

Nebraska Panhandle Comprehensive Youth Services Plan July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2030

**For the counties of:
Banner, Box Butte, Cheyenne, Dawes, Deuel,
Garden, Kimball, Morrill, Scotts Bluff,
Sheridan, and Sioux Counties**

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Introduction

Land Acknowledgement

Panhandle Partnership acknowledge that we gather on the ancestral and unceded lands of the Oceti Sakowin or Seven Council Fires and the land of our Cheyenne relatives, the original caretakers of this water & land. We honor and pay respect to our relatives and their Elders – past, present, and emerging. We also honor and pay respect to our Arapaho and Pawnee relatives in acknowledgment of the neighboring lands in which many of us live and work.

Geographic Area

The Panhandle of Nebraska consists of the 11 rural and frontier counties in the western third of the state. They include Banner, Box Butte, Cheyenne, Dawes, Deuel, Garden, Kimball, Morrill, Scotts Bluff, Sheridan and Sioux counties and the communities of Alliance, Bayard, Berea, Big Springs, Bridgeport, Broadwater, Bushnell, Chadron, Chappell, Clinton, Crawford, Dalton, Dix, Ellsworth, Gering, Gordon, Gurley, Harrisburg, Harrison, Hay Springs, Hemingford, Henry, Kimball, Lewellen, Lisco, Lodgepole, Lyman, Marsland, McGrew, Melbeta, Minatare, Mitchell, Morrill, Oshkosh, Potter, Redington, Rushville, Scottsbluff, Sidney, Sunol, Terrytown, Whiteclay and Whitney. The 14,810 square mile area is bordered by equally remote areas of South Dakota (north), Wyoming (west) and Colorado (south). The area's relevant industry is primarily agriculturally based. It also includes BNSF and Union Pacific railroads, Chadron State College and Western Nebraska Community College. Regional West Health Services is the region's only tertiary referral medical center and the only Level II Trauma Center in Nebraska west of Kearney.

Older Youth System of Care

The Older Youth System of Care works between service sectors to provide a continuum of youth services for young people which:

- Provides strengths- and assets-based services.
- Provides the right service at the right time.
- Is a continuum of services which is geographically accessible.
- Assures that services are evidence based and evidence informed.
- Promotes policy that decreases barriers so that youth may be served without entering high-end systems.
- Demonstrates accountability through shared data, assessments, planning and evaluation.
- Believes that the best outcomes for youth will occur through a system of flexible funding that follows the youth.

- Promotes safety and inclusion for all youth regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, socio-economic status, and gender identity.
- Promotes the professionalism of youth services workers through shared training.
- Has a central referral and navigation component regardless of referral source.
- Is vibrant, adaptable, and responsive to current conditions.

Practices and skills, including a commitment to youth thriving, positive youth development, trauma informed care, and developmental assets, are the foundation for prevention and are sustained through transition services.

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The planning process for the Comprehensive Youth Services Plan included multiple meetings of the Older Youth System of Care, membership meetings of the Panhandle Partnership and the Cheyenne County Upstream Mapping.

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Collaboration

The Panhandle of Nebraska has a long history of collaboration and, in many ways, functions as one extended community, finding innovative and creative ways to serve our rural and frontier communities. We appreciate the opportunity to submit a regional, multi-county Comprehensive Youth Services Plan on behalf of Banner, Box Butte, Cheyenne, Dawes, Deuel, Garden, Kimball, Morrill, Scotts Bluff, Sheridan and Sioux Counties.

As you see in the data, many of our communities share the same context including fewer degreed professionals, fewer internet subscriptions and less access to broadband internet at home than the state. Four (4) counties in the Panhandle (Banner, Deuel, Garden and Sioux) have fewer than 2000 residents in the entire county (2020 Census) with our smallest county, Banner, having a population of only 674. A few of our smaller counties have had no juvenile arrests over the course of a year. Our ability to collaborate means we can honor communities' unique identities while also ensuring services and supports for youth are available when needed. It's worth noting that even the smaller counties that have not applied for Community Based Aid grants in the past are still supportive of this effort and supported by neighboring counties. Being innovative and flexible ensures youth and families have supports and resources when they need them.

Overview of Panhandle Partnership

Panhandle Partnership, Inc. is the overarching collaborative organization for this community team. The Partnership was formed as a 501(c)3 in 1998. It is a membership organization serving as a Backbone Organization for Collective Impact. Membership is open to any individual or agency located in or serving the panhandle of Nebraska. The Partnership does not provide services but rather exists to provide infrastructure for enhancement of effective regional collaboration. Much of the work takes place via the following systems of care:

- System of Care: Birth to Eight
- Older Youth System of Care
- Panhandle Coalition for Housing and Homelessness
- Panhandle Prevention Coalition (substance abuse and suicide prevention)
- Lifespan Respite
- Welcoming Communities

The purpose of Panhandle Partnership is to:

- promote communication of area data, services and opportunities.
- conduct regional assessments and planning.
- share resources and training.

- collaborate in creative planning.
- evaluate for regional impact and outcomes.
- prioritize and create regional goodwill.
- advocate for policy changes to meet the needs of our rural area.

Panhandle Partnership is structured to promote a “system” approach to regional development.

Community Collaborative Capacity and Collective Impact

The Panhandle enjoys extensive community collaboration as a result of its years of regional development through the Partnership. Long before Stanford published its seminal article “Collective Impact”, the Panhandle had adopted a very similar framework for collaboration. The tenants of Collective Impact have been formally integrated into the Panhandle Partnership as follows:

Common Agenda

In 2013, PPI adopted a new overarching vision statement: Collective impact for thriving and equitable communities.

Shared Measurement Systems

The Panhandle has been collecting and using common data sets for over two decades. National, State, and regional data is collected and used in assessments and planning.

Continuous Communication

The Partnership has a robust communication system including a 900-person distribution list, Training Academy distribution list, and the Panhandle Partnership website.

Mutually Reinforcing Activities

A significant factor in the on-going strength of the Panhandle Partnership is the member commitment to aligning resources, initiatives and activities toward common goals.

Backbone Organization

Within the Collective Impact framework, the Panhandle Partnership serves as a regional backbone organization. Panhandle Partnership does not provide services but serves as a hub for cross-sector collaboration. Panhandle Partnership leads collaborative assessment and planning for initiatives that enhance the region.

Data Summaries

Banner County Data Summary

Census Data

- Total youth population: 159.
- Racial distribution: 0% American Indian/Alaska Native, 0% Asian/Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander, 5.0% Black, 6.9% Hispanic, 88.1% White.
- Gender distribution: 49.7% male, 50.3% female.
- Poverty status: 0% of children under 18 in poverty; 30.4% of adults 25+ with a bachelor's degree.

Absenteeism

- Total enrolled youth: 150.
- Chronically absent youth: 17 (11.3% of enrolled).
- Racial breakdown of chronic absenteeism: 0% American Indian/Alaskan Native, 0% Asian, 0% Black, 17.6% Hispanic, 82.4% White.

Racial Ethnic Distribution of System Points

- Total youth in system: 159.
- Law enforcement contacts: 22, with 4 Hispanic (18.2%) and 1 Black (4.6%).
- No data available for youth referred to diversion, filed in juvenile/adult court, or placed on probation.

Risk and Protective Factors

- No data available on risk protective factors from the Bureau of Sociological Research.
- Data limitations noted for diversion, court probation, and bookings.

