

North Central Nebraska Juvenile Services

Comprehensive Youth Services Plan

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Holt, Boyd, Brown, and Wheeler Counties

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Section I: Executive Summary

The North Central Nebraska Juvenile Services Program is excited to present our 2025-2030 Comprehensive Youth Services Plan. This five-year plan highlights the struggles the youth in our counties face and includes what our approach will be over the next five years to address and serve the youth in our service area. Our team will use this plan as a roadmap to improve the health of the youth we serve and educate the community population. The NCNJS Program is determined to promote youth mental health, prevent substance misuse and help those we serve find access to the treatments and supports to foster recovery while also ensuring equitable access and better outcomes.

In order to achieve our mission, we have identified three priority areas to help meet the needs of the youth and families in our communities. The priorities include: 1) Youth Mental Health, 2) Youth Alcohol Use; and 3) Youth Substance Use. It is our intent that our plan will unite youth and families to the resources and supports they need within their communities. Our plan focuses on promoting and educating youth, families, and the public on the importance of mental health, alcohol misuse, and substance misuse; and helping youth and families find access to care and treatment.

A review of data provided us with insight to the struggles the youth in our communities are facing. The Nebraska Risk and Protective Factor Student Survey (NRPFS) provided our team with the information regarding Youth Mental Health, Alcohol Use and Substance Use among youth. A concerning number of youth reported struggling with mental health and factors leading to that struggle. Equally, the number of youth who reported using alcohol and substances was concerning to our team. These numbers are what lead us to choose the priorities we wanted to address.

In developing this plan, it was essential for our team to collaborate with other community resources to ensure that our approaches were in line with other programs and services in our communities. Collecting and analyzing the data collected by many sources we were able to gain an understand of what youth and families are experiencing. Without the collaboration and support of the community resources, and the public we would not be able to develop or execute our plan.

With everyone working together we will be able to achieve our goals to have all populations within our communities which have an impact on youth such as families, educators, health care professionals, juvenile justice officials, and the media to promote Youth Mental Health awareness, help youth recognize the harm and consequences of Alcohol and Substance Use, and connect youth to the services and treatment they need. In accomplishing our goals we hope to see improved school attendance, fewer suspensions, better grades and academic achievement as well as fewer youth referred to the diversion program for Alcohol and Substance related violations.

Section II: Introduction

Community Team: Background, Formation, and Purpose

Description of Team: The North Central Nebraska Juvenile Services Team began in 2002. The Team developed the Truancy Program in 2015 and the Juvenile Diversion Program in 2017. The team is comprised of representatives from Probation, County Court, Law Enforcement, Education, and the general community. The team meets quarterly and as needed to discuss general business as well as in depth discussions on the priorities of the youth we serve. The team works together to ensure the goals of our Community Plan are being met.

Description of the Planning Process: The North Central Nebraska Juvenile Services Comprehensive Youth Services Plan will be used to guide our programs toward achieving strategic priorities and adapt to meet the needs of the youth we serve. The plan will be visited quarterly and reviewed annually to ensure plan implementation is on track and determine if any changes are necessary. Focused efforts to develop the Comprehensive Youth Services Plan began in April of 2024 and continued through October 2024. The timeline and activities that took place in the strategic planning process are described below.

4/11/2024

1. Strategic planning overview, discussion of data needed, and division of tasks.

The North Central Nebraska Juvenile Services (NCNJS) Board met to discuss the strategic planning process and review the plan manual and the template. Discussion about collecting data and who would be responsible for collecting what data was determined.

5/6/24 to 6/20/2024

2. Discussion with other community programs.

The NCNJS team reached out to community programs, organizations, and facilities who serve youth to get opinions on what others felt the youth in our service area would benefit from and what changes they would like to see. The team then discussed the information gathered and made a list of possible goals to be revisited after all the data was gathered.

8/14/2024

3. Review and discussion of collected data priority areas identified.

The team met to share and review the multiple data sets which had been collected. While reviewing the data the team identified priority areas to focus on. After priority areas were identified, the team discussed which areas were going to be our focus for the plan.

9/21/2024

4. Analysis of available services/programs.

The team completed a list of services and programs available in our service area. The team then discussed which services/programs fit into the categories of services referred to in the plan manual. The team then had a conversation about gaps in services and what services we could benefit from having available to the youth in our area.

10/15/2024

5. Review of plan draft (changes made)

The team met to review the draft of the plan. Once the information in the plan was reviewed and agreed upon a discussion was held to determine the layout of the plan should look and how the data should be presented. The team reached an agreement and the program director was set to put the plan together based on the team's decisions.

10/28/2024

6. Plan approved

The team met to approve the final plan. Once the plan was approved it was released to all interested parties to approve.

11/6/2024

The plan and MOU's were sent to each county for approval and signatures.

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County Descriptions

Holt County

Holt County is the largest of the four counties we cover in both population and area. Holt County encompasses 2,412 square miles of land area and is traversed northwest and southeast by State Highway 20 and 275. State Highway 281 divides the county going north and south. Highway 11 runs north and south through Atkinson. Highway 95 connects 281 and 11 on the south side of the county. O'Neill is the county seat of Holt County with a population of 3,584 people. Other towns and villages located in Holt County include Atkinson, Stuart, Ewing, Chambers, Page, Inman, Emmet, and Amelia. Holt County is bordered by 8 other rural Nebraska counties. Health care facilities in Holt County include 2 hospitals, and 4 medical clinic's. Holt County has 6 elementary schools, 5 secondary schools, and 1 community college extended campus.

Holt County attracts those who enjoy simplicity and the outdoors. A portion of the Cowboy Trail runs through Holt County. The Cowboy Trail currently runs 195 miles across northern Nebraska, following the old Chicago & Northwestern rail route from Norfolk in the east to Valentine in the west. There are many hunting, fishing, camping, birdwatching, hiking locations located throughout Holt County. Photography enthusiasts also appreciate the untouched beauty of the area.

Holt County is the home of the following State Wildlife Management and Recreation Areas:

- Dry Creek State Wildlife Management Area 2 miles east of O'Neill on Highway 20/275
- Goose Lake State Wildlife Management Area 25 miles south and west of Chambers
- Atkinson Lake State Recreation Area 1 mile west of Atkinson just off of Highway 20

Statistical Summaries:

Nebraska & Holt County Populations

Population 2023¹

POPULATION	HOLT COUNTY	NEBRASKA
Total Population	10,149	1,978,379
Male Population	50.60%	50.30%
Female Population	49.40%	49.70%

Population by Age 2023³

Age Group	Holt County (n=10,149)	Nebraska (n=1,978,379)
Under 5 years	6.20%	6.30%
Under 18 years	25.80%	24.30%
Under 65 years	44.30%	52.20%
Over 65 years	23.70%	17.20%
Avg. People per Household	3.2	2.46

*Holt county has a higher than average number of people per household.

Population by Race/Ethnicity 2023³

Race/Ethnicity	Holt County (n=10,149)	Nebraska (n=1,978,379)
White	97.00%	87.30%
Black	0.60%	5.50%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0.90%	1.70%
Asian	0.50%	2.80%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.10%	0.10%
Hispanic/Latino	6.00%	12.90%
Two or more races	0.90%	2.60%

Nebraska & Holt County Occupation & Income Occupation 2023¹

Location	Number of People Employed	Primary Industry
Holt County	5,230	Agriculture
Nebraska	890,050	Retail Sales

Income 2022⁴

Household Income	Median Income	Per Capita income	Poverty rate/Living in Poverty
Holt County (n=5,230)	\$66,325	\$38,585	12.80%
Nebraska (n=890,050)	\$71,722	\$38,585	11.20%

*Holt county has a lower than average median income and a higher than average poverty rate.

Nebraska & Holt County Housing Housing 2022³

Location	Housing Units	Owner-Occupied rate	Rental Households rate
Holt County	4,904	72.10%	33.15%
Nebraska	873,672	66.50%	59.54%

Nebraska & Holt County Healthcare Healthcare 2022^{1&3}

Healthcare	% of Population without Health Insurance
Holt County (n=10,149)	5.95% ¹
Nebraska (n=1,978,379)	7.80% ³

Holt County Healthcare Breakdown 2022¹

Healthcare Coverage	Holt County (n=10,149)
Employer Coverage	39.40%
Medicaid	14%
Medicare	17%
Non-Group Coverage	22.80%
Military or VA Coverage	0.86%
Teen Births 2022 ² Holt County	15
Teen Births 2022 ² Nebraska	18

Nebraska & Holt County Education
Education 2022³

Educational Level	Holt County (n=10,149)	Nebraska (n=1,978,379)
High School Graduate or above	93.9%	91.9%
Bachelor's degree or higher	33.5%	27.5%

Holt County School Students Qualifying for Free/Reduced Lunch
Free/Reduced Lunch 2023-2024⁵

School	# of students enrolled	# of students free/reduced	% of students free/reduced
Nebraska	328,722	*	49.69%
O'Neill HS	365	182	49.86%
O'Neill Ele	461	243	52.71%
Stuart HS	79	39	49.37%
Stuart Ele	122	63	51.64%
Chambers HS	45	17	37.78%
Chambers Ele	80	29	36.25%
Atkinson WH HS	203	85	41.87%
Atkinson WH Ele	199	97	48.74%
O'Neill St. Mary's HS	80	41	51.25%
O'Neill St. Mary's Ele	106	41	38.68%
Atk St. Joseph's Ele	60	12	20.00%

*O'Neill HS, O'Neill Ele, Stuart Ele, and O'Neill St. Mary's schools have a higher than average % of students who qualify for free/reduced lunch.

Boyd County

Boyd County is an exclusively rural county which borders South Dakota. Boyd County encompasses 545 square miles of land area and is traversed North to South by State Highway 281. Highway 281 meets State Highway 12 at a junction located about three miles Southeast of Spencer. State Highway 12 runs through the entire county from East to West. State Highway 11 located one mile West of Butte and runs North to the South Dakota border and South to Holt County. Butte is the county seat of Boyd County with a population of 286 people. Other towns and villages located in Boyd County include Anoka, Bristow, Gross, Lynch, Monowi, Naper, and Spencer. Boyd County is bordered by the state of South Dakota to the North and 4 other rural Nebraska Counties. Health care facilities in Boyd County include 1 hospital, and 1 medical clinic.

Boyd County has 2 elementary schools, 1 middle school, and 1 secondary schools. Boyd County attracts outdoor enthusiasts. There are several activities and sights that make Boyd County an inviting destination. The Niobrara River located on the southern edge of the county is ideal for swimming, fishing, and canoeing. The rolling hills and country scenery attract people looking for a relaxing getaway or a nature photo opportunity. There are many hunting, fishing, camping, birdwatching, and hiking locations located throughout Boyd County.

Boyd County is the home of the following State Wildlife Management Areas:

- Parshall Bridge State Wildlife Management Area 5 miles south and east of Butte just off highway 11
- Hull Lake State Wildlife Management Area 11 miles southwest of Butte

Statistical Summaries:

Nebraska & Boyd County Populations

Population 2023⁶

POPULATION	BOYD COUNTY	NEBRASKA
Total Population	1,767	1,978,379
Male Population	52.0%	50.30%
Female Population	48.0%	49.70%

Population by Age 2023⁸

Age Group	Boyd County (n=1,767)	Nebraska (n=1,978,379)
Under 5 years	3.60%	6.30%
Under 18 years	18.60%	24.30%
Under 65 years	45.90%	52.20%
Over 65 years	31.90%	17.20%
Avg. People per Household	2.2	2.46

Population by Race/Ethnicity 2023⁸

Race/Ethnicity	Boyd County (n=1,767)	Nebraska (n=1,978,379)
White	92.60%	87.30%
Black	0.20%	5.50%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	3.00%	1.70%

Asian	0.00%	2.80%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.00%	0.10%
Hispanic/Latino	3.00%	12.90%
Two or more races	0.50%	2.60%

Nebraska & Boyd County Occupation & Income Occupation 2023⁶

Location	Number of People Employed	Primary Industry
Boyd County	851	Agriculture
Nebraska	890,050	Retail Sales

Income 2022⁹

Household Income	Median Income	Per Capita income	Poverty rate/Living in Poverty
Boyd County (n=851)	\$57,120	\$35,198	14.40%
Nebraska (n=890,050)	\$71,722	\$38,585	11.20%

*Boyd County has a lower than average median income and per capita income & a higher than average poverty rate.

Nebraska & Boyd County Housing Housing 2022⁸

Location	Housing Units	Owner-Occupied rate	Rental Households Rate
Boyd County	1,221	82.9%	11.22%
Nebraska	873,672	66.50%	59.54%

Nebraska & Holt County Healthcare Healthcare 2022^{6&8}

Healthcare	% of Population without Health Insurance
Boyd County (n=1,767)	8.28% ⁶
Nebraska (n=1,978,379)	7.80% ⁸

*Boyd County has a higher than average population without health insurance.

Boyd County Healthcare Breakdown 2022⁶

Healthcare Coverage	Boyd County (n=1,767)
Employer Coverage	24.7%
Medicaid	13.2%
Medicare	21.6%
Non-Group Coverage	29.8%
Military or VA Coverage	2.42%
Teen Births 2022 ⁷ Boyd County	0
Teen Births 2022 ⁷ Nebraska	18

Nebraska & Boyd County Education Education 2022⁸

Educational Level	Boyd County (n=1,767)	Nebraska (n=1,978,379)
High School Graduate or above	95.2%	91.9%
Bachelor's degree or higher	16.9%	27.5%

Boyd County School Students Qualifying for Free/Reduced Lunch
Free/Reduced Lunch 2023-2024⁵

School	# of students enrolled	# of students free/reduced	% of students free/reduced
Nebraska	328,722	*	49.69%
Boyd HS (Spencer)	107	55	51.40%
Boyd MS (Spencer)	91	58	63.74%
Boyd Ele (Butte)	71	24	33.80%
Boyd Ele (Lynch)	53	38	71.70%

*Boyd HS, Boyd MS, and Boyd Ele (Lynch) have a higher than average % of students who qualify for free/reduced lunch.

