

**Saunders County**

**Comprehensive Juvenile Services**

**Community Plan**

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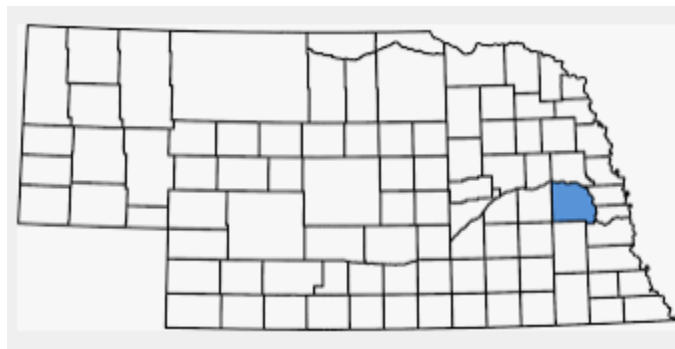
## Introduction

Saunders County has approximately 21,578 people per the US Census Bureau. It is located directly west of Douglas County (Omaha area) and north of Lancaster County (Lincoln area). Due to the county's location, there is a large commuter population which brings its own unique challenges. Its county seat is Wahoo. There are major highways that run through the county, including U.S. Highway 77, U.S. Highway 6 and Nebraska Highways 92, 79, and 66. There are several recreational areas, such as Lake Wanhoo and Eugene T. Mahoney State Park.

The juvenile population ages 10 to 17 is estimated to be at 2,317 with 20.7% of children ages 12-17 living below 185% poverty level. About 13% of children under age 18 (estimates are between 2014-2018) are living in poverty. Approximately 3.4% are Hispanic, 2.3% are multiple races, and 93% are non-Hispanic/white. Of the families in Saunders County, 59.5% are married, 21.9% have never been married, and 18.6% are divorced/separated or widowed (per the U.S. Census Bureau). For those 25 years and older, about 7% are not high school graduates, with 31% having at least a diploma and the remaining have at least some college. 8% of individuals continue to live at or below the federal poverty level, with 6% living below 150% of the poverty level.

There are several educational opportunities in the county including six public school districts (Ashland-Greenwood, Cedar Bluffs, Raymond Central Elementary schools, Mead, Wahoo, and Yutan Public) and there are three private schools (St. Wenceslaus K-6<sup>th</sup>, St. John K-6<sup>th</sup> and Bishop Neumann Middle/High School). There are several continuing education opportunities within a 50-mile radius and Southeast Community College also has a remote learning campus located in Wahoo.

Saunders County residents have access to several resources and opportunities to meet the needs of its residents. These include, but are not limited to, religious organizations, employment opportunities, local clinic/hospital care at Saunders Medical Center, pools, restaurants, grocery stores, volunteer organizations, recreational areas and more.



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**Data Summary**

The areas of need that were noted as priorities in our county are listed below in the data summary. The data was provided by the Juvenile Justice Institute with the University of Nebraska- Omaha through the Saunders County Community Needs Assessment, 2020. The remaining data that is program specific is provided by Saunders County Youth Services.

**SCHOOL SUMMARY**

Chronic Absenteeism by Race/Ethnicity from 2014-2019 is listed below. First, it is important to know the demographics of the county's school membership.

Year	Geographic Area	Total Count	Hispanic	Asian	American Indian or Alaska Native	Black or African American	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific islander	White	Two or More Races
2014-2015	<b>Saunders</b>	<b>2,883</b>	<b>4.13%</b>	<b>0.73%</b>	<b>0.42%</b>	<b>1.46%</b>	<b>0.24%</b>	<b>91.95%</b>	<b>1.08%</b>
	Nebraska	312,281	17.74%	2.43%	1.42%	6.70%	0.13%	68.20%	3.38%
2015-2016	<b>Saunders</b>	<b>2,926</b>	<b>4.55%</b>	<b>0.79%</b>	<b>0.44%</b>	<b>1.23%</b>	<b>0.27%</b>	<b>91.32%</b>	<b>1.40%</b>
	Nebraska	315,542	18.08%	2.53%	1.38%	6.67%	0.14%	67.72%	3.47%
2016-2017	<b>Saunders</b>	<b>3,002</b>	<b>4.10%</b>	<b>0.70%</b>	<b>0.50%</b>	<b>1.27%</b>	<b>0.30%</b>	<b>91.64%</b>	<b>1.50%</b>
	Nebraska	318,853	18.61%	2.66%	1.38%	6.69%	0.15%	66.92%	3.59%
2017-2018	<b>Saunders</b>	<b>3,068</b>	<b>4.43%</b>	<b>0.62%</b>	<b>0.39%</b>	<b>1.37%</b>	<b>0.29%</b>	<b>91.20%</b>	<b>1.69%</b>
	Nebraska	323,391	18.80%	2.76%	1.35%	6.67%	0.14%	66.50%	3.78%
2018-2019	<b>Saunders</b>	<b>3,159</b>	<b>4.34%</b>	<b>0.66%</b>	<b>0.28%</b>	<b>1.30%</b>	<b>0.13%</b>	<b>91.39%</b>	<b>1.90%</b>
	Nebraska	325,984	19.13%	2.83%	1.33%	6.63%	0.15%	66.02%	3.91%

Youth with chronic absenteeism has dramatically decreased each year and continued to decrease in 2020. The Hispanic population is highly overrepresented. When analyzing the data, it is important to take into consideration cultural differences in economic status, values regarding education, and family dynamics.