Box Butte County Data Summary

Census Data

- Total youth population: 2,922.
- Racial distribution: 4.9% American Indian/Alaska Native, 0.5% Asian, 1.9% Black, 21.5% Hispanic, 66.8% White.
- Gender distribution: 50.8% male, 49.2% female.
- 10.2% of children under 18 live in poverty; 5.7% of children aged 5-17 below the poverty line.
- 18.1% of adults aged 25+ have a bachelor's degree.

Absenteeism

- Total enrolled youth: 1,996; 566 are chronically absent.
- Racial distribution of chronic absenteeism: 10.4% American Indian, 0% Asian, 0.7% Black, 24.6% Hispanic, 59.3% White.

Racial Ethnic Distribution of System Points

- Total youth: 2,922; 150 had law enforcement contact.
- 3.9% of youth filed in juvenile court were American Indian, 2% Black, 7.8% Hispanic, 52.9% White.
- 33.3% of youth placed on probation were American Indian, 6.7% Black, 46.7% White.

Risk and Protective Factors

- 261 youth surveyed in Box Butte County.
- 67.4% of 8th graders received A's and B's; 21.7% of 8th graders smoke cigarettes.
- 95.7% of 8th graders feel safe at school; 93.3% have an adult at home who listens.

Cheyenne County Data Summary

Census Data

- 2020 Census reported 2,371 youth in Cheyenne County.
- Racial distribution: 79.1% White, 15.1% Hispanic, 0.5% American Indian/Alaska Native, 1.3% Asian, 0.9% Black.
- Gender distribution: 52.4% male, 47.6% female.
- 11.8% of children under 18 live in poverty; 14.1% of children aged 5-17 below the poverty line.
- 23.8% of adults aged 25+ have a bachelor's degree.

Absenteeism

- 1,575 youth enrolled; 158 chronically absent (10%).
- Racial distribution of absentees: 86.1% White, 9.5% Hispanic, 0.6% Black, 1.3% Asian, 0.6% American Indian/Alaska Native.

Racial Ethnic Distribution of System Points

- 181 youth had law enforcement contact; 42 referred to diversion.
- 4 filed in juvenile court; 1 in adult court.
- 3 youth placed on probation; all were White.

Risk and Protective Factors

- 108 youth surveyed in 2021.
- Cheyenne County students reported higher prevalence of A's and B's compared to Nebraska averages.
- Alcohol use among 12th graders: 26.2% in Cheyenne vs. 31.9% in Nebraska.
- 40% of 8th graders reported feeling safe at school, higher than the state average.
- 81.8% of 12th graders feel safe at school.
- 80% of 8th graders agree there is an adult at home who listens.
- 50% of 8th graders agree there are clear substance use rules at home, lower than the state average.

Dawes County Data Summary

Census Data

- Total youth population: 1984.
- Racial/Ethnic distribution: 5.0% American Indian/Alaska Native, 1.5% Asian, 1.6% Black, 9.3% Hispanic, 78.3% White.
- Gender distribution: 49.5% male, 50.5% female.
- Poverty rate: 14.6% of children under 18 in poverty; 13.6% of children aged 5-17 below the poverty line.
- Educational attainment: 36.0% of adults aged 25+ have a bachelor's degree.

Absenteeism

- Total enrolled youth: 1145; 221 are chronically absent.
- Racial/Ethnic breakdown of chronic absenteeism: 31.2% American Indian, 0% Asian, 2.7% Black, 6.3% Hispanic, 54.8% White.

Racial Ethnic Distribution of System Points

- Total youth in system: 1984; 126 had law enforcement contact.
- Racial/Ethnic breakdown of citations: 0% American Indian, 0.8% Asian, 0.8% Black, 2.4% Hispanic, 67.5% White.
- Youth placed on probation: 17; 41.2% American Indian, 58.8% White.

Risk and Protective Factors

- Total youth surveyed: 231.
- Prevalence of smoking cigarettes: 5.3% (8th grade), 13.0% (10th grade), 29.4% (12th grade).
- Perception of risk for smoking: 92.6% (8th grade), 82.6% (10th grade), 76.2% (12th grade).
- Bullying rates: 27.5% (8th grade), 15.3% (10th grade), 10.3% (12th grade).

- Youth feeling safe at school: 88.6% (8th grade), 86.7% (10th grade), 89.4% (12th grade).
- Youth reporting adults in school who listen: 85.8% (8th grade), 83.7% (10th grade), 88.7% (12th grade)
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Deuel County Data Summary

Census Data

- In 2020, Deuel County had 439 youth, with 81.3% identified as White.
- 3% of children under 18 were in poverty, with 100% of children aged 5-17 above the poverty line.
- 20.8% of adults aged 25+ had a bachelor's degree, ranking 63rd in the county.

Absenteeism

- 389 youth were enrolled, with 82 chronically absent.
- 26.8% of chronically absent youth were Hispanic, while 68.3% were White.

Racial Ethnic Distribution of System Points

- 22 youth had law enforcement contact; 63.6% were White.
- 1 youth was referred to diversion, who was White.

Risk and Protective Factors

- In 2016, 79 youth surveys indicated 88.5% of 8th graders received A's and B's.
- 7.7% of 8th graders smoked cigarettes, compared to 1.2% statewide.
- 96% of 8th graders felt safe at school, 84.6% had an adult at home who listens.

Garden County Data Summary

- More youth have IDEA plans than the state comparison across all years.
- The percentage of youth with internet subscription and access to broadband internet at home is lower than the rest of the state.
- There are no violent arrests in this community.
- Garden County is doing very well with sealing juvenile court records. Dismissed or dropped cases should be sealed at 100%, which they are in this community.
- All others should be sealed at the rate to which youth successfully complete their court requirements (completion of diversion, probation, restorative practice, or other treatment), in which Garden County appears to also be doing very well.

- Despite not being in a county required to provide counsel under statute, access to counsel is higher than the state average.
- There are few curfew and 3A, 3B, and 3C filings in court so the community is diverting appropriately.

Kimball County Data Summary

Census Data

- Total youth population: 716.
- Racial distribution: 1.0% American Indian/Alaska Native, 1.8% Asian/Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander, 0.8% Black, 14.4% Hispanic, 77.2% White.
- Gender distribution: 48.6% male, 51.4% female.
- Poverty: 16.5% of children under 18 in poverty; 12.5% of children aged 5-17 below the poverty line.
- Educational attainment: 11.5% of adults aged 25+ with a bachelor's degree.

Absenteeism

- Total enrolled youth: 394; 66 chronically absent.
- Racial distribution of absentees: 4.6% American Indian/Alaskan Native, 1.5% Asian/Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander, 16.7% Hispanic, 74.2% White.

Racial Ethnic Distribution of System Points

- Total youth in system: 716; 19 had law enforcement contact.
- Youth referred to diversion: 8; 1 Hispanic, 7 White.
- Youth filed in juvenile court: 6; 1 Hispanic, 5 White.
- Youth placed on probation: 6; 1 Hispanic, 5 White.
- Satisfactory release: 1 youth, 100% White.

Morrill County Data Summary

Census Data

- 2020 Census shows 1,126 youth in Morrill County.
- Racial distribution: 70.7% White, 23.5% Hispanic, 1.1% American Indian/Alaska Native, 0.7% Asian, 0.5% Black.
- Gender distribution: 52.7% male, 47.3% female.
- 4.6% of children under 18 live in poverty; 95.9% above poverty line.
- 19.4% of adults (25+) have a bachelor's degree.

