26.4%	25.0%
Nebraska		31.1%	34.8%	35.3%
Cass	Considered/Attempted suicide	14.4%	12.5%	13.5%
Nebraska		22.9%	18.2%	16.2%
Cass	Current alcohol	4.0%	11.1%	26.9%
Nebraska		9.8%	20.1%	34.2%
Cass	Current binge drinking	1.3%	4.2%	13.5%
Nebraska		1.3%	6.2%	15.0%
Cass	Current marijuana	1.3%	5.6%	19.2%
Nebraska		3.0%	7.3%	13.9%
Cass	Current tobacco	2.0%	4.2%	17.3%
Nebraska		3.7%	8.0%	15.3%
Cass	Current vaping	7.2%	14.1%	26.9%
Nebraska		10.4%	24.7%	37.3%
Cass	Hopeful for future (past week)	81.0%	84.7%	76.9%
Nebraska		78.0%	76.1%	77.6%

**JJI is currently waiting for the legal team at DHHS to approve providing this data

Table 7.

Juveniles Referred to Services ^e

Table 8.

Juveniles Referred to Services by Race/Ethnicity, Gender, and Mental Health Diagnosis ^e

Table 9.

Juveniles Who Utilized Services ^e

Table 10.

Types of Services Utilized ^e

Table 11.

Youth Who Report Gang Involvement by Grade (2018) ^d

		8th	10th	12th
Cass	Youth Reported Gang Involvement	2.6%	5.6%	5.9%
Nebraska		3.8%	4.4%	3.8%



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Table 12.
 Arrest Rates for Adults and Juveniles for 2018 and 2019 with Percent Change ^f

Arrestee Age	All Arrestee Ages			Under 18		
	2018	2019	2018 - 2019 Growth %	2018	2019	2018 - 2019 Growth %
Summary Arrest Date						
Jurisdiction by Geography	CASS COUNTY					
Arrest Offense						
Total	167	310	85.63	16	16	0.00
Rape Total	-	3	-	-	-	-
Aggravated Assault Total	2	5	150.00	0	1	-
Burglary Total	2	6	200.00	-	-	-
Larceny-Theft Total	13	12	-7.69	2	2	0.00
Motor Vehicle Theft Total	1	1	0.00	1	-	-100.00
Other Assaults	32	34	6.25	4	0	-100.00
Forgery and Counterfeiting	1	-	-100.00	-	-	-
Fraud	1	2	100.00	-	0	-
Stolen Property; Buying, Receiving, Possessing	1	4	300.00	0	0	-
Vandalism	5	6	20.00	1	2	100.00
Weapons; Carrying, Possessing, etc.	2	5	150.00	-	-	-
Sex Offenses (Except Rape and Prostitution)	1	-	-100.00	1	-	-100.00
Drug Violations - Sale/Manufacturing	2	-	-100.00	0	-	-
Drug Violations - Possession	21	25	19.05	2	1	-50.00
Offenses Against Family and Children	2	3	50.00	-	0	-
Driving Under the Influence	18	58	222.22	0	1	-
Liquor Laws	6	29	383.33	0	4	-
Disorderly Conduct	-	2	-	-	-	-
All Other Offenses (Except Traffic)	57	115	101.75	5	5	0.00

Table 13.
 Risk Assessment Domains for Youth Assessed on Diversion (2015 - 2017) ^g

Score	Cass		All Arizona Counties	
	0	1	0	1
Family Conflict	87.5%	12.5%	89.1%	10.9%
Assaultive	100.0%	0.0%	87.2%	12.8%
Drug Use	87.5%	12.5%	72.0%	28.0%
Truant	87.5%	12.5%	84.1%	15.9%



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Enrolled in School	100.0%	0.0%	88.6%	11.4%
Mental Health	75.0%	25.0%	77.1%	22.9%
Peers	62.5%	37.5%	58.8%	41.2%
Runaway	100.0%	0.0%	94.3%	5.7%
Status Offense	100.0%	0.0%	61.1%	38.9%
Prior Complaint	87.5%	12.5%	94.8%	5.2%
Mean Score	$M = 1.13, SD = 1.36, 0-4$		$M = 1.90, SD = 1.44, 0-7$	