Year	Geographic Area	Total Youth with Chronic Absenteeism	Hispanic	Asian	American Indian or Alaska Native	Black or African American	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific islander	White	Two or More Races
2014-2015	<b>Saunders</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>10.71%</b>	*	*	*	*	<b>89.29%</b>	*
	Nebraska	35,638	24.54%	1.64%	4.42%	12.93%	0.19%	51.61%	4.68%
2015-2016	<b>Saunders</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>8.89%</b>	*	*	*	*	<b>91.11%</b>	*
	Nebraska	38,812	25.73%	1.55%	4.27%	13.68%	0.27%	49.68%	4.83%
2016-2017	<b>Saunders</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>7.39%</b>	*	*	*	*	<b>92.61%</b>	*
	Nebraska	42,290	26.90%	1.66%	4.40%	14.22%	0.24%	47.66%	4.92%
2017-2018	<b>Saunders</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>8.91%</b>	*	*	*	*	<b>91.09%</b>	*
	Nebraska	46,365	26.81%	1.77%	4.18%	14.49%	0.22%	47.37%	2389
2018-2019	<b>Saunders</b>	<b>162</b>	*	*	*	*	*	<b>100.00%</b>	*
	Nebraska	46,356	27.64%	1.76%	4.16%	14.71%	0.23%	46.27%	5.23%

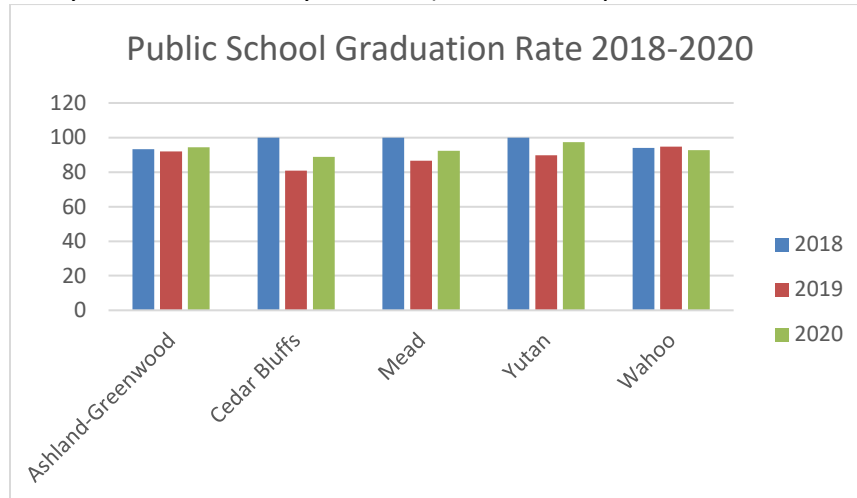
Per the Nebraska Department of Education, the \* represents masked data, which they define as 10 or fewer students, for the confidentiality of the students

The free-reduced lunch percentages have remained steady over the last five years with approximately 35% of students receiving free/reduced lunches. In the last two years,

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the school with the highest percentage of students receiving free/reduced lunches is Cedar Bluffs Public with 50 to 55% receiving assistance (2019 to 2020 and 2020 to 2021 per the Nebraska Department of Education<sup>1</sup>). Mead Public has the second highest in the county with approximately 35% of students receiving free/reduced lunches. These areas are also where we notice an increased need for socioeconomic support, truancy referrals and mental health/substance use services.

The county’s graduation rate is 94.2%. Graduation rates have typically held steady over the last several years for all county schools (Nebraska Department of Education, 2020).