Absenteeism

- 843 enrolled youth; 73 chronically absent.

- Racial breakdown of chronic absenteeism: 71.2% White, 26.0% Hispanic.
- 0% chronic absenteeism among American Indian/Alaska Native and Black youth.

Racial Ethnic Distribution of System Points

- 38 youth had law enforcement contact; 76.3% were White.
- 15 youth filed in juvenile court; 66.7% were White.
- 3 youth placed on probation; 66.7% were White.

Risk Factors

- 185 youth surveyed in 2014.
- 8th graders: 4.1% smoke cigarettes, 3.9% drink alcohol.
- 12th graders: 8.3% smoke marijuana, 18.8% drink alcohol.
- 94.7% of 8th graders perceive smoking cigarettes as wrong.

Protective Factors

- 88.6% of 8th graders feel safe at school.
- 85.2% of youth report having an adult at home who listens.
- 66.8% agree on clear substance use rules at home.

Scotts Bluff County Data Summary

Census Data

- Total youth population: 9,533.
- Racial/Ethnic distribution: 1.7% American Indian/Alaska Native, 0.8% Asian, 0.8% Black, 38.5% Hispanic, 56.0% White.
- Gender distribution: 51.1% male, 48.9% female.
- Poverty rates: 15.0% of children under 18 in poverty; 14.2% of children aged 5-17 below the poverty line.
- Educational attainment: 25.2% of adults aged 25+ with a bachelor's degree.

Absenteeism

- Total enrolled youth: 6,856.
- Chronically absent youth: 1,335 (19.4%).
- Racial breakdown of chronic absenteeism: 4.4% American Indian, 49.1% Hispanic, 43.8% White.

Racial Ethnic Distribution of System Points

- Law enforcement contacts: 165 youth, with 79.4% White.
- Youth referred to diversion: 125, with 35.2% multiple races/other.

- Filed in juvenile court: 202 youth, 72.8% White.
- Youth placed on probation: 164, with 48.8% White.

Risk and Protective Factors

- Number of youth surveyed: 440.
- Prevalence of A's, B's: 75.1% (8th grade), 87.9% (10th grade), 100% (12th grade).
- Current cigarette use: 2.7% (8th grade), 0% (10th grade), 7.3% (12th grade).
- Perception of risk for smoking: 93.0% (8th grade), 90.6% (10th grade), 80.5% (12th grade).

Sheridan County Data Summary

Census Data

- 2020 Census reported 1,184 youth in Sheridan County.
- Racial distribution: 13.8% American Indian/Alaska Native, 0.8% Asian, 0.4% Black, 11.3% Hispanic, 66.8% White.
- Gender distribution: 56% male, 44% female.
- 35.9% of children under 18 live in poverty; 21.1% of children aged 5-17 below the poverty line.
- 21.7% of adults aged 25+ have a bachelor's degree.

Absenteeism

- 751 youth enrolled; 132 chronically absent.
- Racial breakdown of chronic absenteeism: 30.3% American Indian, 0% Asian, 2.3% Black, 9.9% Hispanic, 41.7% White.

Racial Ethnic Distribution of System Points

- 21 youth had law enforcement contact; 81% were White.
- 18 youth filed in juvenile court; 61.1% were White.
- 2 youth placed on probation; 50% were Hispanic.
- 2 youth had satisfactory release; 100% were American Indian.
- 1 motion to revoke was filed against a White youth.

Sioux County Data Summary

- Sioux County is ranked #1 with youth under 18 having a computer at home but has a lower percentage of youth with internet subscriptions and access to broadband internet at home than the state.

- Sioux County has a slightly higher rate of households without access to a vehicle than the state average.
- Sioux County has very few juvenile court cases in the past five years
- No court filings for curfew, homeless/neglect, absenteeism/truancy, uncontrollable youth or mentally ill and dangerous for juveniles in the past 4 years.

Risk Factors and Juvenile Services by County

Box Butte County Comprehensive List of Services

SYSTEM POINT: PREVENTION (includes programs that aim to intervene before and after problematic behaviors are identified)		
Program/ Agency Name	Eligible age	Risk or need
School Counselor	K-12 Grades	Drug/alcohol use, low parental warmth, mental health disorders.
School Resource Officer	K-12 Grades	Law enforcement/support/attendance
Licensed School Based Mental Health Provider	K-12 Grades	Any trauma
ESU School Psychologist	K-12 Grades	Diagnosis / evaluations
Upward Bound	9-12 Grades	First generation college bound student support
Native Futures	5-12 Grades	Neglect/family support/attendance/juvenile justice
Hope Squads	6-12 Grades	Suicide prevention/identify at risk
504	K-12 Grades	Supports for disabilities/medical
Department of Health and Human Services	All	Family support/neglect/trauma/health classes
SPED Services	All	Identification/verification of disabilities

SYSTEM POINT: DIVERSION SERVICES (diversion and services available to youth on diversion)		
Program/ Agency Name	Eligible age	Risk or need
Native Futures	5-12 Grades	Court ordered diversions

SYSTEM POINT: ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION FOR PRE-ADJUDICATED YOUTH Only (include any programs that allow youth to remain in the community after any contact with law enforcement)		
Program/ Agency Name	Eligible age	Risk or need
none		

KNOWN GAPS IN SERVICES (include any programs that allow youth to remain in the community after any contact with law enforcement)		
Program/ Agency Name	Eligible age	Risk or need
Counseling services	all ages	Availability for all incomes
Alternative to detention	14-18	No local alternatives

Box Butte County Community Analysis and Response (CAR) Final Worksheet

COMMUNITY ANALYSIS & RESPONSE WORKSHEET			
Identified Need	Existing Program, Agency or Resource	Eligible age	Does this program accomplish the desired change? If no, what is missing?
Youth who commit minor crimes	Juvenile Diversion Program	11-17 years	Only Adult diversion programs
Elementary school youth with high percent of absenteeism	APS calls/welfare check	All ages	APS – formal handling often does not get at the root cause of the absenteeism.

Box Butte County Gaps to be Filled Worksheet

GAPS IN THE CONTINUUM			
Brief Data Snapshot	Existing Program, Agency or Resource	Eligible age	Does this program accomplish the desired change? If no, what is missing?
youth under 17 committed minor law violations	Limited diversion available	13-18 years	Need to develop a juvenile diversion program, allow youth to accept responsibility and stop offending,
elementary school youth in our county are absent 15 or more days per semester	APS calls/welfare check	School aged youth	Need to develop a truancy program to get at the root cause of absenteeism and begin attending school. (Recently partnered with DHHS Office of Health Disparities on a pilot program.)