Brown County

Brown County is also an exclusively rural county located in the North Central part of the state. Brown County encompasses 1,225 square miles of land area and is traversed West and East by State Highway 20. State Highway 7 runs from Ainsworth going South to Blain County. Three miles West of Long Pine, State Highway 183 runs North to South Dakota. Ainsworth is the county seat of Brown County with a population of 1,563 people. Other towns and villages located in Brown County include Long Pine and Johnstown. Brown County is bordered by 5 other rural Nebraska counties. Health care facilities in Brown County include 1 hospital, and 3 medical clinics. Brown County has 1 elementary school, 1 middle school, and 1 secondary school.

Brown County attracts those with a passion for the outdoors. Fishing enthusiasts will appreciate the various spots where catfish and trout can be caught. Hunting is popular in the fall, with wild game species, including deer and pheasants. There are many camping, birdwatching, and hiking locations located throughout Brown County. The Cowboy Trail currently runs 195 miles across northern Nebraska, following the old Chicago & Northwestern rail route from Norfolk in the east to Valentine in the west.

Brown County is the home of the following State Wildlife Management and Recreation Areas:

- Bobcat State Wildlife Management Area/ Keller School Land State Wildlife Management Area 14 miles north and west of Ainsworth
- Keller Park State Recreation Area 12 miles northwest of Long Pine on Highway 183
- Pine Glen State Wildlife Management Area 12 miles northeast of Long Pine
- Long Pine State Recreation Area/Long Pine State Wildlife Management Area 2 miles northwest of Long Pine off of highway 20
- American Game Marsh State Wildlife Management Area/ South Twin Lake State Wildlife Management Area 28 miles west and south of Ainsworth
- Long Lake State Wildlife Management Area 38 miles south and west of Ainsworth

Statistical Summaries:

Nebraska & Brown County Populations

Population 2023¹⁰

POPULATION	BROWN COUNTY	NEBRASKA
Total Population	2,691	1,978,379
Male Population	49.0%	50.30%
Female Population	51.0%	49.70%

Population by Age 2023¹²

Age Group	Brown County (n=2,691)	Nebraska (n=1,978,379)
Under 5 years	6.30%	6.30%
Under 18 years	21.40%	24.30%
Under 65 years	46.60%	52.20%
Over 65 years	25.70%	17.20%
Avg. People per Household	2.2	2.46

Population by Race/Ethnicity 2023¹²

Race/Ethnicity	Brown County (n=2,691)	Nebraska (n=1,978,379)
White	91.30%	87.30%
Black	0.00%	5.50%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0.00%	1.70%
Asian	0.00%	2.80%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.00%	0.10%
Hispanic/Latino	4.10%	12.90%
Two or more races	1.70%	2.60%

Nebraska & Brown County Occupation & Income

Occupation 2023¹⁰

Location	Number of People Employed	Primary Industry
Brown County	1,292	Agriculture
Nebraska	890,050	Retail Sales

Income 2022¹²

Household Income	Median Income	Per Capita income	Poverty rate/Living in Poverty
Brown County (n=1,292)	\$44,267	\$31,772	12.10%
Nebraska (n=890,050)	\$71,722	\$38,585	11.20%

*Brown County has a lower than average median income and per capita income & a higher than average poverty rate.

Nebraska & Brown County Housing

Housing 2022¹²

Location	Housing Units	Owner-Occupied rate	Rental Households Rate
Brown County	1,634	75.2%	39.13%
Nebraska	873,672	66.50%	59.54%

Nebraska & Brown County Healthcare

Healthcare 2022^{10&12}

Healthcare Coverage	Brown County (n=2,691)
Brown County (n=2,691)	7.27% ¹⁰
Nebraska (n=1,978,379)	7.80% ¹²

Brown County Healthcare Breakdown 2022¹⁰

Healthcare Coverage	Brown County (n=2,691)
Employer Coverage	25.8%
Medicaid	15.3%
Medicare	22.4%
Non-Group Coverage	26.3%
Military or VA Coverage	3.01%
Teen Births 2022 ¹¹ Brown County	6
Teen Births 2022 ¹¹ Nebraska	18

**Nebraska & Brown County Education
Education 2022¹²**

Educational Level	Brown County (n=2,691)	Nebraska (n=1,978,379)
High School Graduate or above	92.5%	91.9%
Bachelor's degree or higher	21.3%	27.5%

**Brown County School Students Qualifying for Free/Reduced Lunch
Free/Reduced Lunch 2023-2024⁵**

School	# of students enrolled	# of students free/red	% of students free/red
Nebraska	328,722	*	49.69%
Ainsworth HS	119	57	47.90%
Ainsworth Ele	134	55	41.04%
Ainsworth MS	116	41	35.34%

Wheeler County

Wheeler County is also an exclusively rural county and an extremely low populated county. Wheeler County encompasses 575.2 square miles of land area and is traversed North to South by State Highway 281. State Highway 70 divides the county, meeting Highway 281 from the East, 7 miles North of Bartlett. State Highway 70 joins Highway 281 running South for 7 miles where Highway 70 moves West through Ericson and continues through the rest of Wheeler County. Bartlett is the county seat of Wheeler County with a population of 149 people. Ericson is the only other town in Wheeler County. Wheeler County is bordered by 6 other rural Nebraska counties. here are no health care facilities in Wheeler County, residents travel to neighboring counties for health care. Wheeler County has 1 elementary school, and 1 secondary school.

Wheeler County attracts those who enjoy simplicity and the outdoors. There are many hunting, fishing, camping, birdwatching, and hiking locations located throughout Wheeler County. Photography enthusiasts also appreciate the untouched beauty of the area.

Statistical Summaries:

Nebraska & Wheeler County Populations Population 2023¹⁴

POPULATION	WHEELER COUNTY	NEBRASKA
Total Population	771	1,978,379
Male Population	47.0%	50.30%
Female Population	53.0%	49.70%

Population by Age 2023¹⁶

Age Group	Wheeler County (n=771)	Nebraska (n=1,978,379)
Under 5 years	7.20%	6.30%
Under 18 years	22.20%	24.30%
Under 65 years	40.10%	52.20%
Over 65 years	30.50%	17.20%
Avg. People per Household	2.2	2.46

Population by Race/Ethnicity 2023¹⁶

Race/Ethnicity	Wheeler County (n=771)	Nebraska (n=1,978,379)
White	98.30%	87.30%
Black	0.00%	5.50%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0.00%	1.70%
Asian	0.00%	2.80%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.00%	0.10%
Hispanic/Latino	1.00%	12.90%
Two or more races	1.20%	2.60%

Nebraska & Wheeler County Occupation & Income

Occupation 2023¹⁴

Location	Number of People Employed	Primary Industry
Wheeler County	363	Agriculture
Nebraska	890,050	Retail Sales

Income 2022¹⁷

Household Income	Median Income	Per Capita income	Poverty rate/Living in Poverty
Wheeler County (n=363)	\$59,167	\$35,158	14.70%
Nebraska (n=890,050)	\$71,722	\$38,585	11.20%

*Wheeler County has a lower than average median income and per capita income & a higher than average poverty rate.

Nebraska & Wheeler County Housing

Housing 2022¹⁶

Location	Housing Units	Owner-Occupied rate	Rental Households Rate
Wheeler County	510	77.2%	5.00%
Nebraska	873,672	66.50%	59.54%

Nebraska & Wheeler County Healthcare

Healthcare 2022^{14&16}

Healthcare	% of Population without Health Insurance
Wheeler County (n=771)	11% ¹⁴
Nebraska (n=1,978,379)	7.80% ¹⁶

*Wheeler County has a higher than average population without health insurance.

Wheeler County Healthcare Breakdown 2022¹⁴

Healthcare Coverage	Wheeler County (n=771)
Employer Coverage	36.2%
Medicaid	4.28%
Medicare	26.1%
Non-Group Coverage	21.0%
Military or VA Coverage	1.43
Teen Births 2022 ¹⁵ Wheeler County	0
Teen Births 2022 ¹⁵ Nebraska	18

Nebraska & Wheeler County Education

Education 2022¹⁶

Educational Level	Wheeler County (n=771)	Nebraska (n=1,978,379)
High School Graduate or above	97.90%	91.9%
Bachelor's degree or higher	24.70%	27.5%

Wheeler County School Students Qualifying for Free/Reduced Lunch
Free/Reduced Lunch 2023-2024⁵

School	# of students enrolled	# of students free/red	% of students free/red
Nebraska	328,722	*	49.69%
Wheeler Central HS	44	*	*
Wheeler Central Ele	83	24	28.92%

Statistical Summaries

Holt, Boyd, Brown & Wheeler Counties

Counties Measurements¹⁸

Poverty/SES

Poverty/SES	# of Youth <18 years	# of Youth <18 years living in poverty	Percent of Youth <18 years living in poverty	%Children in single parent households
Nebraska	471,829	56,544	11.98%	20.4%
Holt County	2,543	254	9.99%	13.0%
Boyd County	324	77	23.77%	16.0%
Brown County	515	33	6.41%	14.0%
Wheeler County	142	26	18.31%	23.0%

*Boyd & Wheeler Counties have a higher than average number of <18 youth living in poverty. Wheeler County has a higher than average % of single parent households.

Internet Access at home^{3,8,12&16}

Computer/Internet	Households with a Computer	Households with Broadband Internet
Nebraska (n=1,978,379)	93.7%	88.4%
Holt County (n=10,149)	89.9%	80.7%
Boyd County (n=1,767)	86.0%	82.2%
Brown County (n=2,691)	92.0%	84.6%
Wheeler County (n=771)	85.0%	76.3%

* All four counties have a lower than average % of households with a computer & lower than average % of households with broadband internet.

Transportation^{3,8,12&16}

Transportation	% Households with No vehicle
Nebraska (n=1,978,379)	5.0%
Holt County (n=10,149)	4.8%
Boyd County (n=1,767)	*
Brown County (n=2,691)	*
Wheeler County (n=771)	*

Education - Disconnected Youth¹⁸

Geographic Location	Pop. By age 16-19	Pop. By age 16-19 Not in school & not employed	% Pop. By age 16-19 Not in school & not employed
Nebraska	110,520	4,603	4.16%
Holt County	428	15	3.50%
Boyd County	26	0	0.00%
Brown County	150	0	0.00%
Wheeler County	11	0	0.00%

Education/School Measurements
Distribution of the Population PK-12 2022/2023 School Year⁵
2022-2023 School Enrollment by Gender & Race/Ethnicity

All Students in Holt County Schools

Race	Male	Female	Total
White	855	724	1,579
Black	1	7	8
Hispanic	99	103	202
Asian	2	5	7
American Indian / Alaskan Native	2	1	3
Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Two or More Races	10	21	31
Unidentified	0	0	0
Total	969	861	1,830

All Students in Boyd County Schools

Race	Male	Female	Total
White	156	139	295
Black	1	0	1
Hispanic	3	9	12
Asian	0	0	0
American Indian / Alaskan Native	1	2	3
Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Two or More Races	6	5	11
Unidentified	0	0	0
Total	167	155	322

All Students in Brown County Schools

Race	Male	Female	Total
White	160	160	320
Black	1	1	2
Hispanic	28	24	52
Asian	0	0	0
American Indian / Alaskan Native	4	3	7
Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander	1	1	2
Two or More Races	2	4	6
Unidentified	0	0	0
Total	196	193	389

All Students in Wheeler County Schools

Race	Male	Female	Total
White	72	49	121
Black	1	0	1
Hispanic	6	0	6
Asian	0	0	0
American Indian / Alaskan Native	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Two or More Races	0	0	0
Unidentified	0	0	0
Total	79	49	128

Chronic Absenteeism by Rate 2022/2023 School Year⁵

Geographic Area	Total # of Students Enrolled	>10 Absences	>15 Absences	>20 Absences	Chronically Absent
Nebraska	309,414	130,087 =42.04%	74,544 =24.09%	45,730 =14.78%	69,250 =22.38%
Holt County	1,479	358=24.27%	142=9.60%	58=3.92%	145=9.80%
Boyd County	304	102=33.55%	46=15.13%	18=5.92%	29=9.53%
Brown County	369	104=28.18%	38=10.29%	19=5.14%	40=10.84%
Wheeler County	104	26=25%	11=10.57%	5=4.80%	10=9.61%

*All four counties have a concerning number of students who are chronically absent.