### ARRIVE (Absence Reduction Resources Increasing Valuable Education)

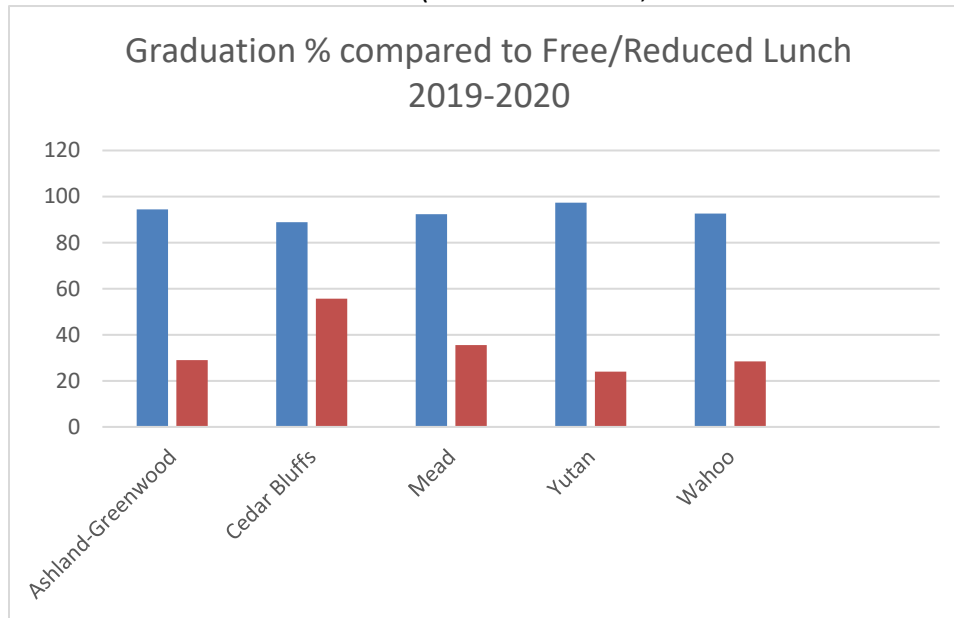
The primary service Saunders County utilizes is ARRIVE. This is an early intervention truancy program that is provided to all of the county’s public schools. The service provides case management, coordination, service referral, attendance monitoring, direct contact, attendance planning, etc. for the students and families referred to the program. Referrals are accepted through self-referral, the schools, law enforcement, and the county attorney’s office. ARRIVE has seen a decrease in referrals the last 5 years and a decrease in recidivism rates. Partnerships between schools, ARRIVE, and service providers (i.e. mental health) are credited for the decreasing absenteeism rates.

2018-2020 ARRIVE REFERRALS						
	<i>American Indian</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>White</i>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>AVG GRADE</b>
<b>2018</b>	1	2	1	75	<b>79</b>	9 <sup>TH</sup>
<b>2019</b>	1	5	1	58	<b>65</b>	8 <sup>TH</sup>
<b>2020</b>	0	0	1	26	<b>27</b>	10 <sup>TH</sup>

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.education.ne.gov/dataservices/data-reports/>

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When looking at community specific data and where to focus our needs, we also examine graduation rates in comparison to free/reduced lunch rates. Currently, reference the chart below, Cedar Bluffs Public has the highest free/reduced lunch rate at 55.73%<sup>2</sup>. It is also in conjunction with the lowest graduation rates in the county with 88.9% of seniors graduating. We have identified poverty as a need for our communities as well. The communities that have higher levels of free/reduced lunch rates, also have an increase of reports to the child abuse/neglect hotline, increased therapy referrals, and decreased achievement measures (i.e. absenteeism, academic achievement, etc.)



In addition to poverty being a concern, mental health and substance use resources for youth and adults is also a need. Saunders County has several therapy programs available to youth. Examples of some of these programs are Blue Valley Behavioral Health, Youth Services In-Home Therapy program, and School-based Behavioral Health (school-based therapists). The utilization of these programs demonstrates the increased need of mental health services for juveniles, children, and families.

Since the last community plan, services and dollars have been focused on addressing the continuing need for mental health and substance use services. The report, per the Nebraska Risk and Protective Factor Survey completed by students in our public schools in 2018, still demonstrates an increased need for mental health and substance use support services for youth.

		8 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Saunders</b>	Loss of sleep from worry	<b>22.9%</b>	<b>17.2%</b>	<b>23.0%</b>
Nebraska		18.0%	20.6%	21.6%
<b>Saunders</b>	Depressed	<b>35.3%</b>	<b>38.4%</b>	<b>39.2%</b>
Nebraska		31.1%	34.8%	35.3%