Cheyenne County Comprehensive List of Services

SYSTEM POINT: PREVENTION (includes programs that aim to intervene before and after problematic behaviors are identified)		
Program/ Agency Name	Eligible age	Risk or need
Hope Squads	11-13	Mental health, specifically suicide
Students Making Awesome Choices (SMAC)	11-12	Drug/Alcohol use
Professional Partners Program	3-25	All individual and family risks as needed
Teammates (mentoring)	5-18	
Mediation West	All ages	Lack of concern for others
Cirrus House Youth Transitional Support	16-24	Severe mental health disorders
Unified Raiders	12-19	Inappropriate use of time
WIC	All ages	Poor parental and early childhood health
Karuna Counseling	All ages	Mental health
Destiny Counseling	All ages	Mental health
Sidney Regional Medical Center Behavioral health	All ages	Mental health
ESU MHS	School age	Mental health

SYSTEM POINT: DIVERSION SERVICES (diversion and services available to youth on diversion)		
Program/ Agency Name	Eligible age	Risk or need
Diversion	11-18	Sensation seeking, defiance of authority, low achievement, low attachment, drug/alcohol use, lack of supervision, lack of concern for others, inappropriate use of time
Professional Partners Program	3-25	All individual and family risks as needed
Mediation West	All ages	Lack of concern for others
Teammates (mentoring)	5-18	
Evals by Eck	16 +	Substance use
Cirrus House Youth Transitional Support	16-24	Severe mental and behavioral health
Truancy	11-18	Truancy, low school attachment, low school achievement
Karuna Counseling	All ages	Mental health
Destiny Counseling	All ages	Mental health
Sidney Regional Medical Center Behavioral health	All ages	Mental health

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

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

Program/ Agency Name	Eligible age	Risk or need
Family 4ward	10-18	Drug/alcohol use, lack of supervision, inappropriate use of time, defiance of authority

KNOWN GAPS IN SERVICES

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

Program/ Agency Name	Eligible age	Risk or need
Substance use prevention	12-18	Substance use, deviant peer groups
Parenting education/services	All	All family risk factors
Youth shelter	12-18	Family violence, parental substance use, parental hostility, mental health disorders, previous victimization, individual substance use
Employment/Life skills	12-18	Low attachment/low achievement
Family support services	All	In home support without court orders

Cheyenne County Community Analysis and Response (CAR) Final Worksheet

COMMUNITY ANALYSIS & RESPONSE WORKSHEET			
Identified Need	Existing Program, Agency or Resource	Eligible age	Does this program accomplish the desired change? If no, what is missing?
Hispanic RED with chronic absenteeism, RAI Override	Truancy program	11-18	In 2018-19 Hispanic youth represented 13.57% of youth with chronic absenteeism. Hispanics represent 12.5% of those referred and accepted by the Truancy program offered through Youth Services.
Mental Health – Depression high rates of worry, depression and suicidal ideations	In-school Mental Health provider	5-18	Grant funding for ages 11-18 was established in 2019 for an in-school MH provider contracted with ESU. Prior to this, a provider was available on a semi-regular basis and traveled over 2 hours one way. Average monthly participants is 10.5 that utilize this service.
Participation in Nebraska Risk and Protective Factor Survey	NRPFS - UNL	Grades 8, 10, 12	SPS school represented over 70% of results so Cheyenne Co was listed as “Unavailable”, and no data was included; checked with SPH and they do participate; we had the reports updated with results
High Substance Abuse use and Attitudes of alcohol and substance abuse	Students Making Awesome Choices (SMAC), Diversion program	Age: Diversion 11-18	SMAC is offered to middle school students and is not an evidence-based program. Research adding an evidence-based piece to this offering. Diversion addresses these concerns for youth that have had law enforcement contact.
Child Abuse & Neglect Reports	DHHS	All ages	Effective for cases that are accepted. Need an alternative for those concerns that are considered unfounded and the family refuses other services.
Adult/Family substance abuse	AA, ALANON Celebrate Recovery	Adults 18-99	Called out as an issue when a parent(s) use and it affects the child or children
Gang Involvement is higher than the state	No services related to gang activity		Needs further investigation, no indication of gangs in the area

Cheyenne County Gaps to be Filled Worksheet

GAPS IN THE CONTINUUM			
Brief Data Snapshot	Existing Program, Agency or Resource	Eligible age	Does this program accomplish the desired change? If no, what is missing?
Child Abuse & Neglect Reports	DHHS	All ages	Effective for cases that are accepted. Need an alternative for those concerns that are considered unfounded and the family refuses other services.
Mental Health – Depression high rates of worry, depression and suicidal ideations	In-school Mental Health provider	5-18	Grant funding for ages 11-18 was established in 2019 for an in-school MH provider contracted with ESU. Prior to this, a provider was available on a semi-regular basis and traveled over 2 hours one way. Average monthly participants are 10.5 that utilize this service.
Adult/Family substance abuse	ALANON Celebrate Recovery	Adults 18-99	Called out as an issue when a parent(s) use and it affects the child or children.
Gang Involvement is higher than the state	No services related to gang activity		Needs further investigation

Dawes County Comprehensive List of Services

SYSTEM POINT: PREVENTION (includes programs that aim to intervene before and after problematic behaviors are identified)		
Program/ Agency Name	Eligible age	Risk or need
School Counselor	K-12 Grade	Drug/alcohol use, low parental warmth, mental health disorders
School Social Worker	7-12 Grade	any/family/support/attendance
School Resource Officer (SRO)	7-12 Grade	counseling/law enforcement/classroom instruction
Licensed School Based Mental Health Provider	K-12 Grade	any/trauma
ESU13 School Psychologist	Birth - 21	diagnosis/evaluations
Youth Transition Service (YTS)	Age 14-21	attendance, behavior, academics, social emotional
Professional Partnership Program (PPP)	Age 14-21	family support, behavior, attendance, academic and social emotional
ESU13 Migrant Program	K-12 Grade	migrant/family/support
TeamMates	3-12 Grade	positive adult connection
Upward Bound	9-12 Grade	first generation college bound student support
Native Futures	5-12 Grades	neglect/family support/attendance/juvenile justice
School Assistance Team (SAT)	Birth - 21	supports & identification of learning and behavioral needs
504	K-12 Grade	supports for disabilities/medical School Community Intervention Program
Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)	any	family support/neglect/trauma/ Health Classes - K-12, prevention and drug/alcohol education and healthy habits
Cardinals Committed	9-12 Grade	drug & alcohol prevention/healthy habits/leadership/character/social media
Licensed Local Mental Health Providers	any	any
SPED Services	Birth - 21	Identification/verification of disabilities, services and supports provided for students verified Academic, Behavior, OT, PT, Vision, Hearing
Project Northland	6th-8th grade	drug and alcohol education
Class Action	9th Grade	drug and alcohol education
Families and Schools Together (FAST) Program	PK - 8th grade	family connection to school, school-home communication, introduction to schools
SCIP	5-12 Grades	drug/alcohol
REAL Colors teachers and student training (widely used in probation and jails as well)	9-12 Grade	
Habitudes	9-12 Grade	
QPR	9-12 Grade	
Mental Health First Aid	9-12 Grade	

SYSTEM POINT: DIVERSION SERVICES (diversion and services available to youth on diversion)		
Program/ Agency Name	Eligible age	Risk or need
No diversion services		

SYSTEM POINT: ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION FOR PRE-ADJUDICATED YOUTH ONLY (include any programs that allow youth to remain in the community after any contact with law enforcement)		
Program/ Agency Name	Eligible age	Risk or need
Trackers	10-19	Drug/alcohol use, lack of supervision, inappropriate use of time, defiance of authority

KNOWN GAPS IN SERVICES (include any programs that allow youth to remain in the community after any contact with law enforcement)		
Program/ Agency Name	Eligible age	Risk or need
No diversion services		

Dawes County Community Analysis and Response (CAR) Final Worksheet

COMMUNITY ANALYSIS & RESPONSE WORKSHEET			
Identified Need	Existing Program, Agency or Resource	Eligible age	Does this program accomplish the desired change? If no, what is missing?
School youth with high percentage of absenteeism	CPS calls /welfare check/SRO/Indian Educator Liaison	3 to 20 years	County attorney and CPS is notified handling often does not get at the root cause of the absenteeism
School Social Worker	School Social Worker	12-17 years	This program cannot serve under age 12.