Disabilities, English Learners, Eligibility for Free/Reduced Lunch 2022-2023 School Year⁵

Geographic Area	Total Count	English Learners	Special ED	Free/Reduced Lunch
Nebraska	309,414	8.37%	16.45%	49.69%
Holt County				
O'Neill HS	353	4.25%	*	47.31%
O'Neill Ele School	476	9.40%	*	55.88%
Stuart HS	87	*	*	54.02%
Stuart Ele School	113	*	*	52.21%
Chambers HS	43	*	*	32.56%
Chambers Ele School	76	*	*	36.84%
Atkinson West Holt HS	215	*	*	40.47%
Atkinson West Holt Ele	205	*	*	42.93%
Boyd County				
Boyd County HS (Spencer)	95	*	*	53.68%
Boyd County MS (Spencer)	105	*	*	47.62%
Boyd County Ele (Butte)	86	*	*	41.86%
Boyd County Ele (Lynch)	47	*	*	57.45%
Brown County				
Ainsworth HS	119	*	*	47.90%
Ainsworth Ele School	134	*	*	41.04%

Ainsworth Middle School	116	*	*	35.34%
Wheeler County		*	*	
Wheeler Central HS	44	*	*	*
Wheeler Central Ele	83	*	*	28.92%

*O'Neill Ele has a higher than average % of English Learners.

Academic Achievement Rates⁵

Percent Proficient: Advanced/On Track or Combined

Combined Results for All Grades Tested 2022-2023 School Year

Geographic Area	NSCAS English Language Arts	NSCAS Mathematics	NSCAS Science
Nebraska	58%	61%	70%
Holt County			
O'Neill HS	59%	66%	56%
O'Neill Ele School	60%	61%	80%
Stuart HS	72%	69%	*
Stuart Ele School	53%	74%	73%
Chambers HS	76%	94%	*
Chambers Ele School	64%	43%	91%
Atkinson West Holt HS	64%	84%	77%
Atkinson West Holt Ele	66%	79%	79%
Boyd County			
Boyd County HS (Spencer)	*	*	*
Boyd County MS (Spencer)	59%	62%	57%
Boyd County Ele (Butte)	78%	81%	*
Boyd County Ele (Lynch)	60%	70%	*
Brown County			
Ainsworth HS	*	*	*
Ainsworth Ele School	53%	57%	*
Ainsworth Middle School	67%	78%	43%
Wheeler County			
Wheeler Central HS	45%	50%	70%
Wheeler Central Ele	47%	47%	*

* This website masks or hides data for groups with fewer than 10 students to protect confidential information about individual students as required by federal law.

* Stuart Ele, Ainsworth Ele, Wheeler Central HS & Ele all have lower than average % of English Proficient students. Chambers Ele, Ainsworth Ele, Wheeler Central HS & Ele all have lower than average % of Mathematics Proficient Students. O'Neill HS, Boyd County MS, and Ainsworth MS all have lower than average % of Science Proficient Students.

Nebraska Public High School 4-Year Graduation Rates 2022-2023 School Year⁵

2022-2023 School Year

Geographic Area	# of High School Graduates	Graduation Rate
Nebraska	21,232	87.25%
Holt County		
O'Neill HS	53	94.64%
Stuart HS	14	93.33%

Chambers HS	*	*
Atkinson West Holt HS	33	94.29%
Boyd County		
Boyd County HS (Spencer)	16	100%
Brown County		
Ainsworth HS	33	97.06%
Wheeler County		
Wheeler Central High School	*	*

North Central Nebraska Truancy Program

The North Central Nebraska Juvenile Services Truancy Program has a mission to improve student attendance by discovering the root causes of truancy and assisting students and their families with overcoming the barriers that impact attendance. The program confronts school absenteeism by addressing academic, school, personal, and family-related factors. The Truancy Program is a voluntary and supportive program designed to keep students in school and families out of court. The program offers assessments, individualized case plans, and life-skills classes. The program does not have a however, youth/families are responsible for any fee(s) with regards to referrals made to outside resources.

Holt County Truancy Program 2020-2022 Report¹⁹

Referred	Enrolled	Successful
25	24	16
Monitor Only	Truancy Intervention	Truancy Diversion
67%	25%	8%

Truancy Program Enrollment by Race¹⁹

Hispanic	White
28%	72%

Truancy Program Involvement by Race¹⁹

Race	Referred	Enrolled	Successful
Hispanic	7 = 28%	6 = 24%	4 = 16%
White	18 = 72%	18 = 72%	12 = 48%

Truancy Program Enrollment by Sex¹⁹

Male	Female	Nonbinary
10 = 40%	16 = 60%	0

Truancy Program Enrollment by Grade¹⁹

Elementary School (K-6)	Middle School (7-8)	High School (9-12)
0	6 = 24%	18 = 72%

Truancy Program Enrollment by Race¹⁹

Hispanic	White
28%	72%

Youth Changes in Attendance Pre/Post Program¹⁹

Excused Absences		Unexcused Absences		Tardies	
Pre	Post	Pre	Post	Pre	Post
2%	2%	16%	5%	1%	1%

Youth School Attachment Pre/Post Program¹⁹

Low Attachment		Medium Attachment		High Attachment		Unknown	
Pre	Post	Pre	Post	Pre	Post	Pre	Post
1 = 6%	0 = 0%	6 = 38%	7 = 44%	8 = 50%	7 = 44%	1 = 6%	2 = 13%

*High Attachment to school went down by 1 student between pre and post enrollment.

Truancy Program Outcomes¹⁹

Successful Completion	Unsuccessful or Other Closed
16 cases	9 cases

Youth Risk/Protective Factors

Youth Who Report Substance Use & Mental Health Symptoms 8th /10th/12th Graders 2023²⁰

** Holt County is the only County of the counties we cover that participated in SHARP survey**

PARTICIPATION RATES

Holt County	8 th Grade Students	10 th Grade Students	12 th Grade Students	TOTAL
# Participated	59	69	90	218
# Enrolled	137	124	140	401
% Participated	43.1%	55.6%	64.3%	54.4%
Nebraska	8 th Grade Students	10 th Grade Students	12 th Grade Students	TOTAL
# Participated	3567	4599	3394	11560
# Enrolled	26566	27660	27460	81686
% Participated	13.4%	16.6%	12.4%	14.2%

SUBSTANCE USE²⁰

Substance Use: Alcohol & Tobacco

Holt County	8 th Grade	10 th Grade	12 th Grade
Lifetime Alcohol Use	25.9%	22.1%	45.6%
Current Alcohol Use	11.9%	8.8%	10.0%
Current Binge Drinking	1.7%	3.0%	2.2%
Lifetime Tobacco Use	3.4%	4.4%	18.9%
Current Tobacco Use	0.0%	4.4%	5.6%
Lifetime Electronic Vapor Use	6.8%	11.8%	21.1%
Current Electronic Vapor Use	5.1%	2.9%	8.9%
Nebraska	8 th Grade	10 th Grade	12 th Grade
Lifetime Alcohol Use	27.0%	35.1%	52.1%
Current Alcohol Use	8.6%	14.3%	26.0%
Current Binge Drinking	1.2%	5.1%	11.5%
Lifetime Tobacco Use	6.3%	9.0%	16.9%
Current Tobacco Use	1.9%	3.4%	6.8%
Lifetime Electronic Vapor Use	10.9%	18.2%	30.2%
Current Electronic Vapor Use	5.4%	8.9%	16.2%

Substance Use: Other Drugs²⁰

Holt County	8 th Grade	10 th Grade	12 th Grade
Lifetime Marijuana Use	7.1%	4.4%	8.9%
Current Marijuana Use	0.0%	1.5%	1.1%
Lifetime LSD Use	0.0%	0.0%	1.1%
Lifetime Cocaine Use	0.0%	0.0%	2.2%
Lifetime Meth Use	1.7%	0.0%	1.1%
Lifetime Heroin Use	1.7%	0.0%	1.1%
Lifetime Synthetic Drug Use	0.0%	1.5%	1.1%
Lifetime Inhalant Use	0.0%	0.0%	2.2%
Lifetime Prescription Drug Use	3.4%	4.4%	3.3%
Current Prescription Drug Use	1.7%	1.5%	1.1%

Nebraska	8 th Grade	10 th Grade	12 th Grade
Lifetime Marijuana Use	4.8%	10.4%	22.8%
Current Marijuana Use	1.9%	4.7%	9.7%
Lifetime LSD Use	0.8%	1.4%	4.1%
Lifetime Cocaine Use	0.2%	0.4%	1.3%
Lifetime Meth Use	0.4%	0.3%	0.4%
Lifetime Heroin Use	0.3%	0.4%	0.6%
Lifetime Synthetic Drug Use	0.7%	1.0%	1.3%
Lifetime Inhalant Use	4.5%	2.7%	2.8%
Lifetime Prescription Drug Use	2.8%	3.2%	4.3%
Current Prescription Drug Use	1.1%	0.9%	1.3%

Percentage Reporting Drinking Alcohol to Increase Effect of Some Other Drug, Among Students who Reported Drinking in the Past 30 Days²⁰

Holt County	8 th Grade	10 th Grade	12 th Grade
Did Not Use Alcohol	88.1%	88.4%	88.9%
Used Alcohol to Increase Effect	1.7%	1.4%	0.0%

How Soon They Wanted to Use Tobacco Products after Waking Up, Among Students Who Reported Using Tobacco Products²⁰

Holt County	8 th Grade	10 th Grade	12 th Grade
Did Not Use Tobacco	94.9%	97.1%	93.3%
Within 30 minutes	0.0%	0.0%	2.2%
From 30 minutes to an hour	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
After 1 hour but less than 24 hours	0.0%	0.0%	1.1%
Rarely wanted to Smoke	5.1%	2.9%	3.3%

Type of Mist Inhaled in Electronic Vaporizer, Among Students who Reported Using an E-cigarette or Vaping Device²⁰

Holt County	8 th Grade	10 th Grade	12 th Grade
Never used vaping or E-cigarette device	93.2%	88.2%	76.4%
Nicotine or Tobacco Substitute	5.1%	5.9%	14.6%
Marijuana or Hash Oil	0.0%	0.0%	1.1%
Meth, Cocaine or Heroin	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
A Product without Nicotine or other drugs	0.0%	4.4%	4.5%
Don't Know	1.7%	1.5%	3.4%

Percentage Reporting Using Pain Medication Prescribed by a Doctor during the Past 12 Months²⁰

Holt County	8 th Grade	10 th Grade	12 th Grade
Used Main Medication Prescribed by a Doctor	19.0%	8.8%	14.6%

Other Pain Medication Topics, Among Students who Reported Receiving Prescription Pain Medication from a Doctor²⁰

Holt County	8 th Grade	10 th Grade	12 th Grade
Did Not Receive A Pain Medication Prescription from a Doctor	63.8%	68.7%	59.0%
Used Pain Medication more than Directed	3.4%	0.0%	3.6%
Someone asked to borrow/buy pain medication	0.0%	0.0%	2.4%

Awareness and Knowledge of Opioid Overdose Reversal²⁰

Holt County	8 th Grade	10 th Grade	12 th Grade
Heard of Naloxone/Narcan	33.9%	31.9%	44.9%
Knowing how use Naloxone/Narcan	5.1%	8.7%	15.6%
Knowing someone overdosed in the past	8.5%	23.5%	24.4%

Percentage Reporting Wrong or Very Wrong to Substance Use Behavior²⁰

Holt County	8 th Grade	10 th Grade	12 th Grade
Smoke cigarettes	98.3%	97.1%	90.0%
Use smokeless tobacco	96.6%	95.6%	87.6%
Use electronic vapor	96.6%	94.0%	86.7%
Drink alcohol at least once or twice a month	86.4%	89.7%	74.4%
Use marijuana	100.0%	95.6%	92.2%
Misuse prescription drugs	96.6%	97.1%	94.4%
Use other illegal drugs	100.0%	98.5%	98.9%

Percentage Reporting Peer Wrong or Very Wrong to Substance Use Behavior²⁰

Holt County	8 th Grade	10 th Grade	12 th Grade
Smoke tobacco	94.9%	94.1%	85.1%
Use electronic vapor	91.5%	83.8%	81.6%
Drink alcohol regularly	89.8%	77.9%	80.7%
Misuse prescription drugs	94.9%	95.6%	93.2%

Percentage Reporting Parent Wrong or Very Wrong to Substance Use Behavior²⁰

Holt County	8 th Grade	10 th Grade	12 th Grade
Smoke cigarettes	100.0%	100.0%	95.5%
Use smokeless tobacco	98.3%	100.0%	95.5%
Use electronic vapor	100.0%	98.6%	94.4%
Drink alcohol regularly	91.4%	95.7%	90.9%
Use marijuana	100.0%	98.6%	97.8%
Misuse prescription drugs	98.3%	97.1%	100.0%

Percentage Reporting Adults in Neighborhood Wrong or Very Wrong to Substance Use Behavior²⁰

Holt County	8 th Grade	10 th Grade	12 th Grade
Smoke cigarettes	94.9%	94.2%	92.1%
Use electronic vapor	94.9%	88.4%	84.3%
Drink alcohol	79.7%	82.6%	72.7%
Use marijuana	100.0%	97.1%	92.1%

Percentage Reporting that the Following Substances are Sort of Easy or Very Easy to Obtain²⁰

Holt County	8 th Grade	10 th Grade	12 th Grade
Cigarettes	15.3%	29.4%	36.0%
Electronic vapor	13.6%	31.3%	44.9%
Beer, wine, hard liquor	45.8%	51.5%	64.0%
Marijuana	5.1%	14.7%	20.5%
Prescription drugs for non-medical use	15.3%	16.2%	28.1%

Sources for Obtaining Cigarettes, Among Students who Reported Smoking during the Past 30 Days²⁰

Holt County	8 th Grade	10 th Grade	12 th Grade
Did not smoke	96.6%	95.6%	95.5%
Bought them myself	1.7%	0.0%	1.1%
Gave someone money to buy them for me	0.0%	0.0%	1.1%
Borrowed them from someone else	0.0%	1.5%	2.2%
My parents gave them to or bought them for me	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other family member gave them to or bought them for me	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Took them from home without parents' permission	0.0%	0.0%	1.1%