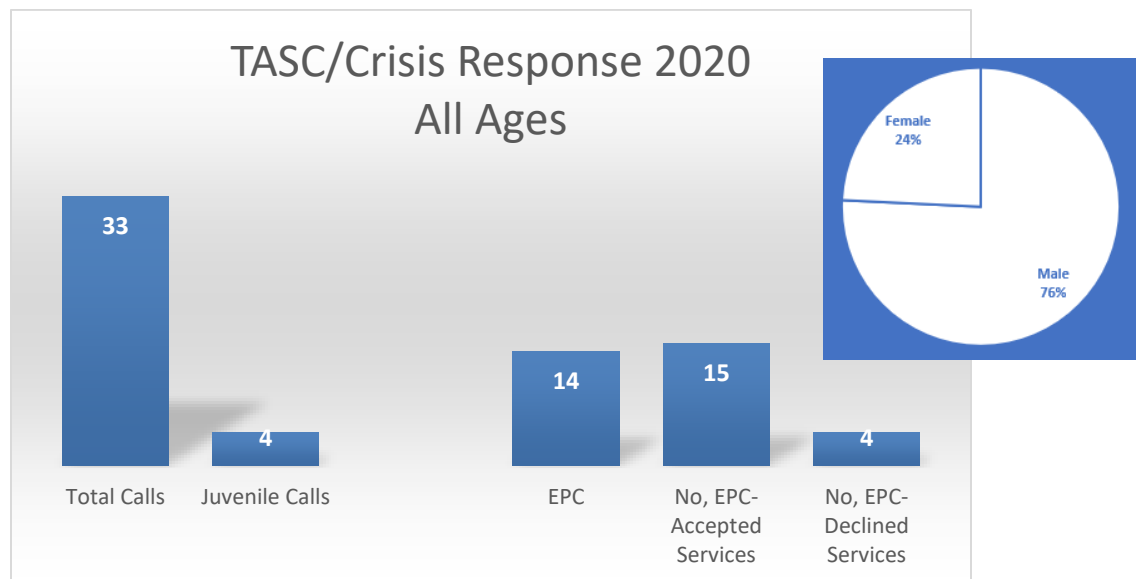
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<b>Saunders</b>	Considered/Attempted suicide	<b>22.9%</b>	<b>18.2%</b>	<b>16.2%</b>
Nebraska		22.9%	18.2%	16.2%
<b>Saunders</b>	Current alcohol	<b>8.6%</b>	<b>18.2%</b>	<b>48.6%</b>
Nebraska		9.8%	20.1%	34.2%
<b>Saunders</b>	Current binge drinking	<b>3.6%</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>15.1%</b>
Nebraska		1.3%	6.2%	15.0%
<b>Saunders</b>	Current marijuana	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>8.1%</b>	<b>27.0%</b>
Nebraska		3.0%	7.3%	13.9%
<b>Saunders</b>	Current tobacco	<b>2.2%</b>	<b>10.1%</b>	<b>23.0%</b>
Nebraska		3.7%	8.0%	15.3%
<b>Saunders</b>	Current vaping	<b>11.5%</b>	<b>29.3%</b>	<b>59.5%</b>
Nebraska		10.4%	24.7%	37.3%
<b>Saunders</b>	Hopeful for future (past week)	<b>72.1%</b>	<b>74.7%</b>	<b>78.4%</b>
Nebraska		78.0%	76.1%	77.6%

### TASC/CRISIS RESPONSE

Saunders County has implemented several mental health resources in the last five years. One of those is TASC/Crisis Response services provided by Region V Systems.



TASC provides emergency assistance to law enforcement with those who are experiencing a mental health crisis. A licensed therapist responds to the scene, either in person or via telehealth, within 2 hours and helps make the decision on what next steps need to be taken. This may include placing the person in Emergency Protective Custody (EPC), offering services, and/or providing de-escalation assistance. The therapist works

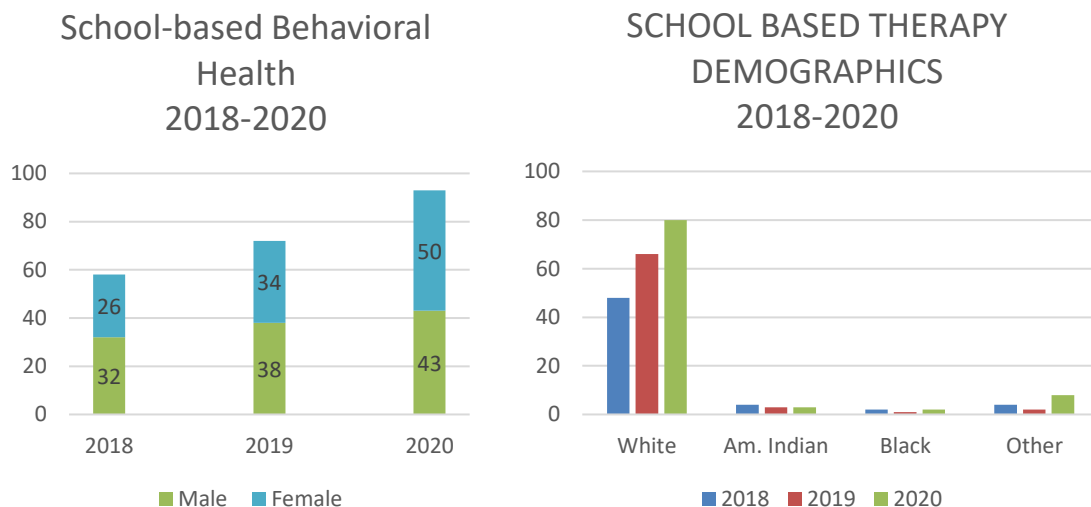
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with the family post-call for up to 72 hours and will assist with service referrals as well. This service is available and utilized for all ages.