Dawes County Gaps to be Filled Worksheet

GAPS IN THE CONTINUUM			
Brief Data Snapshot	Existing Program, Agency or Resource	Eligible age	Does this program accomplish the desired change? If no, what is missing?
Youth under 20 committed minor law violations (shoplifting, 3 rd degree assault, MIP).		12-20 years	Need to develop a juvenile diversion program, allow youth to accept responsibility and stop offending,
25% of elementary school youth in our county are absent 15 or more days per semester.	CPS calls /welfare check	3-20 years	Need to develop a truancy program to get at the root cause of absenteeism and begin attending school.

Deuel County Comprehensive List of Services

SYSTEM POINT: PREVENTION

(includes programs that aim to intervene before and after problematic behaviors are identified)

Program/ Agency Name	Eligible age	Risk or need
Professional Partners Program	3-25	All individual and family risks as needed
Mediation West	All ages	Lack of concern for others
Cirrus House Youth Transitional Support	16-24	Severe mental health disorders
Hope Squad	Grade 7-12	Suicide Prevention
ESU 13 Counseling	School Age	Mental health

SYSTEM POINT: DIVERSION SERVICES

(diversion and services available to youth on diversion)

Program/ Agency Name	Eligible age	Risk or need
Diversion	11-18	Sensation seeking, defiance of authority, low achievement, low attachment, drug/alcohol use, lack of supervision, lack of concern for others, inappropriate use of time
Professional Partners Program	3-25	All individual and family risks as needed
Mediation West	All ages	Lack of concern for others
Evals by Eck	16 +	Substance use
Cirrus House Youth Transitional Support	16-24	Severe mental and behavioral health
Truancy	11-18	Truancy, low school attachment, low school achievement

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

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

Program/ Agency Name	Eligible age	Risk or need
Family 4ward	10-18	Drug/alcohol use, lack of supervision, inappropriate use of time, defiance of authority

KNOWN GAPS IN SERVICES

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

Program/ Agency Name	Eligible age	Risk or need
Suicide Prevention	All	Anxiety/depression, mental health disorders, previous victimization
Substance use prevention	12-18	Substance use, deviant peer groups

Parenting education/services	All	All family risk factors
Youth shelter	12-18	Family violence, parental substance use, parental hostility, mental health disorders, previous victimization, individual substance use
Employment/Life skills	12-18	Low attachment/low achievement

Deuel County Community Analysis and Response (CAR) Final Worksheet

COMMUNITY ANALYSIS & RESPONSE WORKSHEET			
Identified Need	Existing Program, Agency or Resource	Eligible age	Does this program accomplish the desired change? If no, what is missing?
Mental Health Depression issues could be hidden	Schools and ESU Hope Squad	School age	New programs recently implemented.
Youth alcohol and tobacco higher than State average. Drugs should also be higher than indicated. Youth perception of Community Attitudes related to alcohol is low.	Diversion	11-18	Diversion program addresses these issues for those who've had contact with law enforcement. Need educational piece addressing alcohol, tobacco and substance abuse
Child Abuse and Neglect Reports High percentage of unfounded. How is emotional and disability needs (wheelchairs, etc.) handled as an intake?	DHHS	0-99	Effective for cases that are accepted. Need an alternative for those concerns that are considered unfounded and the family refuses other services.

Deuel County Gaps to be Filled Worksheet

GAPS IN THE CONTINUUM			
Brief Data Snapshot	Existing Program, Agency or Resource	Eligible age	Does this program accomplish the desired change? If no, what is missing?
Youth alcohol and tobacco higher than State average. Drugs should also be higher than indicated. Youth perception of Community Attitudes related to alcohol is low.	Diversion	11-18	Diversion program addresses these issues for those who've had contact with law enforcement. Need educational piece addressing alcohol, tobacco and substance abuse

Garden County Comprehensive List of Services

SYSTEM POINT: PREVENTION (includes programs that aim to intervene before and after problematic behaviors are identified)		
Program/ Agency Name	Eligible age	Risk or need
School Counselor	K-12 Grades	Drug/alcohol use, low parental warmth, mental health disorders.
ESU #13 School Psychologist	K-12 Grades	Diagnosis / evaluations
504	K-12 Grades	Supports for disabilities/medical
Department of Health and Human Services	All	Family support/neglect/trauma/health classes
Professional Partners Program	3-25	All individual and family risks as needed
Mediation West	All ages	Lack of concern for others
Youth Transitional Services	16-24	Severe mental health disorders
WIC	All ages	Poor parental and early childhood health
ESU #13 Mental Health Services	School age	Mental health
Evals by Eck	16 +	Substance use
Department of Health and Human Services	any	family support/neglect/trauma/ Health Classes - K-12, prevention and healthy habits
SPED Services	Birth - 21	Identification/verification of disabilities, services and supports provided for students verified Academic, Behavior, OT, PT, Vision, Hearing
Capstone Child Advocacy Center	All Ages	Abuse/neglect

SYSTEM POINT: DIVERSION SERVICES (diversion and services available to youth on diversion)		
Program/ Agency Name	Eligible age	Risk or need
No diversion	5-12 Grades	Court ordered diversions

SYSTEM POINT: ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION FOR PRE-ADJUDICATED YOUTH ONLY (include any programs that allow youth to remain in the community after any contact with law enforcement)		
Program/ Agency Name	Eligible age	Risk or need
None		

KNOWN GAPS IN SERVICES (include any programs that allow youth to remain in the community after any contact with law enforcement)		
Program/ Agency Name	Eligible age	Risk or need
Unknown at this time		

Garden County Community Analysis and Response (CAR) Final Worksheet

COMMUNITY ANALYSIS & RESPONSE WORKSHEET			
Identified Need	Existing Program, Agency or Resource	Eligible age	Does this program accomplish the desired change? If no, what is missing?
Unknown at this time			

Garden County Gaps to be Filled Worksheet

GAPS IN THE CONTINUUM			
Brief Data Snapshot	Existing Program, Agency or Resource	Eligible age	Does this program accomplish the desired change? If no, what is missing?
Unknown at this time			

Kimball County Comprehensive List of Services

SYSTEM POINT: PREVENTION

(includes programs that aim to intervene before and after problematic behaviors are identified)

Program/ Agency Name	Eligible age	Risk or need
Professional Partners Program	3-25	All individual and family risks as needed
ESU Psychology	School age	Mental Health
Mediation West	All ages	Lack of concern for others
Cirrus House Youth Transitional Support	16-24	Severe mental health disorders

SYSTEM POINT: DIVERSION SERVICES

(diversion and services available to youth on diversion)

Program/ Agency Name	Eligible age	Risk or need
Diversion	11-18	Sensation seeking, defiance of authority, low achievement, low attachment, drug/alcohol use, lack of supervision, lack of concern for others, inappropriate use of time
Professional Partners Program	3-25	All individual and family risks as needed
Mediation West	All ages	Lack of concern for others
Evals by Eck	16 +	Substance use
Cirrus House Youth Transitional Support	16-24	Severe mental and behavioral health
Truancy	11-18	Truancy, low school attachment, low school achievement