Sources for Electronic Vapor, Among Students who Reported Using Electronic Vapor Products during the Past 30 Days²⁰

Holt County	8 th Grade	10 th Grade	12 th Grade
Did not vape	93.2%	91.0%	91.0%
Bought them from a friend or family member	1.7%	3.0%	5.6%
Bought them in a vape shop or tobacco shop	0.0%	0.0%	1.1%
Bought them in a store, supermarket, or gas station	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Bought them at a mall or shopping center kiosk or stand	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Bought them off the internet	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Bought them from another person	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Bought them in some other way	5.1%	3.0%	2.2%

Sources for Obtaining Alcohol, Among Students who Reported Drinking during the Past 30 Days²⁰

Holt County	8 th Grade	10 th Grade	12 th Grade
Did not drink	94.7%	92.5%	87.6%
Bought in store	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Got it at a party	3.5%	4.5%	3.4%
Gave someone money to buy it for me	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Parents gave or bought it for me	1.8%	1.5%	3.4%
Other family member gave or bought it for me	0.0%	1.5%	4.5%
Took it from home without my parents' permission	3.5%	1.5%	1.1%
Took it from friend's house	1.8%	3.0%	2.2%

Sources for Obtaining Prescription Drugs, Among Students who Reported Taking Prescription Drugs during the Past 30 Days²⁰

Holt County	8 th Grade	10 th Grade	12 th Grade
I did not take prescription drugs without a doctor telling me to.	98.2%	97.1%	98.9%
I took them from home without the knowledge of my parents or caregivers.	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
I bought them from someone (friend, relative, stranger, etc.)	0.0%	0.0%	1.1%
I took them from someone else without their knowledge.	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Someone gave them to me.	0.0%	1.5%	0.0%
I got them some other way.	1.8%	1.5%	0.0%

First Person to go to for Drug or Alcohol Problem²⁰

Holt County	8 th Grade	10 th Grade	12 th Grade
A counselor in school	6.9%	2.9%	7.8%
Another adult in school	0.0%	5.9%	6.7%
Parents or caregivers	55.2%	50.0%	38.9%
Friends	8.6%	19.1%	22.2%
Counselor or program outside of school	5.2%	1.5%	8.9%
Another adult outside of school	12.1%	5.9%	4.4%
Wouldn't go to anyone	12.1%	14.7%	11.1%

Past 30-Day Alcohol-Impaired Driving²⁰

Holt County	8 th Grade	10 th Grade	12 th Grade
Drove vehicle when had been drinking	1.7%	0.0%	1.1%
Rode in vehicle driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol	16.9%	13.0%	7.8%

Past 30-Day Marijuana-Impaired Driving²⁰

Holt County	8 th Grade	10 th Grade	12 th Grade
Drove vehicle when had used marijuana	0.0%	1.4%	4.3%
Rode in vehicle driven by someone who had been using marijuana	0.0%	0.0%	2.2%

VIOLENCE, BULLYING, & MENTAL HEALTH

Percentage that were Bullied during the Past 12 Months, by Type of Bullying²⁰

Holt County	8 th Grade	10 th Grade	12 th Grade
Any bullying [^]	64.4%	58.0%	50.0%
Physically	25.4%	17.6%	6.7%
Verbally	54.2%	50.0%	33.3%
Socially ^{^^}	47.5%	45.6%	39.3%
Electronically ^{^^}	10.2%	19.1%	16.9%

Percentage Reporting Anxiety, Depression, and Suicide during the Past 12 Months²⁰

Holt County	8 th Grade	10 th Grade	12 th Grade
Lost sleep due to worries*	13.8%	29.0%	17.8%
Depressed^	20.3%	33.8%	28.9%
Inflicted self-harm^	10.3%	17.6%	8.9%
Considered attempting suicide^	17.2%	16.2%	13.3%
Attempted suicide^	3.4%	1.5%	3.3%

Percentage Reporting Difficult to Concentrate, and Poor Mental Health during the Past 12 Months²⁰

Holt County	8 th Grade	10 th Grade	12 th Grade
Difficult to concentrate due to mental/emotional problem	25.4%	33.3%	21.6%
Poor mental health	13.6%	29.4%	15.6%

Percentage Reporting they were Hopeful About the Future during the Past Week²⁰

Holt County	8 th Grade	10 th Grade	12 th Grade
Hopeful about future	91.5%	82.4%	87.8%

Average Sleep Duration during School Night²⁰

Holt County	8 th Grade	10 th Grade	12 th Grade
Less than 6 hours	5.2%	18.8%	13.6%
More than 6 but less than 7 hours	13.8%	4.3%	25.0%
More than 7 but less than 8 hours	29.3%	37.7%	36.4%
More than 8 but less than 9 hours	25.9%	27.5%	22.7%
More than 9 hours	25.9%	11.6%	2.3%

FEELINGS & EXPERIENCES at HOME, SCHOOL, & in the COMMUNITY

Percentage Reporting Adult at Home Who Listens, and Know Where They Are Going²⁰

Holt County	8 th Grade	10 th Grade	12 th Grade
Adult at home listens	91.5%	75.4%	86.5%
Adult at home knows where you are going or with whom you will be^	96.6%	94.2%	91.0%

Percentage Reporting Adult in School who Listens²⁰

Holt County	8 th Grade	10 th Grade	12 th Grade
Adult in school listens	91.5%	85.3%	94.4

Identified Risk Factors

Risk Factors	Indicators of Influence	Protective Factors
COMMUNITY RISK FACTORS		
Social disorganization in the community	Community instability, feeling little sense of "connection" to community, community members not actively involved	Opportunities exist for community involvement
Inadequate media/advertising/messages favorable toward alcohol, tobacco & substance use	Accessibility/availability of alcohol, drugs and tobacco products, Seeing product advertising in stores, on television, the Internet, in movies, etc.	Sponsors substance-free events
Lack of strong, accepting social institutions	Economic deprivation/poverty, Being isolated because of socioeconomic status	A community and neighborhood that promote and foster healthy activities for youth & families
Residents at or below the poverty level	Lower socioeconomic status, Not able to afford to participate in pro-social activities	Resources (housing, healthcare, childcare, jobs, recreation, etc.) are available, becoming financially independent
Violent victimization and children exposed to violence	Being exposed to stressful events, Seeing or hearing about crime and/or violence	Prosocial opportunities/opportunities for participation/availability of neighborhood resources
SCHOOL RISK FACTORS		
Low commitment to school	Students sense of not belonging at school, Negative attitude toward school, low school attachment	Strong school motivation/positive attitude toward school and student bonding
Inadequate school climate	Interpersonal alienation, Low educational aspirations, Negative labeling by teachers	School responsive to students' needs, Effective classroom management, Positive instructional climate
Lack of alternative options for struggling students	Poor academic achievement	Alternative education programs, tutoring, mentoring, after school programs
Low academic achievement/academic failure	High numbers of students who fail academically at school, Lack of ambition for higher education	Tutoring available, Mastery of academic skills (math, reading, writing)
FAMILY RISK FACTORS		
Family history of problem behavior/parent criminality	Family members with a history of alcohol or other drug abuse and/or Favorable attitudes toward alcohol and/or drugs	Negative attitudes toward substances and substance use
Family management problem	Permissive parenting, Poor parental supervision and monitoring, Parents have trouble setting consistent expectations and limits	Family provides structure, limits, rules, monitoring, predictability & supportive relationships

Poor family attachment/bonding	Lack of support or positive involvement from parents, Marital Conflict/Divorce	Good relationship with parents/bonding and attachment to family,
Family conflict/abuse	Pattern of high family conflict and/or violence, Parental hostility, Child abuse/maltreatment	Effective/positive parenting and having a stable family,
PEER RISK FACTORS		
Reinforcement of negative norms and expectations within peer group	Favorable attitudes toward antisocial behavior, alcohol, drugs, tobacco use	Knowledge regarding risks associated with alcohol, drugs, and tobacco abuse/use
General delinquency involvement	Associating with deviant, aggressive, and/or drug-using peers	Availability of economic and other resources to expose youth to multiple experiences, Clear expectations and limits regarding alcohol and other drug use
Interpersonal alienation	Peer rejection, Bullying	Bonding to pro-social culture, Youth involvement in alternative activities
INDIVIDUAL RISK FACTORS		
Mental/behavioral health disorders	Cognitive & neurological deficits, Lack of behavioral self-control/regulation	Behavioral and emotional autonomy,
Early antisocial behavior	Less involved in recreational, social and cultural activities, Spending time with peers who engage in delinquent or risky behavior	Clear expectations for behavior and values,
Lack of goals and boundaries	Not college bound, Aggression toward peers, following the crowd engaging in risky behaviors	Has positive future plans,
Behavioral disengagement coping/Adapting to change	Poor impulse control, Withdrawal, Rebelliousness, Low self-esteem	Good coping skills and problem-solving skills,

Section III: Youth Crime Analysis and Needs

Refer to Appendix D

The North Central Nebraska Juvenile Services Team reviewed the Annual Juvenile Justice Statistical Reports^{21&22} for 2022 and 2023. The following is a brief summary of what we found when we compared the data from 2022 to 2023. For the full report, refer to Appendix D.

Adjudications by Case Type Age

Status Offences Age 14-15	Filings 2022	Filings 2023
Holt County	1	0
Boyd County	1	0
Brown County	0	2

*The number of filings for Holt & Boyd Counties decreased, while the number of filings for Brown County increased between 2022 and 2023.

Misdemeanor Offences Age 14-15	Filings 2022	Filings 2023
Holt County	5	7
Brown County	0	1

*The number of filings for Holt & Brown Counties increased between 2022 and 2023.

Felony Offences Age 14-15	Filings 2022	Filings 2023
Holt County	1	3
Boyd County	0	0
Brown County	1	0

*The number of filings for Brown County decreased, while the number of filings for Holt County increased between 2022 and 2023.

Misdemeanor Offences Age 16	Filings 2022	Filings 2023
Holt County	5	1
Brown County	2	1

*The number of filings for Holt & Brown Counties decreased between 2022 and 2023.

Felony Offences Age 16	Filings 2022	Filings 2023
Holt County	1	0

*The number of filings for Holt County decreased between 2022 and 2023.

Status Offences Age 17	Filings 2022	Filings 2023
Holt County	1	0
Brown County	0	1

*The number of filings for Holt County decreased, while the number if filings for Brown County increased between 2022 and 2023.

Misdemeanor Offences Age 17	Filings 2022	Filings 2023
Holt County	6	4
Brown County	1	0

*The number of filings for Holt & Brown Counties decreased between 2022 and 2023.

Felony Offences Age 17	Filings 2022	Filings 2023
Boyd County	1	0

*The number of filings for Boyd County decreased between 2022 and 2023.

Adjudications by Case Type Sex

Status Offences	Filings 2022	Filings 2023
Holt County Females	1	0
Boyd County Females	1	0
Brown County Females	0	1
Brown County Males	0	2

*The number of filings for females in Holt & Boyd Counties decreased, while the number of filings for males and females in Brown County increased between 2022 and 2023.

Misdemeanor Offences	Filings 2022	Filings 2023
Holt County Males	13	9
Brown County Females	3	0
Brown County Males	0	2

*The number of filings for Holt County males & Brown County Females decreased, while the number of filings for Brown County males increased between 2022 and 2023.

Felony Offences	Filings 2022	Filings 2023
Holt County Females	0	1
Boyd County Males	1	0
Brown County Males	1	0

*The number of filings for Boyd & Brown County males decreased, while the number of filings for Holt County females increased between 2022 and 2023.

Adjudications by Case Type Race/Ethnicity

Status Offences	Filings 2022	Filings 2023
Holt Hispanic/Latino	0	1
Holt White	2	0
Brown Am. Indian	0	1
Brown Hispanic/Latino	0	1

*The number of filings for White youth in Holt County decreased. The number of filings for Hispanic/Latino youth in Holt & Brown Counties and Am. Indian youth in Brown County increased between 2022 and 2023.

Misdemeanor Offences	Filings 2022	Filings 2023
Holt Black	2	0
Holt White	10	3
Holt Hispanic/Latino	4	9
Boyd White	0	1
Brown White	3	2

*The number of filings for Black youth and White youth in Holt & Brown Counties decreased. The number of filings for Hispanic/Latino youth in Holt County and White youth in Boyd County increased between 2022 and 2023.

Felony Offences	Filings 2022	Filings 2023
Holt White	3	1
Holt Hispanic/Latino	1	4
Brown White	1	0

*The number of filings for White youth in Holt & Brown Counties decreased. The number of filings for Hispanic/Latino youth in Holt County increased between 2022 and 2023.

Total Number of Criminal Court Cases

Criminal Court Cases	2022	2023
Holt County	19	11

*The total number of Criminal Court Cases in Holt County decreased between 2022 and 2023.

Total Number of Juvenile Court Cases

Juvenile Court Cases	2022	2023
Holt County	43	20
Boyd County	3	1
Brown County	10	6

*The total Number of Juvenile Court Cases in Holt, Boyd, & Brown Counties decreased between 2022 and 2023.