### SCHOOL-BASED THERAPY

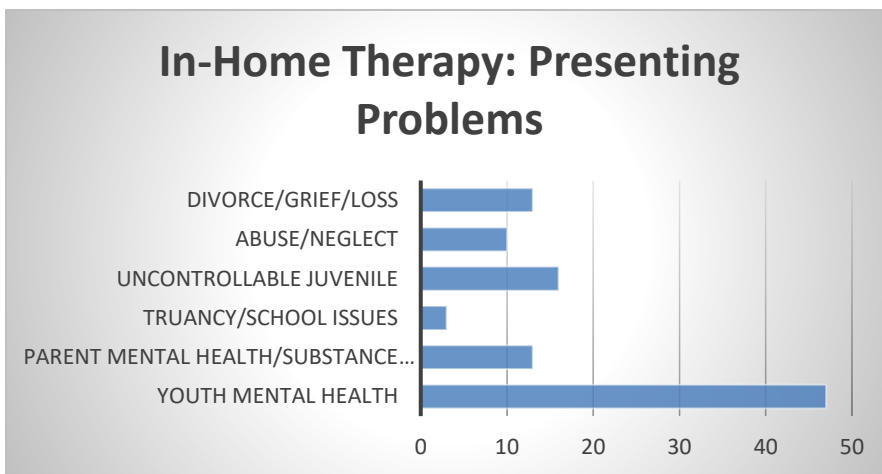
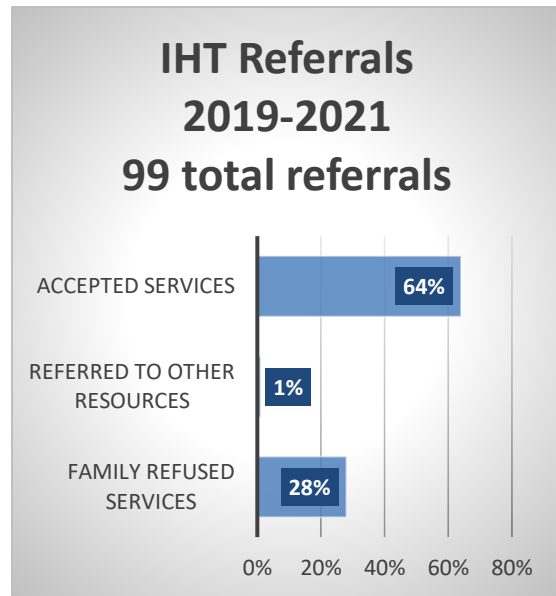
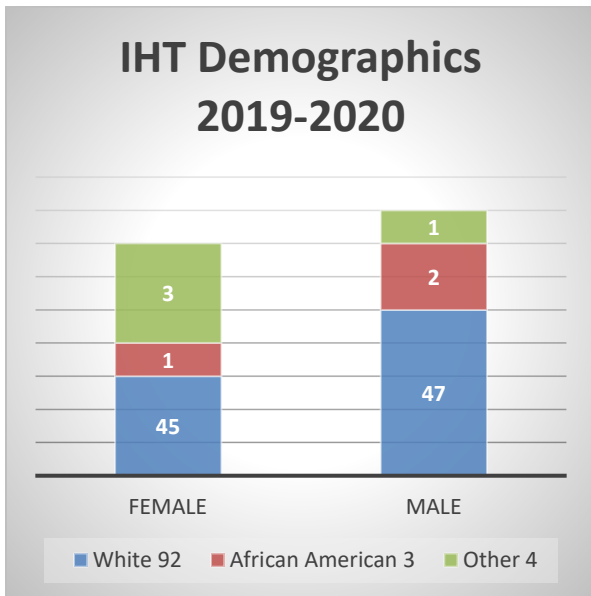
Saunders County Youth Services implemented school-based therapy in the schools beginning in 2016. Family Service of Lincoln contracts to provide this service. The schools have felt this has been one of the most beneficial programs to their schools. The school's contract to pay for a portion of its services in order to serve students under the age of 11 years as well. The average grade of students served for the last 3 years (2018, 2019 and 2020) has been 8<sup>th</sup> grade. There are currently 119 students actively receiving school-based therapy (2020). The demographics and referral information are detailed below.



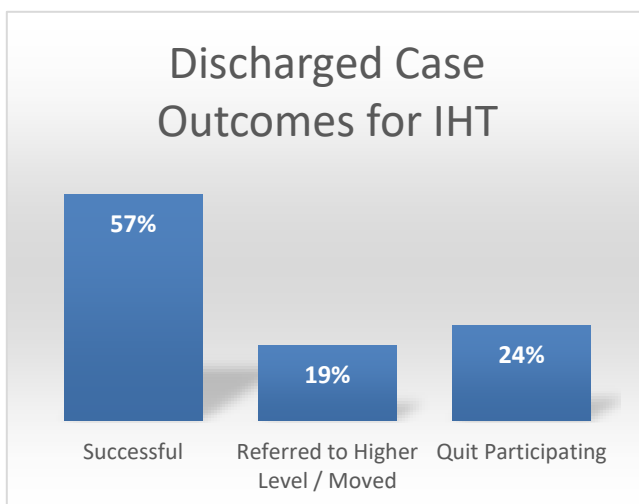
### IN-HOME THERAPY

Youth Services has also secured grant funding from the Fremont Area Community Foundation (FACF) and the Nebraska Crime Commission (NCC) Juvenile Service Grant to provide in-home therapy to those in need. FACF funds are more flexible and can be used for a wider population than the grant dollars through the NCC.