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

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

Program/ Agency Name	Eligible age	Risk or need
Family 4ward	10-18	Drug/alcohol use, lack of supervision, inappropriate use of time, defiance of authority

KNOWN GAPS IN SERVICES

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

Program/ Agency Name	Eligible age	Risk or need
Suicide Prevention	All	Anxiety/depression, mental health disorders, previous victimization
Substance use prevention	12-18	Substance use, deviant peer groups
Parenting education/services	All	All family risk factors

Youth shelter	12-18	Family violence, parental substance use, parental hostility, mental health disorders, previous victimization, individual substance use
Employment/Life skills	12-18	Low attachment/low achievement

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COMMUNITY ANALYSIS & RESPONSE WORKSHEET			
Identified Need	Existing Program, Agency or Resource	Eligible age	Does this program accomplish the desired change? If no, what is missing?
Hispanic disparities -Chronic Absenteeism	Truancy Program	11-17	This program can accomplish the desired changes, if utilized more fully.
Nebraska Risk and Protective Factor Survey	UNL - NRPFS	Grades 8, 10, & 12	This survey could give a better insight of youth in the communities.
Child Abuse and Neglect	DHHS	0-99	Effective for cases that are accepted. Need an alternative for those concerns that are considered unfounded and the family refuses other services.
Low arrest rates for Under 18 - What is driving low numbers - are law violations happening and not being documented?	Diversion Program Youth Services Program	11-18	Law enforcement and school personnel have handled issues as they arise. Need to work toward better reporting. Youth services coordinator will work with both agencies to provide formal services as necessary.
Youth mental health counseling/suicide prevention			No local service available.

Kimball County Gaps to be Filled Worksheet

GAPS IN THE CONTINUUM			
Brief Data Snapshot	Existing Program, Agency or Resource	Eligible age	Does this program accomplish the desired change? If no, what is missing?
Nebraska Risk and Protective Factor Survey	UNL - NRPFS	Grades 8,10, & 12	This survey could give a better insight of youth in the communities. Working with KPS on the possibility of implementation.
Youth mental health counseling/suicide prevention			No local service available. Work with Kimball School and ESU on providing in school mental health services.

Scotts Bluff, Banner & Morrill Counties Comprehensive List of Services

SYSTEM POINT: PREVENTION (includes programs that aim to intervene before and after problematic behaviors are identified)		
Program/ Agency Name	Eligible age	Risk or need
CAPWN Counseling & Health Services	All ages	Drug/alcohol use, low parental warmth, mental health disorders
Mediation West	All ages	Lack of concern for others, anger, communication problems
Professional Partner Program	3-25	Mental health Diagnosis, Dropouts, Criminal offences
Capstone Child Advocacy Center	All Ages	Abuse/neglect
Hope Center	All Ages	Emergency housing/hotel vouchers
Educational Service Unit 13	School aged children	Nontraditional classes, Tutoring
Crisis Response Team	All ages	Suicidal thoughts or Ideations, emergency family assistance
Region I Office of Human Development	All ages	Community support services for people with disabilities
Region 1 Behavioral Health Authority	All ages	Substance abuse and mental health needs
PALS	14-24	Current or past state wards, helping to transition to independence
Valley Youth Connections	School aged children	Day reporting, tutoring, therapy, intensive family therapy
Mental Health Alliance	All ages	Substance abuse, mental health issues
Panhandle Youth Shelter	Youth	Temporary placement of youth who are on probation, youth who can no longer remain in their homes due to abuse and neglect, and runaway and homeless youth
Midwestern Behavioral Health Services	All ages	Psychological Evaluations
Scottsbluff Fire Department	All ages	Fire starting offences, classes offered about fire control
The DOVES Program	All ages	Sexual assault and domestic violence
Options in Psychology	All ages	Substance abuse, mental health issues

SYSTEM POINT: DIVERSION SERVICES (diversion and services available to youth on diversion)		
Program/ Agency Name	Eligible age	Risk or need
Diversion	11-18	Drug/alcohol use, lack of supervision, lack of concern for others, inappropriate use of time
CAPWN Health & Counseling Services	All ages	Drug/alcohol use, low parental warmth, mental health disorders
Mediation West	All ages	Lack of concern for others, anger, communication problems
Professional Partner Program	3-25	Mental health Diagnosis, Dropouts, Criminal offences
Capstone Child Advocacy Center	All Ages	Abuse/neglect

Hope Center		Emergency housing/hotel vouchers
Educational Service Unit 13	School aged children	Nontraditional classes, Tutoring
Crisis Response Team	All ages	Suicidal thoughts or Ideations, emergency family assistance
Region I Office of Human Development	All ages	Community support services for people with disabilities
Region 1 Behavioral Health Authority	All ages	Substance abuse and mental health needs
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Panhandle Youth Shelter	Youth	Temporary placement of youth who are on probation, youth who can no longer remain in their homes due to abuse and neglect, and runaway and homeless youth
Midwestern Behavioral Health Services	All ages	Psychological Evaluations
Scottsbluff Fire Department	All ages	Fire starting offences, classes offered about fire control
The DOVES Program	All ages	Sexual assault and domestic violence
Options in Psychology	All ages	Substance abuse, mental health issues
Trackers	10-19	Drug/alcohol use, lack of supervision, inappropriate use of time, defiance of authority

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

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

Program/ Agency Name	Eligible age	Risk or need
Diversion	11-18	Drug/alcohol use, lack of supervision, lack of concern for others, inappropriate use of time
CAPWN Health & Counseling Services	All ages	Drug/alcohol use, low parental warmth, mental
Mediation West	All ages	Lack of concern for others, anger, communication problems
Professional Partner Program	3-25	Mental health Diagnosis, Dropouts, Criminal offences
Capstone Child Advocacy Center	All Ages	Abuse/neglect
Hope Center		Emergency housing/hotel vouchers
Educational Service Unit 13	School aged children	Nontraditional classes, Tutoring

Crisis Response Team	All ages	Suicidal thoughts or Ideations, emergency family assistance
Region I Office of Human Development	All ages	Substance abuse mental health needs
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Midwestern Behavioral Health Services	All ages	Psychological Evaluations
Scottsbluff Fire Department	All ages	Fire starting offences, classes offered about fire control
The DOVES Program	All ages	Sexual assault and domestic violence
Options in Psychology	All ages	Substance abuse, mental health issues

KNOWN GAPS IN SERVICES

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

Program/ Agency Name	Eligible age	Risk or need
Panhandle Youth Shelter	Youth	Temporary placement of youth who are on probation, youth who can no longer remain in their homes due to abuse and neglect, and runaway and homeless youth
Scotts Bluff County Probation	All ages	Criminal charges

Scotts Bluff, Banner & Morrill Counties Community Analysis and Response (CAR) Final Worksheet

COMMUNITY ANALYSIS & RESPONSE WORKSHEET			
Identified Need	Existing Program, Agency or Resource	Eligible age	Does this program accomplish the desired change? If no, what is missing?
Youth who commit minor crimes	Juvenile Diversion Program	11-17 years	This program cannot serve 17+, and we have a large number of college MIPs.
Elementary school youth with high percent of absenteeism	CPS calls /welfare check	0-99 years	CPS / formal handling often does not get at the root cause of absenteeism.