Cass County $n = 8$; Statewide $n = 206$

Table 14.
Racial and Ethnic Disparities Descriptives (2015-2019) ¹

[Click here to see Census and School Population Data](#)

See [Appendix for yearly data](#)

System Point	N	Amer. Indian/ Alaskan Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic/ Latino	Multiple/ Other	Unspec/ Missing	White
Law enforcement contact	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth taken to temporary custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth issued citation/referral	155	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	135	1.50%	0.70%	5.20%	3.70%	2.20%	0.70%	85.90%
Youth enrolled in diversion	117	1.70%	0.90%	5.10%	3.40%	1.70%	0%	87.20%
Successful completion diversion	88	2.30%	1.10%	6.80%	2.30%	1.10%	0%	86.40%
Youth with multiple charges	18	0%	0%	22.20%	0%	0%	11.10%	66.70%
Filed on in adult court	2	0%	0%	50%	0%	0%	0%	50%
RAI Override: More Severe	35	0%	0%	11.40%	2.90%	0%	0%	85.70%
RAI Override: Less Severe	10	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Probation intake	68	1.50%	0%	14.70%	1.50%	0%	0%	82.40%
Successful probation	196	0.50%	0%	1%	5.10%	0%	0%	93.40%
Revocation of probation	58	0%	0%	3.40%	0%	0%	0%	96.60%



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Youth in OJS custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OJS custody: placed in detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention more than once	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--



Family Level

- Cass County has lower rates of youth in poverty compared to the state.
- Number of adults with bachelor's degrees is lower than the state average; it may be possible that residents who go to college outside of Cass County find employment where they go to school and do not return to Cass County.
- Youth in Saline County have access to computers and internet at higher rates than the state.
- Compared to the state, 8th graders in Cass County report feeling less supported by adults at home, while 8th and 10th graders report feeling less supported by adults in school.
- 74% of child abuse and neglect cases are unfounded.

Table 15.

Poverty/SES, Educational Attainment, Technology and Computers in Home, Housing, and Transportation (5-year estimates, 2014-2018) ^a

Measurement		Cass	Nebraska
Poverty/SES	Children <18 in Poverty	6.9%	14.8%
	Number of children 12-17 below 185% poverty	432	43,814
	Percent of children 12-17 below 185% poverty	19.7%	28.9%
Educational attainment	Age 25+ with B.D.	27.4%	31.3%
	County Rank	12	-
	Age 25+ with some college, no degree	24.9%	23.0%
	County Rank	35	-
	Age 25+ with HS degree	94.9%	91.1%
	County Rank	16	-
Technology and computers in the home	% under 18 with a computer at home	99.4%	96.9%
	County Rank	33	-
	% under 18 with an internet subscription at home	91.0%	91.0%
	County Rank	51	-
	% under 18 with broadband internet access at home	90.9%	90.8%
	County Rank	47	-



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Housing	Owner-occupied households	8,156	498,567
	Total households	10,005	754,063
	Owner %	81.5%	66.1%
	Renters	1,849	255,496
	Renter %	18.5%	33.9%
Transportation	Households with no vehicle available	335	40,465
	Total households	10,005	754,063
	No vehicle %	3.3%	5.4%

Table 16.
Youth Who Report Supportive Adults by Grade (2018) ^d

		8th	10th	12th
Cass	Adult at home who listens	85.0%	88.9%	94.2%
Nebraska		87.3%	85.0%	85.6%
Cass	Adult at school who listens	80.4%	84.9%	88.5%
Nebraska		85.2%	85.0%	87.4%

Table 17.
Domestic Violence Reports and Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means (2019) ^h

	Aggravated Domestic Assaults Reported	Aggravated Domestic Assaults Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means	Simple Domestic Assaults Reported	Simple Domestic Assaults Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means
Cass	10	9	12	11
Nebraska	562	402	2512	2019

Table 18.
Child Abuse and Neglect Reports (2018) ⁱ

	Abuse/Neglect Calls	Reports Assessed	Substantiated	Unfounded
Cass	355	35%	11%	74%
Nebraska	36,480	33.4%	16.0%	68.3%