In-Home Therapy began in March, 2019. This service is available for all children, youth and families. There are limited funds to assist parents and children 10 years of age and under; however, any amount helps. Saunders County Youth Services case manages and runs this program. This office contracts with providers to deliver the in-home therapeutic services. 99 referrals have been received since the start of the program in March, 2019.



The primary presenting problem was youth mental health. These findings continue to reflect the need for youth mental health funding and programming.



The majority of clients served were successfully discharged from the program. There have been zero re-entries since this program began. Discharged cases include only those that accepted services and attended at least one therapy appointment.



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**JUVENILE OFFENDERS / CRIME STATISTICS**

Crime Statistics from the Nebraska Crime Commission for those arrested under age 18 are listed below. Liquor law and drug violations continue to be the main area of concern and this holds true into 2020 as well. In 2020, Saunders County pre-trial diversion programming received 31 referrals for MIP-alcohol, 3 for MIP-tobacco/vape product, and 2 for marijuana possession. This is a 287.5% growth from 2019 and it does not account for all arrests, only diversion referrals. Juvenile arrest records are detailed below. This demonstrates the need for continued services and resources directed towards substance use education and prevention.

Arrestee Age	Under 18		
Summary Arrest Date	2018	2019	2018 - 2019 Growth %
Total	72	52	-27.78
Rape Total	1	-	-100.00
Aggravated Assault Total	-	-	-
Burglary Total	-	0	-
Larceny-Theft Total	9	3	-66.67
Motor Vehicle Theft Total	-	1	-
Other Assaults	8	7	-12.50
Forgery and Counterfeiting	-	-	-
Fraud	0	-	-
Stolen Property; Buying, Receiving, Possessing	1	1	0.00
Vandalism	22	2	-90.91
Weapons; Carrying, Possessing, etc.	-	2	-
Sex Offenses (Except Rape and Prostitution)	0	0	-
Drug Violations - Sale/Manufacturing	1	-	-100.00
Drug Violations - Possession	11	10	-9.09
Offenses Against Family and Children	0	-	-
Driving Under the Influence	0	0	-
Liquor Laws	4	8	100.00
Disorderly Conduct	1	0	-100.00
All Other Offenses (Except Traffic)	14	16	14.29
Curfew and Loitering Law Violations	0	-	-
Runaways	-	2	-

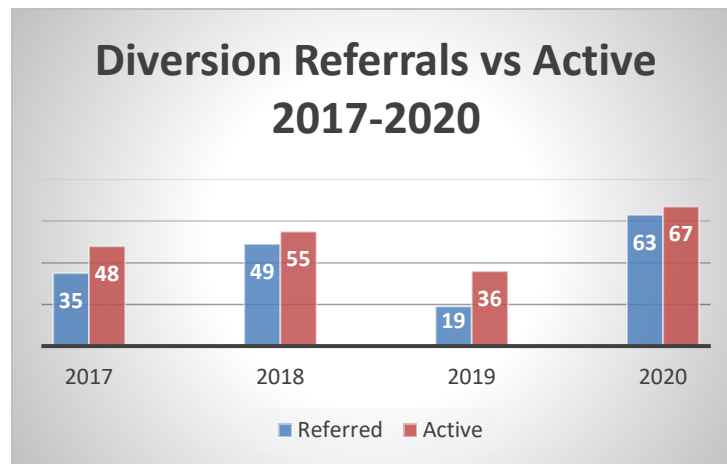
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The data below reflects a higher rate of contact and revocations for black juveniles compared to other races. However, it is important to note that if there had been a higher sample pool that it is well within the realm of possibility that the end data points may have more closely aligned.