Scotts Bluff, Banner & Morrill Counties Gaps to be Filled Worksheet

GAPS IN THE CONTINUUM			
Brief Data Snapshot	Existing Program, Agency or Resource	Eligible age	Does this program accomplish the desired change? If no, what is missing?
124 youth under 17 committed minor law violations (shoplifting, 3 rd degree assault, MIP).	Only an adult diversion program	18-99 years	Need to develop a juvenile diversion program, allow youth to accept responsibility and stop offending,
25% of elementary school youth in our county are absent 15 or more days per semester.	CPS calls /welfare check	0-99 years	Need to develop a truancy program to get at the root cause of absenteeism and begin attending school.

Sheridan County Comprehensive List of Services

SYSTEM POINT: PREVENTION (includes programs that aim to intervene before and after problematic behaviors are identified)		
Program/ Agency Name	Eligible age	Risk or need
School Counselor	K-12 Grade	Drug/alcohol use, low parental warmth, mental health disorders
School Resource Officer (SRO)	K- 12 Grade	Counseling, law enforcement, student absenteeism
Licensed School Based Mental Health Provider	K-12 Grade	any trauma
ESU13 School Psychologist	Birth-21	Diagnosis and evaluations
Youth Transition Service (YTS)	Age 14-19	Attendance, behavior, academics, social emotional
Professional Partnership Program (PPP)	Age 14-19	Family support, behavior, attendance, academic, and social emotional
ESU13 Migrant Program	K-12 Grade	Migrant, family, support
Native Futures	5-12 Grades	Neglect, family support, attendance, juvenile justice
SMART	14-19	Supports and identification of learning and behavioral needs
504	K-12 Grade	Supports for disabilities, medical School Community Intervention Program
DHHS	Any	Family support, neglect, trauma, Health Classes K-12, prevention and drug, alcohol education and healthy habits
Mustang Committed	9-12 Grade	Drug & alcohol prevention, healthy habits, leadership, character, social media
Licensed Local Mental Health Providers	Any	Any

SYSTEM POINT: DIVERSION SERVICES (diversion and services available to youth on diversion)		
Program/ Agency Name	Eligible age	Risk or need
No Diversions		

SYSTEM POINT: ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION FOR PRE-ADJUDICATED YOUTH ONLY (include any programs that allow youth to remain in the community after any contact with law enforcement)		
Program/ Agency Name	Eligible age	Risk or need
None		

KNOWN GAPS IN SERVICES (include any programs that allow youth to remain in the community after any contact with law enforcement)		
Program/ Agency Name	Eligible age	Risk or need
No Diversion	10-15	
Drug and alcohol program at middle and high school	11-18	

Sheridan County Community Analysis and Response (CAR) Final Worksheet

COMMUNITY ANALYSIS & RESPONSE WORKSHEET			
Identified Need	Existing Program, Agency or Resource	Eligible age	Does this program accomplish the desired change? If no, what is missing?
School youth with high percentage of absenteeism	School Resource Officer	3 to 20	SRO's visits, for the most part get to the root of the problem. SRO funding is a challenge.
Youth alcohol and tobacco higher than State average. Random Student Drug Test results indicate a higher use of drugs as well.	Human Performance Project	11-18	Need educational piece addressing alcohol, tobacco and substance abuse
Child Abuse and Neglect Reports High percentage of unfounded.	DHHS	0-99	Need an alternative for those concerns that are considered unfounded and the family refuses other services.

Sheridan County Gaps to be Filled Worksheet

GAPS IN THE CONTINUUM			
Brief Data Snapshot	Existing Program, Agency or Resource	Eligible age	Does this program accomplish the desired change? If no, what is missing?
School youth with high percentage of absenteeism	SRO	3 to 20	SRO's visits, for the most part get to the root of the problem. Need to find additional support services to assure families follow through with getting their students to school and being able to hold them accountable.
Community awareness of prevention of drug/alcohol usage of school-aged students	None at this time	5-99	Parents and community need to be made aware of the possible increase of drug usage with the legalization of marijuana in neighboring states and knowledge of what to look for and watch for with their own children and children in their surrounding neighborhood.

Sioux County Comprehensive List of Services

SYSTEM POINT: PREVENTION (includes programs that aim to intervene before and after problematic behaviors are identified)		
Program/ Agency Name	Eligible age	Risk or need
School Counselor	K-12 Grades	Drug/alcohol use, low parental warmth, mental health disorders.
ESU #13 School Psychologist	K-12 Grades	Diagnosis / evaluations
504	K-12 Grades	Supports for disabilities/medical
Department of Health and Human Services	All	Family support/neglect/trauma/health classes
Professional Partners Program	3-25	All individual and family risks as needed
Mediation West	All ages	Lack of concern for others
Youth Transitional Services	16-24	Severe mental health disorders
WIC	All ages	Poor parental and early childhood health
ESU #13 Mental Health Services	School age	Mental health
Evals by Eck	16 +	Substance use
Department of Health and Human Services	any	family support/neglect/trauma/ Health Classes - K-12, prevention and healthy habits
SPED Services	Birth - 21	Identification/verification of disabilities, services and supports provided for students verified Academic, Behavior, OT, PT, Vision, Hearing
Capstone Child Advocacy Center	All Ages	Abuse/neglect

SYSTEM POINT: DIVERSION SERVICES (diversion and services available to youth on diversion)		
Program/ Agency Name	Eligible age	Risk or need
No diversion	5-12 Grades	Court ordered diversions

SYSTEM POINT: ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION FOR PRE-ADJUDICATED YOUTH ONLY (include any programs that allow youth to remain in the community after any contact with law enforcement)		
Program/ Agency Name	Eligible age	Risk or need
None		

KNOWN GAPS IN SERVICES (include any programs that allow youth to remain in the community after any contact with law enforcement)		
Program/ Agency Name	Eligible age	Risk or need
Unknown at this time		

Sioux County Community Analysis and Response (CAR) Final Worksheet

COMMUNITY ANALYSIS & RESPONSE WORKSHEET			
Identified Need	Existing Program, Agency or Resource	Eligible age	Does this program accomplish the desired change? If no, what is missing?
Unknown at this time			

Sioux County Gaps to be Filled Worksheet

GAPS IN THE CONTINUUM			
Brief Data Snapshot	Existing Program, Agency or Resource	Eligible age	Does this program accomplish the desired change? If no, what is missing?
Unknown at this time			

Additional Information on Juvenile Services

Services In Close Proximity

Services in close proximity to the Panhandle are not always easy to find. This includes inpatient treatment and residential facilities. Often times, the services closest to us are in Colorado, Wyoming and South Dakota which presents additional challenges.

Within the Panhandle, agencies and organizations tend to be very collaborative and will extend services and support whenever possible. Services may not be close, but we try to be innovative in the way we collaborate to serve youth. A good example of this is the Panhandle Youth Shelter located in Scottsbluff. It is not necessarily close to communities at the further corners of the Panhandle, but the service is available.

Juvenile Detention or Alternatives to Detention

There is no Juvenile Detention in the Panhandle. All detention centers are a significant distance from us. Alternatives to Detention are listed in the Juvenile Services by County section of this plan.

Coordination Plan

Alternative Schools

There are several alternative schools in the Panhandle, including:

- Valley Alternative Learning Transitioning School (VALTS) – ESU #13
- Panhandle Beginnings (behavioral health) – ESU #13
- Choices – Scottsbluff Public Schools
- Reconnect – Scottsbluff Public Schools
- Alliance Public Schools Alternative High School
- Sidney Alternative Program
- Pine Ridge Job Corps

Alternative schools fall into the enhancement category as those in place are long standing. Many of the districts that do not have alternative schools are small and all districts are served by the two ESU #13 alternative schools.