Community Level

- Other assaults are the type of violent crime with the most arrests in Cass County.
- With regard to how youth perceive how their community feels about substance use, 10th and 12th graders are reporting lower than state averages for marijuana, and 10th graders report lower than the state average for cigarettes.
- Juvenile record sealing is not “automatic” even if statute requires it to seal. Sealing a record requires administrative staff to initiate the process. Dismissed or dropped cases should be sealed at a rate of 100%. All others should be sealed at the rate to which youth successfully complete their court requirements (completion of diversion, probation, restorative practice, or other treatment). Yearly data is available in the Appendix to see if the rate has improved because of legislation, but newer cases should naturally have lower rates of sealing than older cases.
- Data for race and ethnicity at each juvenile justice system point is imperative for an accurate Racial and Ethnic Disparities (RED) analysis. The court trial database (JUSTICE) has a high rate of missing data by race/ethnicity in this county.

Table 19.
 Community Violence Measured by Arrests for Violent Crime (2019) ^j

Type of Violence	Cass	Nebraska
Murder and Nonnegligent manslaughter	0	34
Rape	3	264
Robbery	0	367
Aggravated Assault	5	1,639
Other Assaults	34	8,782

Table 20.
 Youth Perceptions of Community Attitudes on Substance Use by Grade (2018) ^d

		8 th	10 th	12 th
Cass	Wrong/very wrong – Marijuana	95.2%	88.7%	84.6%
Nebraska		94.4%	89.8%	85.2%
Cass	Wrong/very wrong – alcohol	93.9%	81.7%	82.4%
Nebraska		89.1%	80.4%	68.7%
Cass	Wrong/very wrong – cigarettes	96.6%	88.7%	78.8%
Nebraska		92.9%	89.0%	78.7%



Table 21. Juvenile Court Record Sealing Analysis (2015 – 2019) ^m

see [Appendix for yearly data](#)

	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	160	337	47.5%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	233	487	47.8%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	11	14	78.6%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	404	838	48.2%

*Cases offered diversion, mediation or RJ are not available data points in in JUSTICE. All cases filed in adult court and transferred to juvenile court overlapped with cases that were filed in adult court as a misdemeanor or infraction; as such, they were omitted from analysis

Policy, Legal and System Level

- Despite not being a county required to provide counsel under statute; notably, access to counsel is higher than the state.
- There are few curfew and 3A, 3B, and 3C filings in court so the community is diverting appropriately. There have been some uncontrollable youth filings in recent years, but the number is still low.
- With respect to diversion practices, the community may want to consider a few things:
 - Not filing all unsuccessful cases, if the youth completed most of the diversion plan
 - Allowing warning letters for the lowest risk youth
 - Comparing diversion fees to court costs so they are comparable.
 - It is not clear why all first-time offenders are not referred to diversion but perhaps this is due to the ineligible offenses.
 - If drug testing is needed, it should only be used on cases where the youth demonstrates a substance use issue.

Table 22.
Percent of Youth in Juvenile Court Who Had Access to Counsel (2018) ⁿ

	Cass	Nebraska
Access to Counsel	80.0 -- 100.0%	73.5%

Neb. Rev. 43-272. Right to counsel; appointment; payment; guardian ad litem; appointment; when; duties; standards for guardians ad litem; standards for attorneys who practice in juvenile court.

(1)(a) In counties having a population of less than one hundred fifty thousand inhabitants, when any juvenile shall be brought without counsel before a juvenile court, the court shall advise such juvenile and his or her parent or guardian of their right to retain counsel and shall inquire of such juvenile and his or her parent or guardian as to whether they desire to retain counsel.

(b) In counties having a population of one hundred fifty thousand or more inhabitants, when any juvenile court petition is filed alleging jurisdiction of a juvenile pursuant to subdivision (1), (2), (3)(b), or (4) of section 43-247, counsel shall be appointed for such juvenile.