Total Juvenile Probation Activity by County

County	Placed on Probation		Out-of-Home Placement		Motions to Revoke		Probation Revoked		Satisfactory Release	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Holt County	15	16	4	3	5	7	*	2	5	11
Boyd County	1	1	0	1	0	0	*	0	0	1
Brown County	8	4	0	1	0	0	*	0	1	6

*The total number of youth Placed on Probation decreased in Boyd County, while the number increased in Holt County between 2022 and 2023. The total number of youth in Out-of-Home Placement decreased in Holt County, while the number increased in Boyd & Brown Counties between 2022 and 2023. The total number of Motions to Revoke increased in Holt County between 2022 and 2023. The total number of youth who were Satisfactorily Released increased in Holt, Boyd & Brown Counties between 2022 and 2023.

North Central Nebraska Juvenile Diversion Program

The North Central Nebraska Juvenile Diversion Program has a mission to help at-risk youth help themselves. Giving youth who have committed a criminal offence the opportunity to demonstrate a pattern of behavior which reflects accountability and responsibility. Gaining the skills to improve conduct which will lead to future leadership and personal growth. The program offers assessments, individualized case plans, and life-skills classes. The program does have a \$100 diversion fee but that fee can be reduced or waived. Youth/Families are responsible for any fee(s) with regards to referrals made to outside resources.

North Central Nebraska Juvenile Diversion 2020-2022 Report¹⁹

Youth Referred	Youth Enrolled	Youth Assessed	Youth Successful
42	42	41	41

Diversion Program Involvement by Race¹⁹

Race	Referred	Enrolled	Successful
Hispanic	4 = 10%	4 = 10%	4 = 10%
White	38 = 90%	38 = 90%	37 = 88%

Diversion Enrollment by Sex¹⁹

Male	Female	Nonbinary
25 = 50%	17 = 40%	0

Diversion Program Enrollment by Race¹⁹

Hispanic	White
10%	90%

Diversion Program Enrollment by Charge¹⁹

Violent/Person Offences	Property Offences	Drug/Narcotic Offences	MIP/Tobacco Offences	Traffic Offences	Status Offences	Other Offences
0 = 0%	4 = 10%	3 = 7%	26 = 62%	1 = 2%	0 = 0%	8 = 19%

Diversion Program Outcomes¹⁹

Successful Completion	Unsuccessful Completion
41 = 98%	1 = 2%

Released Youth Future System Involvement¹⁹

Status Offences	Law Violations	Probation	Detention
0 = 0%	2 = 5%	3 = 7%	2 = 5%

Section IV: Services and Programs

Available Juvenile Services

Assessment & Evaluation Programs	Location	Services Provided
West Holt Medical Services	Atkinson, NE	Behavioral Health & Psychiatric Telehealth for all ages
Ally Counseling Services	O'Neill, NE	Mental Health Diagnostic assessments and treatment
Oasis Counseling International	O'Neill, NE	Drug and Alcohol Evaluations.
Prevention of Delinquent Behavior	Location	Service Provided
North Central District Health Department	Holt, Boyd, & Brown Counties	Substance abuse education, suicide prevention, Healthy living, Student Mental Health
Diversion Program	Location	Service Provided
North Central Nebraska Juvenile Services Juvenile Diversion Program	Holt, Boyd, Brown & Wheeler Counties	Helps at-risk youth help themselves. Giving youth who have been cited with an offence the opportunity to demonstrate a pattern of behavior which reflects accountability and responsibility. Gaining the skills to improve conduct which will lead to future leadership and personal growth.
Shelter Care	Location	Service Provided
Bright Horizons	O'Neill, NE	Shelter Services: Confidential shelter facility for those fleeing an unsafe situation
Intensive Juvenile Probation Services	Location	Service Provided
District #8 Probation	Holt, Boyd, Brown & Wheeler Counties	Provides services that are court ordered for youth who are involved in the judicial system.
Restitution	Location	Service Provided
Holt, Boyd, Brown, & Wheeler County Courts	Holt, Boyd, Brown, & Wheeler Counties	Restitution is available when ordered by the court
Family Support Services	Location	Service Provided
Beginnings-Pregnancy Resource Center	O'Neill, NE	Pregnancy testing, Limited obstetrical ultrasounds, Options consultations, Abortion information, Pregnancy support, Parenting classes and education, Support for men, After abortion recovery, STD/STI testing & treatment, Sexual health education, and Referrals
Bright Horizons	O'Neill, NE, Ainsworth, NE, Serves North Central Nebraska	Support Groups: Weekly peer support group for women who have experienced domestic violence. Children's Group is offered to give kids an

		opportunity to process the violence they have witnessed
Central Nebraska Community Action Partnership	Holt, Boyd, Brown, & Wheeler Counties	HOPE program is to assist people to set and attain goals towards making positive life changes. Parenting assistance.
Child and Family Therapy Institute	Stuart NE	Parent Education, Family Counseling

Services In Close Proximity

Juvenile Detention programs, services, facilities, and providers	Location	Service Provided
Northeast Nebraska Juvenile Services Inc.	Madison, NE (2 hours away from Holt County)	Providing secure, safe custody and promotes the health and wellbeing of juveniles committed for care and confinement at the Center.
Alternative to detention programs, services, facilities, providers	Location	Service Provided
Electronic Monitoring and/or GPS	Can be provided Holt, Boyd, Brown, & Wheeler Counties	This is provided through probation under contract with an agency.

Identify needed community-based programs not available within, or in close proximity

GAP in Services/Programs	Service Needed
Shelter care	24-hour emergency and temporary housing facility for youth. A facility with a safe, stable and respectful environment for children temporarily removed from their homes.
Detention	Providing secure, safe custody and promotes the health and well-being of juveniles committed for care and confinement.
Foster Care	Provides care for children who cannot safely remain in their own home.
Intensive Outpatient Services	Intensive Outpatient Services for Adolescents Participants benefit from a less intensive and therapeutic after-school program. Treatment is designed to help those with emotional or behavioral issues whose symptoms may be too acute for traditional therapy but do not require inpatient hospitalization.
Residential treatment	Residential treatment for youth mental health and/or substance addiction. A residential treatment program is an option if a youth needs a higher level of care than outpatient therapy.
Day treatment	Adolescent/teen-specific rehab or treatment is designed specifically to help teens address substance abuse through a treatment program that provides medical drug detox and counseling, but also helps to build teens' self-esteem and confidence. Rehab programs are beneficial for teens who need a safe, structured environment.
Community centers for the care and treatment of juveniles in need of services	Center to protect the interest and safety of the community by providing a secure, safe and structured environment for youth and to offer the necessary educational and developmental resources to a

	culturally diverse population of young people in detention and in the community.
Alternatives to detention placement	Alternatives to detention placement are for the youth who require secure confinement in smaller homelike facilities that prioritize age appropriate rehabilitation.

Coordination Plan: Enhancement, development, and expansion plan of community services

Alternative schools	Location	Service Provided
All Schools in our service area	Holt, Boyd, Brown, & Wheeler Counties	Each school provides alternative educational options for students including (but not limited to) online classes, work-study, and smaller classroom size environments.
School truancy programs	Location	Service Provided
North Central Nebraska Juvenile Services Truancy Program	Located in O'Neill, serves Boyd & Holt Counties	offers support to schools, students, and families who have barriers which prevent regular and on time attendance.
Volunteer programs	Location	Service Provided
(CASA) Court Appointed Special Advocates	O'Neill NE North Central Nebraska	Court appointed volunteers to be a voice in court for all abused and neglected children in the foster care system in our service area. An advocate for the safety and well-being of children.
Holt/Boyd Community Connections Collaborative	Holt & Boyd Counties	Community Advocacy: We advocate for policies and programs that support the well-being of our community. Community Education: We offer a variety of educational programs designed to empower individuals and families with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed. Community Support Network: Our support network provides a safe and supportive environment for individuals to connect with others and receive emotional support. We offer a variety of support groups and counseling services to help individuals cope with life's challenges. Community Volunteerism: Our volunteer program provides individuals with the opportunity to make a positive impact in their community. We offer a variety of

		volunteer opportunities, including mentoring, tutoring, and community service projects.
Nebraska Teammates	Ainsworth, Holt County, and Wheeler Central	The mission of the TeamMates Mentoring Program is to positively impact the world by inspiring students to reach their full potential through mentoring.
Family preservation and counseling	Location	Service Provided
Counseling & Enrichment Center	O'Neill NE serves all across Nebraska	Home-based counseling services, CPP Therapy. (Child-Parent Psychotherapy),
Oasis Counseling International	O'Neill NE	Befriend Mentoring Program: Offers an additional level of support for families and individuals going through the counseling process. In-Home Services: Family Support & Visitations for at-risk families Medicaid Community Treatment Aide for children with mental health diagnoses Probation Community Treatment Aide for juveniles with mental health and addiction issues Community Response for at-risk families.
Drug and alcohol counseling	Location	Service Provided
Ally Counseling Services	O'Neill NE	Chemical Dependency Substance use evaluations, and relapse prevention plans
North Central District Health Department	O'Neill NE (all of North Central Nebraska)	NCDHD Drug Free Community Support Program. DFC works to reduce youth substance abuse, specifically alcohol and tobacco, in north Central Nebraska by working with the community to create population level changes.
Oasis Counseling International	O'Neill NE	Outpatient Individual: available for adults and youth who have been assessed to have a substance abuse issue(s). Intensive Outpatient (IOP) Services for Adolescents and Adults.
Heartland Counseling Services		Mental Health & Substance Abuse Counseling, CRISIS HOTLINE, Community Support, Youth Peer Support,

		Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP), School Based Services (Youth Mental Health & Substance Abuse Prevention)
Juvenile Diversion Programs	Location	Service Provided
North Central Nebraska Juvenile Services	Located in O'Neill, serves Holt, Boyd, Brown, & Wheeler Counties	Intervention services to help youth avoid the juvenile justice system
Delinquency prevention efforts and system improvement efforts designed to reduce the disproportionate	Location	Service Provided
Welcome to North Central District Health Department	Holt, Boyd, and Brown Counties	Substance Abuse Prevention Program
Holt/Boyd Community Connections Collaborative	Holt & Boyd Counties	Community Engagement: We believe that community engagement is key to building strong, resilient neighborhoods. We organize and sponsor a variety of events and activities that bring people together and promote a sense of belonging.
Other Services	Location	Service Provided
Central Nebraska Economic Development District	All of Central Nebraska	Offers Digital Equality. Helps households with access to affordable, sufficient, reliable, and high-speed internet.
Nebraska Mediation Center	Holt, Boyd, & Brown Counties	Parenting Plans, Special Education, Victim Youth Conferencing (VYC), Juvenile Justice Family Group Conferencing (JJFGC), Juvenile Justice Family Conferencing (JJFC), Excessive Absenteeism Conferencing, & Probation-Specific Services
Central Mediation Center	Wheeler County	Parenting plans, Education issues related to special education, Victim Youth Conferencing (VYC), Juvenile Justice Family Group Conferencing (JJFGC), Juvenile Justice Family Conferencing (JJFC),

Section V: Priorities and Strategies

Priority 1: Youth Mental Health

The need to focus on youth mental health was made apparent in the NRPFS²⁰ Survey. The survey indicated 64.4% of 8th graders, 58% of 10th graders, and 50% of 12th graders experienced bullying in the last 12 months. 54.2% of 8th graders and 50% of 10th graders experienced verbal bullying in the last 12 months. 47.5% of 8th graders and 45.6% of 10th graders experienced social bullying in the last 12 months. The survey indicated that 29% of 10th graders lost sleep due to worry in the last 12 months. 33.8% of 10th graders felt depressed in the last 12 months. 17.6% of 10th graders inflicted self-harm in the last 12 months. 17.2% of 8th graders, 16.2% of 10th graders, and 13.3% of 12th graders considered suicide in the last 12 months. 3.4% of 8th graders, 1.5% of 10th graders, and 3.3% of 12th graders attempted suicide in the last 12 months. The survey included 24.5% of 8th graders, 33.3% of 10th graders, and 21.6% of 12th graders found it difficult to concentrate due to mental/emotional problem in the last 12 months. 29.4% of 10th graders reported having poor mental health in the last 12 months. Contributing factors indicated in the survey included only 75.4% of 10th graders, and 86.5% of 12th graders reported having an adult at home who listens.

1a) Strategy: Promoting Youth Mental Health Awareness

Action Steps: Educate the public about the importance of mental health, and reduce negative stereotypes, bias, and stigma around mental illness. Contacting community resources/groups to foster an open dialogue about mental health and correct misconceptions and biases and sharing with them the data our team has gathered which highlights the need for mental health awareness.

Responsible Party: NCNJS team, Schools, and Community resources

Timeline: 1-5 years reaching out to community resources annually to discuss and share information.

Resources Needed: Community contact list, phone, and computer.

Expected Results: The expected result for this goal is to have all populations within our communities which have an impact on youth such as families, educators, health care professionals, juvenile justice officials, and the media to promote Mental Health awareness.

Measurements of Impact: Impact will be measured in whole by how many community resources promote mental health awareness. The diversion and truancy program will also ask youth and their families they work with if they have heard or seen any mental health awareness campaigns and where they have heard or seen such campaigns.

1b) Strategy: Access to Care

Action Steps: Ensure that youth have access to quality, affordable, and culturally competent mental health care. This includes removing barriers to care, such as unaffordable costs and lack of insurance. The diversion and truancy programs will take the results of the assessments used by the programs to determine if a youth would benefit from mental health services. The program will then provide the youth/family with a list of providers and advice on which providers have sliding-scale fees, and low or no cost fees for services. The program will, when applicable discuss with the schools the possibilities of the youth to see the mental health provider working with the school(s).