School Truancy Programs

Many schools in the Panhandle have School Resource Officers including Scottsbluff, Sidney, Kimball, Chadron and Gordon Rushville. School Resource Officers are an integral part of addressing truancy. Alliance Public Schools recently partnered with DHHS Office of Health Disparities on a pilot program addressing truancy.

School Truancy Programs fall into the enhancement category and could include expansion of the pilot program.

Volunteer Programs

Community involvement via volunteer programs includes CASA and mentoring programs. TeamMates has programs in: South Platte (Big Springs), Bridgeport, Chadron, Garden County, Scotts Bluff County and Sidney. CASA programs in the Panhandle include CASA of Scottsbluff County, PlainsWest CASA and Trails West CASA

Volunteer Programs fall into the development and expansion categories as mentoring programs and CASA do not serve all areas of the Panhandle. Additionally, some programs are stronger than others.

Family Preservation and Counseling

Snowy Peaks provides Family Centered Treatment in the Panhandle. Optimal Family Preservation provides Family Preservation Services. There are a number of organizations and private individuals that provide counseling for youth, including: Options in Psychology, Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska (CAPWN) Behavior Health Services, Mental Health Alliance and Karuna Counseling. Behavioral Health Services for youth, including evaluations, mental health counseling and substance abuse treatment remain perhaps the greater need for youth and adults.

Family preservation and counseling fall into the development category as there is much more need for services than there are services available.

Drug and Alcohol Counseling

There is more need for drug and alcohol counseling and evaluations than there are providers in the Panhandle. There is no residential treatment in or near the Panhandle.

Drug and alcohol counseling fall into the development and expansion categories as more services are needed.

Diversion Programs

There are Diversion programs in the following counties: Box Butte, Banner, Cheyenne, Deuel, Kimball, Morrill, Scotts Bluff. Of the remaining four counties, two have a population of under 1,000 people and the need for a full diversion program is low.

Diversion Programs fall into the expansion category as not all counties in the Panhandle currently have Diversion. Barriers for development in small counties exist, but expansion of existing programs into additional countries may be possible.

Parents Anonymous

Parents Anonymous would fall into the development category as services are not prevalent in the Panhandle.

Reduce the disproportionate number of minority youth coming into contact with the juvenile justice system

There are efforts in place in various counties to address disproportionate minority contact, especially in counties with higher Hispanic and Native American youth such as Dawes, Box Butte and Scotts Bluff. Native Futures in Box Butte and Sheridan counties serve all youth and have a high participation rate among Native youth. Empowering Families offers significant educational and cultural programming for youth in Scotts Bluff County, especially Hispanic and Native American Youth.

Disproportionate minority contact would fall into enhancement and expansion categories.

Priorities and Strategies

Priority 1: Behavior Health

Problem(s):

- Scarcity of mental health providers
- Long wait times for existing providers
- Access to mental health and substance abuse evaluations
- Long wait times for mental health and substance abuse evaluation
- Need for suicide prevention strategies

Strategy #1 Collaborate with existing providers to increase the number of providers in the Panhandle.

Specific Collaborate with current providers to identify ways to attract and retain additional behavioral health professionals.

Measurable Impact of the collaboration will be measured by the number of providers in the region.

Achievable This is not an easy task, but with collaboration with providers, behavioral health professionals, post-secondary schools and others, it is possible.

Relevant Behavioral health services frequently rise to the top of the list of unmet needs in the Panhandle.

Time-bound At least two new providers will be established in the norther, central and southern Panhandle within five years.

Strategy #2 Maintain a region-wide list of behavioral health providers, including mental health and substance abuse.

Specific Promote use of the Western Nebraska Resource Guide as a tool for schools, community-based services, courts and families in general. The Resource Guide contains information on behavioral health providers throughout the Panhandle. Additionally, Panhandle Public Health District is in the process of compiling and distributing a comprehensive list of behavioral health providers in the panhandle.

Measurable Use of the Resource Guide is tracked by website analytics. PPHD will track distribution of their comprehensive list.

Achievable The Resource Guide has been available online for over ten years and is updated annually.

Relevant Resources in rural/frontier areas are scarce. Promotion of existing resources is critical.

Time-bound The Resource Guide is available now and updated annually. PPHD's list is forthcoming and will be kept current by staff.

Strategy #3 Expand suicide prevention strategies such as Hope Squads and Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) training.

Specific Panhandle Public Health District support the implementation of evidence-based suicide prevention programs such as Hope Squads and QPR.

Measurable Impact will be measured by how many additional schools implement evidence-based strategies and long-term tracking of suicide attempts and completions. Impact will also be measured by the number of QPR trainings delivered annually.

Achievable There are existing suicide prevention strategies that can be expanded into additional communities and used as a model for implementation in new communities.

Relevant Suicide rates are higher than state rates in some Panhandle communities.

Time-bound Expansion of existing strategies into three new communities within year 1.

Priority 2: Diversion

Problem(s):

- Funding to continue existing Diversion programs
- Potential expansion into additional counties

Strategy #1 Maintain existing Diversion programs at full capacity.

Specific	Procure funding to sustain existing Diversion programming including evidence-based programs specific to individual communities.
Measurable	Impact of Diversion programs is measured by evaluation of evidence-based programs, number and type of programs available, and data collected by each program (e.g. number of youth that begin and complete diversion, participant demographics, etc.).
Achievable	Existing Diversion programs have a proven track record of improving outcomes for young people.
Relevant	Diversion has proven itself to be an important prevention measure for youth intersecting with the juvenile justice system.
Time-bound	Existing programs will continue to be implemented without interruption.

Strategy #2 Expand Diversion programs into communities that currently do not have Diversion.

Specific	Partner with existing Diversion programs to explore the possibility of expanding into adjacent counties. Our two smallest counties have shared that their need for Diversion is so low that they cannot support a full program, but perhaps they can be served by larger neighboring counties.
Measurable	Measured by whether or not the four counties that currently do not have Diversion create their own programs or partner with neighboring counties.
Achievable	County Attorneys and their staff have a strong history of working together.
Relevant	Diversion has proven itself to be an important prevention measure for youth intersecting with the juvenile justice system.
Time-bound	Existing programs will continue to be implemented without interruption.

Priority 3: Family Support Services

Problem(s):

- Need for Family Support services, including in-home services

Strategy #1 Maintain Family Support Services

Specific	Continue use of existing family support services.
Measurable	Impact of Family Support Services is measured by evaluation specific to each program including collection of qualitative and quantitative data.
Achievable	Current use of Family Support Services is already taking place.
Relevant	Family Support Services compliment other prevention services such as Diversion and behavioral health services.
Time-bound	Existing utilization of programs will continue to be implemented without interruption.

<i>Strategy #2</i>	<i>Expand Family Support Services</i>
Specific	Work with existing programs and counties that are interested in implementing this strategy to explore the possibility of partnering to serve youth in multiple counties.
Measurable	Impact of Family Support Services is measured by evaluation specific to each program including collection of qualitative and quantitative data.
Achievable	Current use of Family Support Services is already taking place. Collaboration between counties is already strong.
Relevant	Family Support Services compliment other prevention services such as Diversion and behavioral health services.
Time-bound	One to two new programs implemented in the panhandle by 2030.