Table 23.
Frequency of Youth with a Curfew Violation (2015 – 2019) ^m

	Cass	Nebraska
Curfew Court Filing	8	352



Table 24.
Court Filing for 3A, 3B, and 3C cases (2015 – 2019) ^m

Filed Subtype	Cass					
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
3A- Homeless/Neglect	0	0	0	0	0	0
3B – Absenteeism/Truancy	1	4	0	0	2	7
3B - Uncontrollable	0	4	7	6	0	17
3C – Mentally Ill and Dangerous	0	0	1	0	0	1

Filed Subtype	Nebraska					
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
3A- Homeless/Neglect	0	2	0	2	3	7
3B – Absenteeism/Truancy	96	510	493	423	475	1997
3B - Uncontrollable	47	118	125	119	82	491
3C – Mentally Ill and Dangerous	22	48	37	22	23	306

Table 25.
County Diversion Procedures and Protocols Compared to Statewide Responses (2020) ^o

	Cass	Nebraska *
Refer ALL juveniles who are first time offenders to diversion	No	Yes: 27.3% No: 63.6% Not sure: 9.1%
File a juvenile's charges at the time of the referral to diversion	No	Yes: 18.2% No: 70.5% Not sure: 11.4%
File a juvenile's charges if they are unsuccessful on diversion	Always	Always: 47.7% Sometimes: 47.7% Not sure: 4.5%
Allow a juvenile to complete diversion more than once	No	Yes: 61.4% No: 34.1% Not sure: 4.5%
Charges/offenses that make a juvenile ineligible for diversion	Yes: Sex offenders or charges that would be considered felonies in adult court	Yes: 86.4% No: 9.1% Not sure: 4.5%
Warning letters instead of intervention	No	Yes: 27.3% No: 61.4% Not sure: 11.4%
Currently drug test	Yes	Yes: 31.8% No: 65.9%



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		Not sure: 2.3%
Fees beyond restitution	Yes; \$50	Yes: 86.4% No: 13.6% Not sure: 0.0%
Use of graduated responses prior to discharge	No	Yes: 47.7% No: 25.0% Not sure: 27.3%
Sealing diversion records	Yes; if the case has been filed, juvenile court sends notice; otherwise, there is nothing to seal if not filed.	Yes: 59.1% No: 22.7% Not sure: 18.2%

*responses included 44 juvenile diversion programs; representing 68 counties/tribe (91.9% response rate)



Community Team Level

- A community lead should be able to get roughly a 75% response, to ensure active participation on planning issues, your response rate was 18.9%. This is lower than ideal, but higher than the 2019 response rate.
- The rates of collective impact went up for almost all elements from the 2019 survey.
- The community team should be representative of the population of that community but should also include diversity. It might be beneficial to add diverse member to your team (especially because of the patterns of over and under representation.)
- Although the low response rate may affect the results of community team diversity, there could be more representation from other system points not currently represented.
 - It may be that there is more team diversity for race/ethnicity and at the various system points, but they did not respond to the survey.

Table 26. Collective Impact Survey Response Rates ^P

	Cass		Nebraska	
	2019	2020	2019	2020
Year of survey	2019	2020	2019	2020
Number of surveys sent	53	37	1407	780
Number of completed surveys	5	7	221	345
Response rate	9.4%	18.9%	28.3%	24.5%

Table 27. Collective Impact Survey Scores ^P

	Cass		Nebraska	
	2019	2020	2019	2020
Year of survey	2019	2020	2019	2020
	Mean Score		Mean Score	
Common agenda	4.61	5.57	5.29	5.69
Mutually reinforcing	4.15	4.14	5.37	5.50
Shared measurement	2.57	5.14	5.21	5.45
Continuous communication	5.52	6.29	5.49	5.55
Backbone agency	4.97	4.86	5.52	5.78

The five elements of Collective Impact are:

- **Common agenda:** Participants have a shared vision and common understanding of both the problem and potential solutions to that problem.
- **Mutually reinforcing activities:** Participant activities must be differentiated while still being coordinated through a mutually reinforcing plan of action.
- **Shared measurement:** Collecting data and measuring results consistently across all participants ensures efforts remain aligned and participants hold each other accountable.
- **Continuous communication:** Consistent and open communication is needed across stakeholders to build trust, assure mutual objectives, and create common motivation.
- **Backbone support:** Creating and managing Collective Impact often requires a separate organization(s) with staff and a specific set of skills to serve as the backbone for the entire initiative and to coordinate participating organizations ⁹