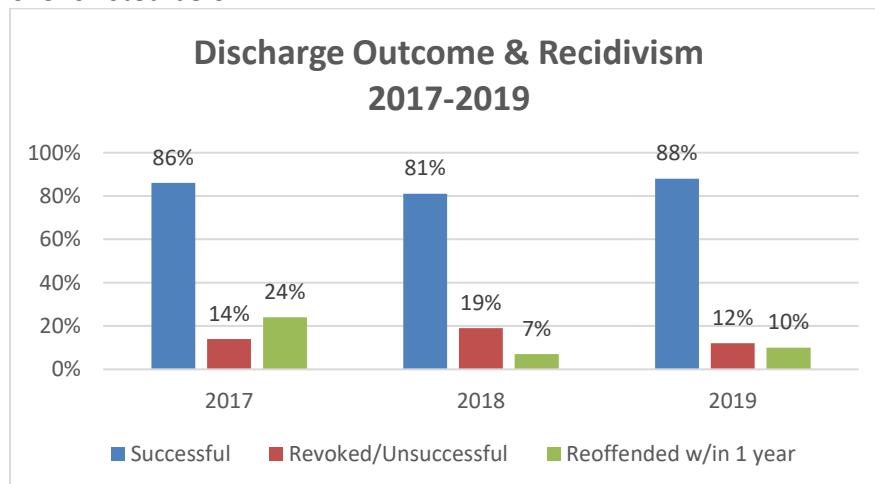
System Point	N	Amer. Indian/Alaskan Native	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic / Latino	Multiple / Other	Unspec/ Missing	White
Law enforcement contact	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth taken to temporary custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth issued citation/referral	271	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	133	0.80%	0%	4.50%	0.80%	2.30%	0%	91.70%
Youth enrolled in diversion	101	1%	0%	3%	1%	2%	0%	93.10%
Successful completion diversion	85	1.20%	0%	3.50%	1.20%	2.40%	0%	91.80%
Youth with multiple charges	18	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	22.20%	77.80%
Filed on in adult court	2	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	50%	50%
RAI Override: More Severe	4	0%	0%	0%	50%	0%	0%	50%
RAI Override: Less Severe	3	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Probation intake	21	0%	0%	19%	9.50%	0%	0%	71.40%
Successful probation	68	0%	0%	1.50%	4.40%	0%	0%	94.10%
Revocation of probation	6	0%	0%	16.70%	0%	0%	0%	83.30%
Youth booked into detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

### JUVENILE PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION

Diversion numbers vary year to year based on the number of youths ticketed and those eligible for diversion. The County Attorney’s office works closely with the Youth Services office on diversion referrals and whether or not the program is suitable for certain high-risk juvenile offenders. Below are a list of diversion referrals and active cases over the last four years (JCMS).



Over the last 3 years, 88% of juveniles referred to diversion chose to enroll voluntarily. Diversion also tracks successful discharges and recidivism rates for juveniles. The data for 2017-2019 is listed below.<sup>3</sup>



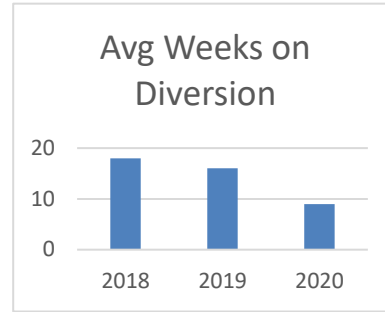
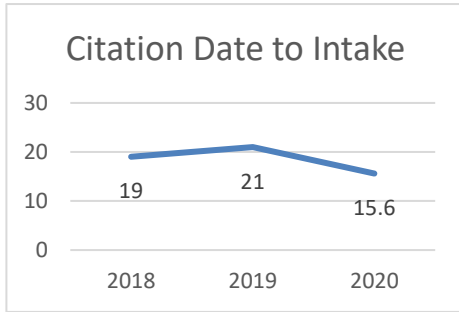
The Juvenile Justice Coalition teamed up to join efforts on improving outcomes and expediting services for the juvenile population. One targeted area to focus on was the time from the date of the juvenile receiving his/her citation to the date the juvenile had an intake with diversion. Law enforcement has done an excellent job partnering with Youth Services on areas of need. Below is the team’s progress on this objective. Citation date to intake has improved by 25%. Another target was to enhance the efficiency of

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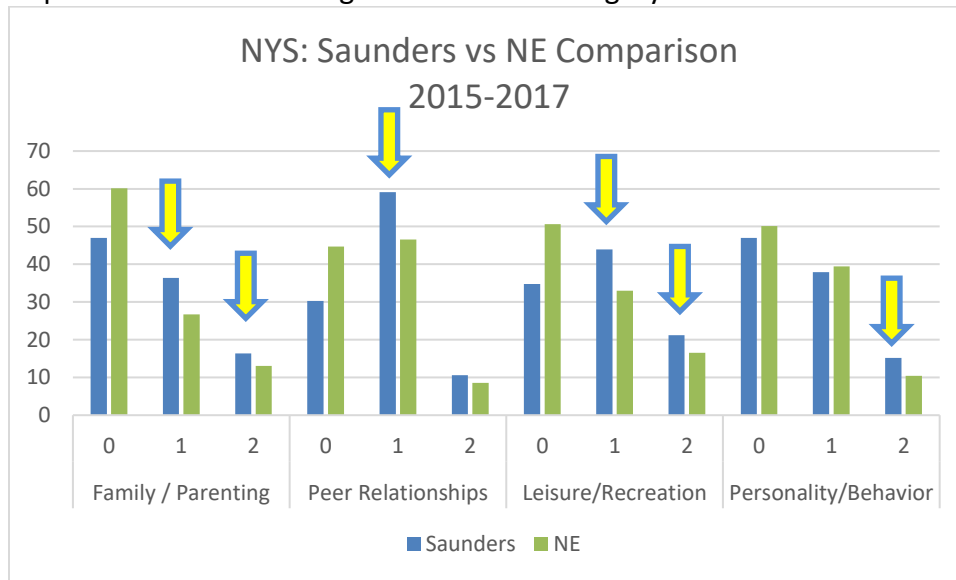
<sup>3</sup> NCJIS, JCMS, and JUSTICE. February 16, 2021.