Responsible Party: Diversion/Truancy program coordinator, Schools, and Community Resources

Timeline: 1-5 years reaching out to schools and providers every six months to discuss success' and barriers.

Resources Needed: List of mental health providers in each community including the billing process for each provider. A computer to access to the assessments used by the programs.

Expected Results: The expected result for this goal is to have an increase in the number of youth who will be connected to the mental health care they need.

Measurements of Impact: The impact will be measured by seeing improved school attendance, fewer suspensions, and better grades and academic achievement. The impact will also be measured by the looking at the NRPFSS and seeing improved numbers.

1c) Strategy: Educate the Community and Youth Serving Institutions on Youth Mental Health

Action Steps: Collaborate with Community Resources to bring professional speakers to the communities we serve to educate adults who work with youth in any capacity on how to recognize and work with youth struggling with mental health.

Responsible Party: NCNJS team, and Community Resources

Timeline: Timeline goal is to have at least one youth mental health professional per year in each of the communities we serve speak to those who serve youth about youth mental health.

Resources Needed: Collaboration with community stakeholders and youth mental health professionals as well as a meeting venue in each community.

Expected Results: To educate the adults who work with youth how to recognize youth who may be having a mental health struggle and how they should address the problem with the youth/family.

Measurements of Impact: The impact will be measured by taking a count of the number of adults who attend. The higher number of adults who attend the better the impact.

Priority 2: Addressing Youth Alcohol Use

The need to on Juvenile Alcohol Use was made apparent in the NRPFSS²⁰ Survey. The survey indicated 11.9% of 8th graders reporting current use of alcohol and 1.7% of 8th graders reporting binge drinking both are higher than state average. Indicated in the survey only 89.8% of 8th graders, 77.9% of 10th graders, and 80.7% of 12th graders report thinking that peers who drink alcohol regularly as being wrong. 45.8% of 8th graders, 51.5% of 10th graders, and 64% of 12th graders reported that it is easy or very easy to obtain Beer, wine, and hard liquor. Sources for obtaining alcohol among those who reported using alcohol in the past 30 days section of the survey indicated 3.5% of 8th graders, 4.5% of 10th graders, and 3.4% of 12th graders reported obtaining Alcohol at a party. 1.8% of 8th graders, 1.5% of 10th graders, and 3.4% of 12th graders reported obtaining Alcohol from a parent. 1.5% of 10th graders, and 4.5% of 12th graders reported obtaining Alcohol from other family members. 3.5% of 8th graders, and 1.5% of 10th graders report obtaining Alcohol by taking it from home without parents' permission. 1.8% of 8th graders, 3.0% of 10th graders, and 2.2% of 12th graders report obtaining Alcohol by taking it from a friend's house. The survey indicated 1.7% of 8th graders, and 1.1% of 12th graders reported that they Drove vehicle when they had been drinking. 16.9% of 8th graders, 13.0% of 10th graders, and 7.8% of 12th graders report Riding in vehicle driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol.

2a) Strategy: Information Dissemination

Action Steps: Compile a list of resources within each county/community who provide services to youth struggling with Alcohol use. Distribute the list to all populations within our communities

which have an impact on youth such as families, educators, health care professionals, juvenile justice officials, and the media so those populations can provide the list to youth/families.

Responsible Party: Program Director/Coordinator, and Community Resources

Timeline: 6 months to get the list completed and distributed. Update list every annually

Resources Needed: Community contact list, printed list, phone, and computer.

Expected Results: The expected result for this goal is to ensure the community is aware of all resources available to help.

Measurements of Impact: Impact will be measured in whole by the numbers of youth serving populations willing to distribute the list and the program will check with each population every 6 months to determine an approximate number of lists handed out.

2b) Strategy: Educate Youth on Alcohol Use

Action Steps: Collaborate with Schools and Community Resources to bring professional speakers and/or a survivor of addiction to the schools to educate youth on the harm and consequences of Alcohol Use.

Responsible Party: NCNJS team, Schools, and Community Resources

Timeline: 1-5 years. Having at least one speaker in each school each year.

Resources Needed: Speaker contact list, phone, and computer.

Expected Results: The expected result for this goal is for youth recognize the harm and consequences of Alcohol Use.

Measurements of Impact: Impact will be measured by a reduction of youth referred to diversion for Alcohol related violations, and the use of pre/post assessments and questionnaires used by the program. Impact will also be measured by improved numbers in the annual NRPFS survey.

2c) Strategy: Access to Care/Treatment

Action Steps: Ensure that youth have access to quality, affordable, and culturally competent Alcohol use treatment and care. This includes removing barriers to care, such as unaffordable costs and lack of insurance. The diversion and truancy programs will take the results of the assessments used by the programs to determine if a youth would benefit from services for overcoming Alcohol Use. The program will then provide the youth/family with a list of providers and advice on which providers have sliding-scale fees, and low or no cost fees for services.

Responsible Party: Diversion/Truancy program coordinator, and Community Resources

Timeline: 1-5 years reaching out to schools and providers every six months to discuss success' and barriers.

Resources Needed: List of Alcohol Use treatment providers in each community including the billing process for each provider. A computer to access to the assessments used by the programs.

Expected Results: The expected result for this goal is to have an increase in the number of youth who will be connected to the Alcohol Use treatment and care they need.

Measurements of Impact: The impact will be measured by seeing a lower number of youth referred to diversion for Alcohol related violations as well as improved school attendance in schools. The impact will also be measured by the program with the use of pre/post assessments and questionnaires. Impact will also be measured by improved numbers in the annual NRPFS survey.

Priority 3: Addressing Youth Substance Use

The need to focus on Juvenile Substance Use was made apparent in the NRPFSS²⁰ Survey. The survey indicated 7.1% of 8th graders reporting Lifetime Marijuana Use, 2.2% of 12th graders reporting Lifetime Cocaine Use, 1.7% of 8th graders and 1.1% of 12th graders reporting Lifetime Meth Use all of which are higher than state average. The survey also indicated 1.7% of 8th graders, and 1.1% of 12th graders reporting Lifetime Heroin Use, 1.5% of 10th graders and 1.1% of 12th graders reporting Lifetime Synthetic Drug Use, and 2.2% of 12th graders reporting Lifetime Inhalant Use all of which are higher than state average. The NRPFSS indicated 3.4% of 8th graders and 3.6% of 12th graders reporting using Pain Medication more than Directed, and 2.4% of 12th graders reporting Someone asking to borrow/buy pain medication. Students who took the survey indicated a seemingly low knowledge of opioid overdose reversal, only 33.9% of 8th graders, 31.9% of 10th graders, and 44.9% of 12th graders reported having Heard of Naloxone/Narcan. Only 5.1% of 8th graders, 8.7% of 10th graders, and 15.6% of 12th graders reported Knowing how use Naloxone/Narcan. 8.5% of 8th graders, 23.5% of 10th graders, and 74.4% of 12th graders reported Knowing someone overdosed in the past. 20.5% of 12th graders reported that it is easy or very easy to obtain Marijuana. 15.3% of 8th graders, 16.2% of 10th graders, and 28.1% of 12th graders reported that it is easy or very easy to obtain Prescription drugs for non-medical use. Sources for obtaining prescription drugs among those who reported using alcohol in the past 30 days section of the survey indicated 1.1% of 12th graders reported buying them from someone (friend, relative, stranger, etc.). 1.5% of 10th graders reported that someone gave them the prescription drugs. 1.8% of 8th graders, and 1.5% of 10th graders reported obtaining prescription drugs in another way. 12.1% of 8th graders, 14.7% of 10th graders, and 11.1% of 12th graders reported they wouldn't go to anyone if they had a drug or alcohol problem. 1.4% of 10th graders, and 4.3% of 12th graders reported that they Drove vehicle when they had used marijuana and 2.2% of 12th graders reported Riding in vehicle driven by someone who had been using marijuana.

3a) Strategy: Information Dissemination

Action Steps: Compile a list of resources within each county/community who provide services to youth struggling with Substance use. Distribute the list to all populations within our communities which have an impact on youth such as families, educators, health care professionals, juvenile justice officials, and the media so those populations can provide the list to youth/families.

Responsible Party: Program Director/Coordinator, and Community Resources

Timeline: 6 months to get the list completed and distributed. Update list every annually

Resources Needed: Community contact list, printed list, phone, and computer.

Expected Results: The expected result for this goal is to ensure the community is aware of all resources available to help.

Measurements of Impact: Impact will be measured in whole by the numbers of youth serving populations willing to distribute the list and the program will check with each population every 6 months to determine an approximate number of lists handed out.

3b) Strategy: Access to Care/Treatment

Action Steps: Ensure that youth have access to quality, affordable, and culturally competent Substance use treatment and care. This includes removing barriers to care, such as unaffordable costs and lack of insurance. The diversion and truancy programs will take the results of the

assessments used by the programs to determine if a youth would benefit from Substance use services. The program will then provide the youth/family with a list of providers and advice on which providers have sliding-scale fees, and low or no cost fees for services.

Responsible Party: Diversion/Truancy program coordinator, Community Resources

Timeline: 1-5 years reaching out to schools and providers every six months to discuss success' and barriers.

Resources Needed: List of Substance use treatment providers in each community including the billing process for each provider. A computer to access to the assessments used by the programs.

Expected Results: The expected result for this goal is to have an increase in the number of youth who will be connected to the Substance use treatment and care they need.

Measurements of Impact: The impact will be measured by seeing a lower number of youth referred to diversion for Substance related violations as well as improved school attendance in schools. The impact will also be measured by the program with the use of pre/post assessments and questionnaires. Impact will also be measured by improved numbers in the annual NRPFS survey.

3c) Strategy: Educate Youth on Substance Use

Action Steps: Collaborate with Schools and Community Resources to bring professional speakers and/or a survivor of addiction to the schools to educate youth on the harm and consequences of Substance Use.

Responsible Party: NCNJS team, Schools, and Community Resources

Timeline: 1-5 years. Having at least one speaker in each school each year.

Resources Needed: Speaker contact list, phone, and computer.

Expected Results: The expected result for this goal is for youth recognize the harm and consequences of Substance Use.

Measurements of Impact: Impact will be measured by a reduction of youth referred to diversion for substance related violations, and the use of pre/post assessments and questionnaires used by the program. Impact will also be measured by improved numbers in the annual NRPFS survey.

Appendix

- A.** Comprehensive Youth Services Plan Checklist
- B.** Memorandum of Understandings & Approval Letters
- C.** Approval Letter/minutes from Board
- D.** Youth Crime Systems Analysis
- E.** Reference List

Appendix A

Comprehensive Youth Services Plan Checklist

Comprehensive Youth Services Plan Checklist

Each county shall develop a Comprehensive Youth Services Plan (Community Plan). Plans may be developed by individual counties, multiple counties, federally or state-recognized Indian tribes, or by any combination of the three. Plans must be submitted to the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice and must be updated no less than every five years.

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stats. §43-3504, §43-3505, and §43-2404.01, and Title 75, Chapter 1, 005.02, these are the elements that must be included in a Community Plan.

Community Team Members (§43-3505):

Juvenile justice system stakeholder representation, including but not limited to:

Stakeholder Representation:	Name(s):
☒ Courts	Brent Kelly, Pam Chart, Andy Taylor, Joe McNally
☒ Law enforcement	Kipton Krysl
☒ Community service providers	Kelli Munoz, Kelli Dempster
☒ Schools	Becky Corlie
☐ Detention or shelter care	
☒ County elected and administrative officials	William Tielke
☒ Probation officials	Tara Sprigler-Price, Nikki Davis
☐ Health and human services representatives	
☐ State officials or agency representatives	
☐ Similar committee or group of individuals	
☒ Other	Diane Gilg
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Plan Components

1. Data (43-2404.01)	
Notes:	
☒ Data is relevant to juvenile and family issues	Statistical Summaries & Identified Risk Factors
☒ Includes an examination of racial and ethnic disparities	Education Measurements & Youth Crime Analysis
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2. Identification of the County Risk Factors (43-3504)	
Notes:	
☒ Risk factors for delinquency that exist in the county or counties	Risk/Protective Factors
☒ Services needed to address risk factors	Services & Programs
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3. Identification of juvenile services available within the county or counties, including, but not limited to (§43-3504):	
Notes:	
☒ Programs for assessment and evaluation	Services & Programs
☒ The prevention of delinquent behavior	
☒ Diversion	
☐ Detention	
☒ Shelter care	
☒ Intensive juvenile probation services	
☒ Restitution	
☒ Family support services	
☐ Community centers for the care and treatment of juveniles in need of services	
☐ Other:	
Page number(s) in the plan: 36	
4. Identification of Services in close proximity of the county or counties that may be utilized if community-based programs are not available within the county or counties (§43-3504):	
Notes:	
Page number(s) in the plan:	

Appendix B

Memorandum of Understandings & Approval Letters

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
REGUARDING
NORTH CENTRAL NEBRASKA JUVENILE SERVICES
COMPREHENSIVE YOUTH SERVICES PLAN
2025-2030

North Central Nebraska Juvenile Services is serving as the lead organization in the assessment and distribution of the Community-based Juvenile Services Grant funding from the Nebraska Crime Commission. Holt County, Boyd County, Brown County, and Wheeler County agree to have Holt County serve as the lead for the 2025-2030 Comprehensive Youth Services Plan.

The purpose of this Memorandum Of Understanding is for Holt County's approval of and participation in the North Central Nebraska Juvenile Service's 2025-2030 Comprehensive Youth Services Plan.