Table 28.
Community Planning Team Diversity ^P

	Cass		Nebraska	
	N = 7	(%)	N = 345	(%)
Gender				
Male	3	42.9%	101	29.3%
Female	4	57.1%	229	66.4%
Missing	--	--	15	4.3%
Age				
Under 30	--	--	19	5.6%
30-39	1	14.3%	68	19.6%
40-49	1	14.3%	88	25.4%
50-59	4	57.2%	90	25.8%
60 and over	1	14.3%	44	13%
Missing	--	--	36	10.4%
Race/Ethnicity				
White	4	57.1%	230	66.7%
Black	--	--	10	2.9%
Hispanic	--	--	13	3.8%
Native American	--	--	6	1.7%
Asian	--	--	1	0.3%
Other	--	--	2	0.6%
Provided town name	2	28.6%	63	18.3%
Missing	1	14.3%	19	5.5%



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Previous System Involvement				
Yes	3	42.9%	98	28.4%
No	4	57.7%	242	70.1%
Missing	--	--	5	1.4%
System Point *				
Law enforcement	3	37.5%	34	7.8%
County attorney/ juvenile court	--	--	32	7.3%
K-12 or secondary education	4	50.0%	65	14.9%
Ministry/faith based	--	--	10	2.3%
Diversion	--	--	55	12.6%
Probation	--	--	31	7.1%
Public defender/ defense counsel/ guardian ad litem	--	--	8	1.8%
DHHS or Child Welfare	--	--	13	3.0%
Treatment provider	--	--	40	9.2%
Post adjudication or detention	--	--	8	1.8%
Community based program	--	--	109	25.0%
Elected official or government	--	--	6	1.4%
Restorative practices	--	--	6	1.4%
Backbone or system improvement	--	--	3	0.7%
Other	1	12.5%	16	3.7%
Voice on Team				
Feel heard	6	85.7%	270	78.3%
Do not feel heard	1	14.3%	75	21.7%

*note. Team members could have selected more than one system point; as such, they do not add up to 100%

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Appendix: RED Descriptives

2015

System Point	N	Amer. Indian/ Alaskan Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic/ Latino	Multiple/ Other	Unspec/ Missing	White
Law enforcement contact	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth taken to temporary custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth issued citation/referral	63	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	12	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Youth enrolled in diversion	12	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Successful completion diversion	9	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Youth with multiple charges	1	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Filed on in adult court	0	NA%	NA%	NA%	NA%	0%	NA%	NA%
RAI Override: More Severe	5	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
RAI Override: Less Severe	1	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Probation intake	8	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Successful probation	52	0%	0%	0%	7.70%	0%	0%	92.30%
Revocation of probation	7	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Youth in OJS custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OJS custody: placed in detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention more than once	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--



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2016

System Point	N	Amer. Indian/ Alaskan Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic/ Latino	Multiple/ Other	Unspec/ Missing	White
Law enforcement contact	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth taken to temporary custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth issued citation/referral	36	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	41	0%	2.40%	2.40%	2.40%	4.90%	0%	87.80%
Youth enrolled in diversion	30	0%	3.30%	0%	0%	3.30%	0%	93.30%
Successful completion diversion	22	0%	4.50%	0%	0%	4.50%	0%	90.90%
Youth with multiple charges	7	0%	0%	14.30%	0%	0%	14.30%	71.40%
Filed on in adult court	0	NA%	NA%	NA%	NA%	0%	NA%	NA%
RAI Override: More Severe	13	0%	0%	15.40%	7.70%	0%	0%	76.90%
RAI Override: Less Severe	3	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Probation intake	24	0%	0%	12.50%	4.20%	0%	0%	83.30%
Successful probation	42	0%	0%	0%	4.80%	0%	0%	95.20%
Revocation of probation	20	0%	0%	10%	0%	0%	0%	90%
Youth in OJS custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OJS custody: placed in detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention more than once	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--



