



Office of Violence Prevention

Strategic Plan

2025 to 2029

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Executive Summary

Vision

The Office of Violence Prevention as a subdivision of the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice is to align with the agency's vision to develop collaborative strategies to improve the criminal justice system through stakeholder engagement and the identification of resources.

Mission

The Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice will address strategic initiatives to improve the criminal justice system. The agency will engage key leaders of local, state, and federal government and collaborate with community-based organizations to implement meaningful and impactful programming to support all elements of the criminal justice system with the express purpose to improve the quality of life for all citizens.

Values

Constant Commitment to Excellence
High Personal Standard of Integrity
Positive and Constructive Attitude and Actions
Openness to New Learning
Dedication to the Success of Others

History of the Office of Violence Prevention

In 2009, the Nebraska Legislature passed LB63 (N.R.S. §81-1447 through 1451, creating the Office of Violence Prevention (OVP). The Legislature found that to effectively address these issues, communities must develop a multi-faceted approach that includes violence prevention activities, intervention, enforcement and rehabilitation. In March 2015, the Nebraska Legislature passed LB 167 which also included the creation of youth employment opportunities in high-crime areas as an additional priority focus.

Purpose

The purpose of the Office of Violence Prevention is to provide leadership, resources, and assistance to entities engaged in activities that reduce street and gang violence, homicides, and injuries, and seek to build a future by creating employment opportunities and other alternatives that keep Nebraska youth out of violence-prone lifestyles.

Core Functions of the Office of Violence Prevention

Advisory Board

Pursuant to NRS §81-1447, the Advisory Council to the Office of Violence Prevention was established and shall consist of six members of each congressional district with at least one member of each congressional district on the council. The Governor appoints the members of the council representing the following areas, if practicable: Two members representing local government, two members representing law enforcement, one member representing community advocacy and one member representing education with some expertise in law enforcement and juvenile crime.

Each member shall serve a four year term and may be reappointed at the expiration of their term. The Advisory Council shall meet at least quarterly. Among the Advisory Council's responsibilities, the council is directed to recommend to the Crime Commission, the rules and regulations regarding program fundraising, program evaluation, coordination of programs, and the criteria used to assess and award funds to violence prevention programs.

The additional duties of the Advisory Council shall include, but not limited to, receiving applications for violence prevention funds, evaluating such applications, and making recommendations to the Crime Commission regarding the merits of each application with the recommended amount of any funds that should be awarded. The Advisory Council shall continuously monitor how such funds are being used by the program, conduct periodic evaluations of programs, assess the progress and success regarding the Office of Violence Prevention goals of each program's awarded funds. The Advisory Council shall recommend to the Crime Commission any modification, continuation, or discontinuation of funding.

Director

Pursuant to NRS §81-1450, the Office of Violence Prevention Director shall administer the Office of Violence Prevention program and be supervised, respectively, by the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice. Among its responsibilities, the Office of Violence Prevention Director shall be responsible for developing, fostering, promoting, and assessing violence prevention programs.

The duties of the director shall include, but not be limited to, program fundraising, program evaluation, coordination of programs, and assistance with the administration and distribution of funds to violence prevention programs. The Director will file with the Clerk of the Legislature and the Governor's Office an annual report on or before November 1 of each year regarding its activities to develop, foster, promote, and assess violence prevention programs, the status of program fundraising, evaluation, and coordination, and the administration and distribution of funds to programs. The report shall be submitted electronically.

Strategic Initiatives

Office of Violence Prevention Advisory Council and Director

Strategic Initiative #1: Reduce overall deobligation from OVP grantees by June 30, 2028.

Strategies:

1. Create a deobligation management plan for grantees who deobligate more than 20% of funds by September 30, 2026.
2. Hold quarterly meetings with grantees who have more than 50% deobligation until June 2028.
3. Reassess deobligation in August 2028 to update management plans.
4. Provide technical assistance to high and medium risk grantees through June 2028.

Strategic Initiative #2: Increase the number of rural counties and tribes receiving state grant funds by June 30, 2029.

Strategies:

1. Contact all rural non-profits, county boards, law enforcement agencies, and tribal councils who are not currently participating in OVP funds each October when OVP applications are released.
2. Provide assistance to 2 new rural agencies/counties/tribes to write a grant application for the FY2028 & FY2029 grant application by December 2027.

Strategic Initiative #3: Create an educational training conference regarding violence prevention by June 30, 2029.

Strategies:

1. Utilize available funds to implement a statewide educational training conference
2. Collaborate with local law enforcement and non-profit agencies to provide training and workshops to state stakeholders.

Strategic Initiative #4: Continue funding program evaluations for all OVP grantees through available funds by June 30, 2029.

1. Identify data readily available at the Nebraska Crime Commission, creating MOUs and other data sharing agreements when needed with other agencies.
2. Identify evidence-based, cultural-based, and other science-backed programs and strategies to enhance each program's effectiveness to share with Legislature, Governor, communities and stakeholders.

Strategic Initiative #6: Review forms for grantees annually to reflect the successful outcomes of grant funds by June 30, 2029.

1. Utilizing state guidelines and operational assessment tool, the Director will identify monitoring level of all active grants within 30 days of award.
2. Utilizing monitoring level/assessment results, the Director will determine each active recipient's monitoring necessities, rigor of monthly/quarterly reimbursement reviews, and frequency of desk audits and on-site monitors.
3. Utilizing monitoring level/assessment results, the Director will establish a corrective action plan for addressing grant management deficiencies by and will communicate the assessment results and corrective action plan to each recipient as deemed appropriate by the Director.
4. The Grant Managers will provide technical assistance based upon their expertise and/or referrals to resources within the Nebraska Crime Commission for grantees that assessed at moderate to high monitoring level.

Strategic Initiative #9: Review and update Rules and Regulations policy and procedures and monitoring protocols biannually to reflect current staffing capacities for grant funds.

1. Review and update the OVP Rules and Regulations by June 30, 2027.
2. Using the current Operational Assessment Tool and Instructions, with updates as needed, will assess each grantee annually prior to the start date of the funding cycle.
4. Utilizing the Operational Assessment Tool the monitoring schedule will be updated annually according to the state fiscal year.
5. Employing the monitoring schedule, Office of Violence Prevention Director will complete 100% of monitors as scheduled annually per risk assessment level.

Strategic Initiative #10: Determine priority considerations for grant funds by June 30, 2027 for grant review.

1. Determine what are the priority considerations for the "greatest benefit of the state".
2. Utilizing the program evaluations, annual reports and deobligation history, will be included during grant review by June 30, 2029.

This strategic plan will undergo an annual review at the close of each fiscal year. This process reviews historical performance, analyzes emerging violence prevention trends, and refines strategic priorities to align with evolving State of Nebraska directives.