Holt County does hereby express our support for and approval of the North Central Nebraska Juvenile Services 2025-2030 Comprehensive Youth Services Plan, Developed by the North Central Nebraska Juvenile Services Team. We understand that this plan serves as a guide for the endeavors of the team for utilization of the Nebraska Crime Commission's Community-based Juvenile Services Grant funds.



Chairperson
Holt County Board of Commissioners

Date: 12/10/24

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
REGUARDING
NORTH CENTRAL NEBRASKA JUVENILE SERVICES
COMPREHENSIVE YOUTH SERVICES PLAN
2025-2030

North Central Nebraska Juvenile Services is serving as the lead organization in the assessment and distribution of the Community-based Juvenile Services Grant funding from the Nebraska Crime Commission. Holt County, Boyd County, Brown County, and Wheeler County agree to have Holt County serve as the lead for the 2025-2030 Comprehensive Youth Services Plan.

The purpose of this Memorandum Of Understanding is for Boyd County's approval of and participation in the North Central Nebraska Juvenile Service's 2025-2030 Comprehensive Youth Services Plan.

Boyd County does hereby express our support for and approval of the North Central Nebraska Juvenile Services 2025-2030 Comprehensive Youth Services Plan, Developed by the North Central Nebraska Juvenile Services Team. We understand that this plan serves as a guide for the endeavors of the team for utilization of the Nebraska Crime Commission's Community-based Juvenile Services Grant funds.


Chairperson
Boyd County Board of Commissioners

Date: 11-26-2024

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
REGUARDING
NORTH CENTRAL NEBRASKA JUVENILE SERVICES
COMPREHENSIVE YOUTH SERVICES PLAN
2025-2030

North Central Nebraska Juvenile Services is serving as the lead organization in the assessment and distribution of the Community-based Juvenile Services Grant funding from the Nebraska Crime Commission. Holt County, Boyd County, Brown County, and Wheeler County agree to have Holt County serve as the lead for the 2025-2030 Comprehensive Youth Services Plan.

The purpose of this Memorandum Of Understanding is for Brown County's approval of and participation in the North Central Nebraska Juvenile Services 2025-2030 Comprehensive Youth Services Plan.

Brown County does hereby express our support for and approval of the North Central Nebraska Juvenile Services 2025-2030 Comprehensive Youth Services Plan, Developed by the North Central Nebraska Juvenile Services Team. We understand that this plan serves as a guide for the endeavors of the team for utilization of the Nebraska Crime Commission's Community-based Juvenile Services Grant funds.


Brown County Attorney

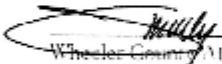
Date: 25 Nov 2024

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
REGUARDING
NORTH CENTRAL NEBRASKA JUVENILE SERVICES
COMPREHENSIVE YOUTH SERVICES PLAN
2025-2030

North Central Nebraska Juvenile Services is serving as the lead organization in the assessment and distribution of the Community-based Juvenile Services Grant funding from the Nebraska Crime Commission. Holt County, Boyd County, Brown County, and Wheeler County agree to have Holt County serve as the lead for the 2025-2030 Comprehensive Youth Services Plan.

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is for Wheeler County's approval of and participation in the North Central Nebraska Juvenile Services 2025-2030 Comprehensive Youth Services Plan.

Wheeler County does hereby express our support for and approval of the North Central Nebraska Juvenile Services 2025-2030 Comprehensive Youth Services Plan, Developed by the North Central Nebraska Juvenile Services Team. We understand that this plan serves as a guide for the endeavors of the team for utilization of the Nebraska Crime Commission's Community-based Juvenile Services Grant funds.



Wheeler County Attorney

Date: 11/15/24

Appendix C

Approval Letter/minutes from County Board

NORTH CENTRAL NEBRASKA JUVENILE SERVICES BOARD MEETING MINUTES 10/28/2024

Attendance: Kelli Munoz, Tara Sprigler-Price, Pam Charf, Kipton Krysl, DiAnne Gilg, Becky Corkle, Kelli Dempster (Nikki Davis absent)

Call to Order: Kelli Munoz called the meeting to order at 5:04pm

Client Report: Munoz advised there are currently 10 youth enrolled in the Diversion Program, all of them from Holt County. Munoz also advised there are currently 8 students enrolled in the truancy program, 6 from Atkinson West Holt and 2 from O'Neill Public jr/sr High School. Munoz explained to the team what she is working on with the students enrolled in the truancy program this year.

Review of the 25-30 Community Plan: Munoz asked if anyone noticed any changes that needed to be made to the plan. There were no suggestion for changes to the plan. Krysl made a motion to approve the 25-30 Comprehensive Youth Services Plan, 2nd by Gilg. All Ayes, motion carried.

Next Meeting: Charf suggested the next meeting be the end of November to discuss the FY26 grant.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:27pm

At 5:27pm Corkle made the motion to adjourn 2nd by Sprigler-Price, all Ayes, motion carried.

Appendix D

Youth Crime Systems Analysis

2022 & 2023-Juvenile-Justice-Annual-Statistical-Report^{21&22}

JUVENILE CASES and ADJUDICATIONS by CASE TYPE, COUNTY and AGE

GROUP^{21&22}

Traffic Offences Age 14-15	Filings		Adjudications		% Adjudicated	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Nebraska	40	23	34	18	85%	78%
Holt County	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Boyd County	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Brown County	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Wheeler County	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Status Offences Age 14-15	Filings		Adjudications		% Adjudicated	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Nebraska	333	301	204	171	61%	57%
Holt County	1	0	0	0	0%	0%
Boyd County	1	0	1	0	100%	0%
Brown County	0	2	0	1	0%	50%
Wheeler County	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Misdemeanor Offences Age 14-15	Filings		Adjudications		% Adjudicated	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Nebraska	967	1,033	720	717	74%	69%
Holt County	5	7	5	7	100%	100%
Boyd County	1	1	1	1	100%	100%
Brown County	0	1	0	1	0%	100%
Wheeler County	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Felony Offences Age 14-15	Filings		Adjudications		% Adjudicated	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Nebraska	250	271	220	199	88%	73%
Holt County	1	3	1	3	100%	100%
Boyd County	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Brown County	1	0	1	0	100%	0%
Wheeler County	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Traffic Offences Age 16	Filings		Adjudications		% Adjudicated	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Nebraska	38	40	36	32	95%	80%
Holt County	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Boyd County	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Brown County	0	0	0	0	0%	0

Wheeler County	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Status Offences Age 16	Filings		Adjudications		% Adjudicated	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Nebraska	190	175	107	103	56%	59%
Holt County	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Boyd County	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Brown County	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Wheeler County	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Misdemeanor Offences Age 16	Filings		Adjudications		% Adjudicated	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Nebraska	691	691	522	463	76%	67%
Holt County	5	1	5	1	100%	100%
Boyd County	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Brown County	2	1	1	0	50%	0%
Wheeler County	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Felony Offences Age 16	Filings		Adjudications		% Adjudicated	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Nebraska	145	127	121	95	83%	75%
Holt County	1	0	0	0	0%	0%
Boyd County	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Brown County	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Wheeler County	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Traffic Offences Age 17	Filings		Adjudications		% Adjudicated	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Nebraska	38	40	36	32	95%	80%
Holt County	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Boyd County	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Brown County	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Wheeler County	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Status Offences Age 17	Filings		Adjudications		% Adjudicated	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Nebraska	64	79	37	60	58%	76%
Holt County	1	0	1	0	100%	0%
Boyd County	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Brown County	0	1	0	0	0%	0%
Wheeler County	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Misdemeanor Offences Age 17	Filings		Adjudications		% Adjudicated	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Nebraska	687	702	451	470	66%	67%

Holt County	6	4	6	3	100%	75%
Boyd County	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Brown County	1	0	1	0	100%	0%
Wheeler County	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Felony Offences Age 17	Filings		Adjudications		% Adjudicated	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Nebraska	127	139	95	91	75%	65%
Holt County	2	2	2	2	100%	100%
Boyd County	1	0	1	0	100%	100%
Brown County	0	0	0	0	0%	100%
Wheeler County	0	0	0	0	0%	100%

JUVENILE CASES and ADJUDICATIONS by CASE TYPE, COUNTY and SEX^{21&22}

Traffic Offences	Filings		Adjudications		% Adjudicated	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Nebraska Females	41	32	27	26	90%	81%
Nebraska Males	77	72	71	58	92%	81%
Nebraska Unknown	4	2	4	1	100%	50%
Holt County Females	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Holt County Males	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Boyd County Females	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Boyd County Males	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Brown County Females	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Brown County Males	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Wheeler County Females	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Wheeler County Males	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Status Offences	Filings		Adjudications		% Adjudicated	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Nebraska Females	358	298	214	186	60%	62%
Nebraska Males	359	335	221	192	52%	57%
Nebraska Unknown	23	41	13	31	57%	76%
Holt County Females	1	0	1	0	100%	0%
Holt County Males	1	1	0	1	0%	100%
Boyd County Females	1	0	1	0	100%	0%
Boyd County Males	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Brown County Females	0	1	0	0	0%	0%
Brown County Males	0	2	0	1	0%	50%
Wheeler County Females	0	0	0	0	0%	0%

Wheeler County Males	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Misdemeanor Offences	Filings		Adjudications		% Adjudicated	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Nebraska Females	154	951	587	642	69%	68%
Nebraska Males	1,741	1,806	1,252	1,219	72%	67%
Nebraska Unknown	139	107	111	81	80%	76%
Holt County Females	3	3	3	3	100%	100%
Holt County Males	13	9	13	8	100%	89%
Boyd County Females	1	1	1	1	100%	100%
Boyd County Males	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Brown County Females	3	0	2	0	67%	0%
Brown County Males	0	2	0	1	0%	50%
Wheeler County Females	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Wheeler County Males	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Felony Offences	Filings		Adjudications		% Adjudicated	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Nebraska Females	106	113	87	82	82%	73%
Nebraska Males	466	534	389	381	83%	71%
Nebraska Unknown	38	25	32	21	84%	84%
Holt County Females	0	1	0	1	0%	100%
Holt County Males	4	4	3	4	75%	100%
Boyd County Females	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Boyd County Males	1	0	1	0	100%	0%
Brown County Females	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Brown County Males	1	0	1	0	100%	0%
Wheeler County Females	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Wheeler County Males	0	0	0	0	0%	0%

JUVENILE CASES and ADJUDICATIONS by CASE TYPE, COUNTY and RACE/ETHNICITY^{21&22}

Traffic Offences	Filings		Adjudications		% Adjudicated	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Nebraska						
Am. Indian	0	1	0	1	0%	100%
Asian/P.I.	2	1	2	1	100%	100%
Black	2	7	2	4	100%	57%
Hispanic	32	28	32	22	100%	79%
White	69	58	64	49	93%	84%
Other	0	0	0	0	0%	0%

Unknown	17	11	12	8	71%	73%
Holt County						
All Races	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Boyd County						
All Races	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Brown County						
All Races	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Wheeler County						
All Races	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Status Offences	Filings		Adjudications		% Adjudicated	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Nebraska						
Am. Indian	13	19	8	10	62%	53%
Asian/P.I.	7	7	4	5	57%	71%
Black	71	71	38	41	54%	58%
Hispanic	108	129	70	82	65%	64%
White	273	247	148	149	54%	60%
Other	3	0	1	0	33%	0%
Unknown	265	201	179	211	68%	61%
Holt County						
Black	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Hispanic/Latino	0	1	0	1	0%	100%
White	2	0	1	0	50%	0%
Boyd County						
Unknown	1	0	1	0	100%	0%
Brown County						
Am. Indian	0	1	0	1	0%	100%
Hispanic/Latino	0	1	0	0	0%	0%
White	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Wheeler County						
All Races	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Misdemeanor Offences	Filings		Adjudications		% Adjudicated	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Nebraska						
Am. Indian	37	57	26	34	70%	60%
Asian/P.I.	17	24	12	17	71%	71%
Black	436	482	278	285	64%	59%
Hispanic	364	441	290	313	80%	71%
White	1,116	1,095	781	748	70%	68%
Other	3	8	1	6	33%	75%
Unknown	761	757	562	539	74%	71%
Holt County						
Black	2	0	2	0	100%	0%
White	10	3	10	3	100%	100%

Hispanic/Latino	4	9	4	8	100%	89%
Boyd County						
White	0	1	0	1	0%	100%
Unknown	1	0	1	0	100%	0%
Brown County						
White	3	2	2	1	67%	50%
Wheeler County						
All Races	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Felony Offences	Filings		Adjudications		% Adjudicated	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Nebraska						
Am. Indian	14	16	12	10	86%	62%
Asian/P.I.	15	19	14	14	93%	74%
Black	141	173	110	118	78%	68%
Hispanic	65	84	55	59	85%	70%
White	209	193	175	134	84%	69%
Other	3	1	3	0	100%	0%
Unknown	163	186	139	149	85%	80%
Holt County						
Black	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
White	3	1	2	1	67%	100%
Hispanic/Latino	1	4	1	4	100%	100%
Boyd County						
Unknown	1	0	1	0	100%	0%
Brown County						
White	1	0	1	0	100%	0%

JUVENILES PROSECUTED in ADULT COURT by COUNTY^{21&22}

Location	# Of Youth Prosecuted in Adult Court	
	2022	2023
Nebraska	226 = 100% of total	225 = 100% of total
Holt County	0	0
Boyd County	0	0
Brown County	0	0
Wheeler County	0	0