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2017

System Point	N	Amer. Indian/ Alaskan Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic/ Latino	Multiple/ Other	Unspec/ Missing	White
Law enforcement contact	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth taken to temporary custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth issued citation/referral	24	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	25	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	92%
Youth enrolled in diversion	24	4.20%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	95.80%
Successful completion diversion	19	5.30%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	94.70%
Youth with multiple charges	3	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Filed on in adult court	1	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
RAI Override: More Severe	7	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
RAI Override: Less Severe	0	NA%	NA%	NA%	NA%	NA%	0%	NA%
Probation intake	10	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Successful probation	32	0%	0%	0%	6.20%	0%	0%	93.80%
Revocation of probation	3	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Youth in OJS custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OJS custody: placed in detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention more than once	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--



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2018

System Point	N	Amer. Indian/ Alaskan Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic/ Latino	Multiple/ Other	Unspec/ Missing	White
Law enforcement contact	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth taken to temporary custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth issued citation/referral	16	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	37	2.70%	0%	16.20%	8.10%	2.70%	0%	70.30%
Youth enrolled in diversion	35	2.90%	0%	17.10%	8.60%	2.90%	0%	68.60%
Successful completion diversion	25	4%	0%	24%	8%	0%	0%	64%
Youth with multiple charges	7	0%	0%	42.90%	0%	0%	14.30%	42.90%
Filed on in adult court	1	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
RAI Override: More Severe	7	0%	0%	14.30%	0%	0%	0%	85.70%
RAI Override: Less Severe	4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Probation intake	16	0%	0%	31.20%	0%	0%	0%	68.80%
Successful probation	30	3.30%	0%	3.30%	0%	0%	0%	93.30%
Revocation of probation	14	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Youth in OJS custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OJS custody: placed in detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention more than once	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--



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2019

System Point	N	Amer. Indian/ Alaskan Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic/ Latino	Multiple/ Other	Unspec/ Missing	White
Law enforcement contact	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth taken to temporary custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth issued citation/referral	16	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	20	0%	0%	0%	5%	0%	0%	95%
Youth enrolled in diversion	16	0%	0%	0%	6.20%	0%	0%	93.80%
Successful completion diversion	13	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Youth with multiple charges	0	NA%	NA%	NA%	NA%	0%	NA%	NA%
Filed on in adult court	0	NA%	NA%	NA%	NA%	0%	NA%	NA%
RAI Override: More Severe	3	0%	0%	33.30%	0%	0%	0%	66.70%
RAI Override: Less Severe	2	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Probation intake	10	10%	0%	20%	0%	0%	0%	70%
Successful probation	40	0%	0%	2.50%	5%	0%	0%	92.50%
Revocation of probation	14	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Youth in OJS custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OJS custody: placed in detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention more than once	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

**Appendix: Sealed Court Records by Year**

*Cases offered diversion, mediation or RJ are not available data points in in JUSTICE. All cases filed in adult court and transferred to juvenile court overlapped with cases that were filed in adult court as a misdemeanor or infraction; as such, they were omitted from analysis

2015	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	27	71	38.0%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	74	150	49.3%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	1	1	100.0%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	102	222	45.9%

2016	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	54	88	61.4%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	87	157	55.4%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	1	1	100.0%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	142	246	57.7%

2017	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	51	78	65.4%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	38	68	55.9%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	8	8	100%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	97	154	63.0%



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2018	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	21	62	33.9%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	31	83	37.3%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	1	1	100.0%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	53	146	36.3%

2019	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	7	38	18.4%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	3	29	10.3%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	0	3	0.0%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	10	70	14.3%

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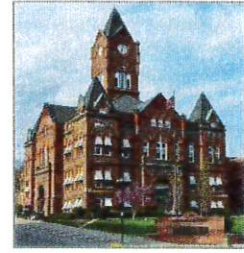
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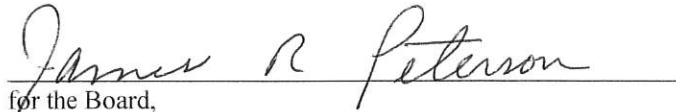
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March 16, 2021

Letter of Approval

On this 16th day of March, 2021, the Commissioners of the Cass County Board do hereby express our support for and approval of the Cass County Community Plan developed by the Cass County Diversion Director for July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025. We understand that this plan has been developed as a guide to the endeavors of the team for utilization of the Crime Commission's Community Based Juvenile Services Aid grant funds.



for the Board,

Jim Peterson

Cass County Board Vice-chairman