JUVENILE ACCESS to COUNSEL by COUNTY and AGE GROUP^{21&22}

Criminal Court Cases	Total Criminal Court Cases		# Without Counsel		# With Counsel		% With Counsel	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Nebraska								
Age 11-13	10	7	7	4	3	3	30%	43%
Age 14-15	148	148	71	60	77	88	52%	59%
Age 16	329	354	202	202	127	152	39%	43%
Age 17	606	644	310	361	296	283	49%	44%

Holt County								
Age 11-13	0	1	0	1	0	0	0%	0%
Age 14-15	4	5	4	5	0	0	0%	0%
Age 16	8	1	4	1	4	0	50%	0%
Age 17	7	4	7	3	0	1	0%	25%
Boyd County								
All Ages 11-17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Brown County								
Age 11-13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Age 14-15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Age 16	1	0	0	0	1	0	100%	0%
Age 17	0	1	0	1	0	0	0%	0%
Wheeler County								
All Ages 11-17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Juvenile Court Cases	Total Juvenile Court Cases		# Without Counsel		# With Counsel		% With Counsel	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Nebraska								
Age 11-13	1,059	1,030	185	193	874	837	83%	81%
Age 14-15	2,533	2,411	564	550	1,969	1,861	78%	77%
Age 16	1,613	1,541	385	383	1,228	1,158	76%	75%
Age 17	1,349	1,364	351	345	998	1,019	74%	75%
Holt County								
Age 11-13	14	1	4	1	10	0	71%	0%
Age 14-15	8	10	4	5	4	5	50%	50%
Age 16	11	1	3	0	8	1	73%	100%
Age 17	10	8	8	1	2	7	20%	88%
Boyd County								
Age 11-13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Age 14-15	2	1	0	1	2	0	100%	0%
Age 16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Age 17	1	0	0	0	1	0	100%	0%
Brown County								
Age 11-13	4	1	3	1	1	0	25%	0%
Age 14-15	1	2	1	2	0	0	0%	0%
Age 16	2	2	1	1	1	1	50%	50%
Age 17	3	1	0	0	3	1	100%	100%
Wheeler County								
All Ages 11-17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%

JUVENILE ACCESS to COUNSEL by COUNTY and SEX^{21&22}

Criminal Court Cases	Total Criminal Court Cases		# Without Counsel		# With Counsel		% With Counsel	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Nebraska								
Females	210	206	147	150	63	56	30%	27%

Males	823	876	418	451	405	425	49%	49%
Unknown	60	71	25	26	35	45	58%	63%
Holt County								
Females	2	0	2	0	0	0	0%	0%
Males	17	11	13	10	4	1	24%	9%
Boyd County								
Females	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Males	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Brown County								
Females	1	1	0	1	1	0	100%	0%
Males	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Wheeler County								
Females	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Males	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Juvenile Court Cases	Total Juvenile Court Cases		# Without Counsel		# With Counsel		% With Counsel	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Nebraska								
Females	2,019	1,990	523	531	1,496	1,459	74%	73%
Males	4,208	4,089	900	871	3,380	3,218	79%	79%
Unknown	327	267	62	69	265	198	81%	74%
Holt County								
Females	15	4	6	2	9	2	60%	50%
Males	28	16	13	5	15	11	54%	69%
Boyd County								
Females	2	1	0	1	2	0	100%	0%
Males	1	0	0	0	1	0	100%	0%
Brown County								
Females	5	2	2	1	3	1	60%	50%
Males	4	6	2	4	2	2	50%	33%
Unknown	1	0	1	0	0	0	0%	0%
Wheeler County								
Females	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Males	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%

Juvenile Access to Counsel by County & Race/Ethnicity^{21&22}

Criminal Court Cases	Total Criminal Court Cases		# Without Counsel		# With Counsel		% With Counsel	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Nebraska								
Am. Indian	21	9	9	3	12	6	57	67%
Asian/P.I.	10	46	4	12	6	34	60%	74%
Black	199	185	63	57	136	128	68%	69%
Hispanic	263	276	136	161	127	115	48%	42%
White	485	514	319	334	166	180	34%	35%

Other	9	4	3	2	6	2	67%	50%
Unknown	106	119	56	58	50	61	47%	51%
Holt County								
Black	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Hispanic	5	6	2	3	3	3	60%	50%
White	12	14	11	7	1	10	8%	71%
Unknown	2	0	2	0	0	0	0%	0%
Boyd County								
White	0	1	0	1	0	0	0%	0%
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Brown County								
Am. Indian	0	1	0	1	0	0	0%	0%
Hispanic	0	1	0	0	0	1	0%	100%
White	1	6	0	4	1	2	100%	33%
Wheeler County								
All Races	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Juvenile Court Cases	Total Juvenile Court Cases		# Without Counsel		# With Counsel		% With Counsel	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Nebraska								
Am. Indian	95	137	19	26	76	111	80%	81%
Asian/P.I.	73	98	8	8	65	90	89%	92%
Black	1,285	1,332	110	118	1,175	1,214	91%	91%
Hispanic	882	990	257	261	625	729	71%	74%
White	2,326	2,108	687	644	1,639	1,465	70%	69%
Other	13	16	2	1	11	15	85%	94%
Unknown	1,880	1,664	402	413	1,478	1,251	79%	75%
Holt County								
Black	2	0	2	0	0	0	0%	0%
Hispanic	8	1	3	0	5	1	62%	100%
White	33	10	14	10	19	0	58%	0%
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Boyd County								
Unknown	3	0	0	0	3	0	100%	0%
Brown County								
Am. Indian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Hispanic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
White	10	1	5	1	5	0	50%	0%
Wheeler County								
All Races	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%

JUVENILE PROBATION ACTIVITY BY COUNTY & Age^{21&22}

County Location	Placed on Probation		Out of Home Placement		Motions to Revoke		Probation Revoked		Satisfactory Release	
NEBRASKA	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
11-13	237	303	45	54	38	46	5	4	64	87

	10%	11%	8%	8%	5%	6%	4%	3%	4%	5%
14-15	792 34%	951 34%	184 34%	236 36%	226 28%	236 30%	26 19%	22 17%	285 20%	386 22%
16	594 25%	697 25%	131 24%	169 26%	211 26%	199 25%	31 22%	25 20%	282 20%	394 22%
17	573 24%	667 24%	140 26%	155 24%	207 26%	199 25%	35 25%	33 26%	416 29%	507 28%
18	162 7%	170 6%	42 8%	43 7%	124 15%	114 14%	42 30%	43 34%	377 26%	411 23%
Holt County	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
11-13	2 3%	2 3%	1 8%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	*	0 0%	0 0%	1 2%
14-15	3 4%	6 9%	0 0%	1 7%	0 0%	5 = 32%	*	0 0%	1 2%	2 3%
16	3 4%	0 0%	2 15%	1 7%	2 25%	0 0%	*	1 50%	2 4%	1 2%
17	5 7%	6 9%	0 0%	1 7%	1 12%	1 8%	*	0 0%	0 0%	2 3%
18	2 3%	2 3%	1 8%	0 0%	2 255	1 8%	*	1 50%	2 4%	5 8%
Boyd County	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
14-15	1 1%	0 0%	0 0%	1 7%	0 0%	0 0%	*	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%
17	0 0%	1 2%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	*	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%
18	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	*	0 0%	0 0%	1 2%
Brown County	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
11-13	3 4%	0 0%	0 0%	1 7%	0 0%	0 0%	*	0 0%	0 0%	2 3%
14-15	1 1%	1 2%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	*	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%
16	0 0%	1 2%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	*	0 0%	0 0%	1 2%
17	2 3%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	*	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%
18	2 3%	2 3%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	*	0 0%	1 25%	3 5%
Wheeler County	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
All Ages	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	*	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%

JUVENILE PROBATION ACTIVITY BY SEX^{21&22}

County Location	Placed on Probation		Out of Home Placement		Motions to Revoke		Probation Revoked		Satisfactory Release	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Nebraska	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Male	1,592 68%	1,866 67%	379 70%	474 72%	556 69%	555 70%	105 76%	90 71%	953 67%	1,166 65%
Female	766 32%	922 33%	163 30%	183 28%	250 31%	239 30%	34 24%	37 29%	471 33%	619 35%
Holt County	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Male	10 15%	11 17%	3 23%	3 21%	3 38%	5 42%	* 	2 100%	5 10%	8 14%
Female	5 7%	5 8%	1 8%	0 0%	2 25%	2 17%	* 	0 0%	0 0%	3 5%
Boyd County	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Male	0 0%	1 2%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	* 	0 0%	0 0%	1 2%
Female	1 1%	0 0%	0 0%	1 7%	0 0%	0 0%	* 	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%
Brown County	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Male	5 7%	3 5%	0 0%	1 7%	0 0%	0 0%	* 	0 0%	1 2%	4 7%
Female	3 4%	1 2%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	* 	0 0%	0 0%	2 3%
Wheeler County	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Male	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	* 	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%
Female	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	* 	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%

JUVENILE PROBATION ACTIVITY BY RACE^{21&22}

County Location	Placed on Probation		Out of Home Placement		Motions to Revoke		Probation Revoked		Satisfactory Release	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Nebraska	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Am. Indian	123 5%	162 6%	49 9%	57 9%	53 7%	60 8%	5 4%	12 9%	75 5%	85 5%
Asian/P.I	36 2%	54 2%	13 2%	10 2%	15 2%	11 1%	3 2%	2 2%	15 1%	29 2%
Black	424 18%	534 19%	149 27%	194 30%	146 18%	145 18%	33 24%	23 18%	191 13%	277 16%
White	1,410 60%	1,633 59%	258 48%	311 47%	479 59%	463 58%	73 53%	67 60%	934 66%	1,121 63%
Other	365	405	73	85	113	115	25	14	209	273

	15%	15%	13%	13%	14%	14%	18%	11%	15%	15%
Holt County	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
White	12 18%	14 21%	4 31%	3 21%	4 50%	6 50%	*	2 100 %	5 10%	10 17%
Other	3 4%	2 3%	0 0%	0 0%	1 12%	1 8%	*	0 0%	0 0%	1 2%
Boyd County	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
White	1 1%	1 2%	0 0%	1 7%	0 0%	0 0%	*	0 0%	0 0%	1 2%
Brown County	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
White	8 12%	4 6%	0 0%	1 7%	0 0%	0 0%	*	0 0%	1 2%	6 10%
Wheeler County	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
All Races	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	*	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%

ARRESTS by OFFENSE and ARRESTEE AGE 18 and UNDER²³

HOLT COUNTY

Offense	2022	2023	2022-2023 Growth %
Aggravated Assault Total	*	*	*
Burglary Total	*	1	0%
Larceny-Theft Total	*	*	*
Motor Vehicle Theft Total	*	1	0%
Other Assaults	2	*	-50.00%
Arson	*	*	*
Fraud	*	*	*
Stolen Property; Buying, Receiving, Possessing	*	*	*
Vandalism	*	*	*
Weapons; Carrying, Possessing, etc.	*	*	*
Sex Offenses (Except Rape and Prostitution)	*	*	*
Drug Violations - Possession	5	*	-100.00%
Driving Under the Influence	*	*	*
Liquor Laws	1	*	-100.00%
Disorderly Conduct	*	*	*
All Other Offenses (Except Traffic)	2	*	-100.00%

BOYD COUNTY

Offense	2022	2023	2022-2023 Growth %
Aggravated Assault Total	*	*	*
Burglary Total	*	*	*
Larceny-Theft Total	*	*	*
Motor Vehicle Theft Total	*	*	*
Other Assaults	*	*	*
Arson	*	*	*

Fraud	*	*	*
Stolen Property; Buying, Receiving, Possessing	*	*	*
Vandalism	*	*	*
Weapons; Carrying, Possessing, etc.	*	*	*
Sex Offenses (Except Rape and Prostitution)	*	*	*
Drug Violations - Possession	*	*	*
Driving Under the Influence	*	*	*
Liquor Laws	*	*	*
Disorderly Conduct	*	*	*
All Other Offenses (Except Traffic)	*	*	*

BROWN COUNTY

Offense	2022	2023	2022-2023 Growth %
Aggravated Assault Total	*	*	*
Burglary Total	*	*	*
Larceny-Theft Total	*	*	*
Motor Vehicle Theft Total	*	*	*
Other Assaults	*	1	0%
Arson	*	*	*
Fraud	*	*	*
Stolen Property; Buying, Receiving, Possessing	*	*	*
Vandalism	*	*	*
Weapons; Carrying, Possessing, etc.	*	*	*
Sex Offenses (Except Rape and Prostitution)	*	*	*
Drug Violations - Possession	*	*	*
Driving Under the Influence	*	*	*
Liquor Laws	1	*	-100.00%
Disorderly Conduct	*	*	*
All Other Offenses (Except Traffic)	*	*	*

WHEELER COUNTY

Offense	2022	2023	2022-2023 Growth %
Aggravated Assault Total	*	*	*
Burglary Total	*	*	*
Larceny-Theft Total	*	*	*
Motor Vehicle Theft Total	*	*	*
Other Assaults	*	*	*
Arson	*	*	*
Fraud	*	*	*
Stolen Property; Buying, Receiving, Possessing	*	*	*
Vandalism	*	*	*
Weapons; Carrying, Possessing, etc.	*	*	*
Sex Offenses (Except Rape and Prostitution)	*	*	*
Drug Violations - Possession	*	*	*
Driving Under the Influence	*	*	*
Liquor Laws	*	*	*
Disorderly Conduct	*	*	*
All Other Offenses (Except Traffic)	*	*	*

Appendix E

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