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programming and decrease the length on the program without increasing recidivism. That measure has also improved.



All youth who enter diversion complete the Nebraska Youth Screen (NYS). Data from this assessment illustrates the risk areas for youth are predominantly family circumstances/parenting, peer relationships, leisure/recreation, and personality/behavior. Arrows indicate areas of concern that were determined based upon comparisons to state averages in the same category.



The NYS provides a snapshot of possible risk categories contributing to the delinquent activity the juvenile is experiencing. This assessment and data assist programs in the development of case plan goals and services that aim to rehabilitate the juvenile. The information is used to determine what services and resources are needed in certain areas of the county in order to help address juvenile delinquency.

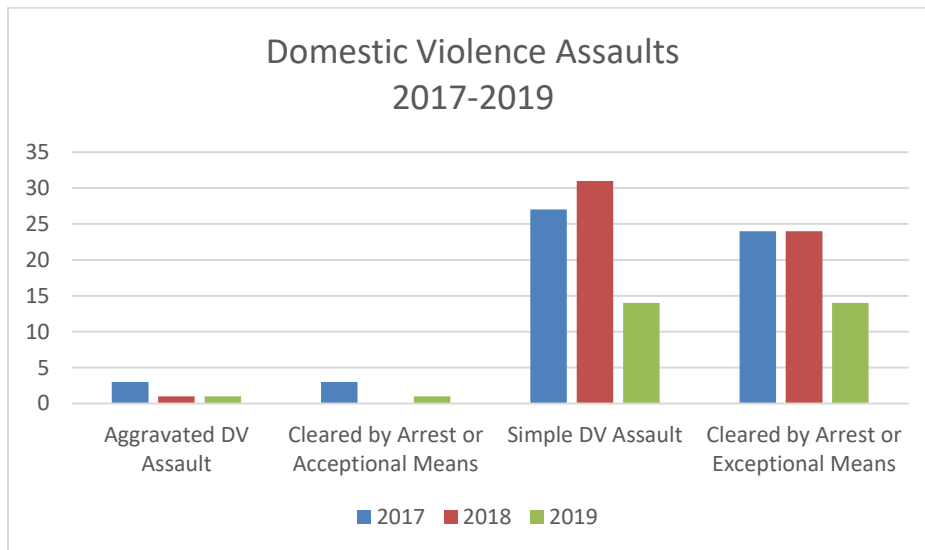
**CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT/DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

The Saunders County Attorney’s office and the Community Risk/Needs Assessment provided by JJI. In 2018, there were 238 calls made to the hotline and 39% were assessed. Of those, 16% were substantiated and 66% were unfounded. The following §N.R.S. 43-247(3) cases were filed on in 2019 and 2020 in Saunders County:

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§N.R.S. 43-247(3) filing <sup>4</sup>	2019	2020
<b>3a</b>	18	17
<b>3b</b>	3	0
<b>3c</b>	1	0

Domestic violence and victims of crime is also a focus in Saunders County. Saunders County has a Victim’s Advocate/Domestic Violence Coordinator that works with victims stemming from all types of crimes. Domestic Assaults are often not reported to authorities; however, that doesn’t stop the Victim’s Advocate from working with the victim if he/she requests assistance. Reported domestic assaults are listed below for 2017-2019.



<sup>4</sup> <https://nebraskalegislature.gov/laws/statutes.php?statute=43-247>

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<b>SYSTEM POINT: PREVENTION</b>		
<b>(includes programs that aim to intervene before and after problematic behaviors are identified)</b>		
<b>Program/ Agency Name</b>	<b>Eligible age</b>	<b>Risk or need</b>
Second Step Curriculum	5 to 14 (K-8 <sup>th</sup> )	Mental health disorders, truancy
God Teens	13 to 18	Drug/alcohol use, emotional health promotion, constructive use of time
Transitional age program, family youth investment (family support), professional partners, etc. / Region V Systems	Birth to 24	Mental health disorders, lack of supervision, abusive parents, low parental warmth, lack of discipline, truancy, deviant peer groups, drug/alcohol use
Rental & Utility Assistance / Community Action	Any age and must meet other requirements	Community values youth (if this need is met, it may lower: abusive parents, lack of supervision, parental hostility)
Clover Kids / UNL-Extension	6 to 18	Community values youth, constructive use of time
Friends of Faith / Methodist Church in Wahoo	K-5 <sup>th</sup> Gr	Community values youth, constructive use of time, emotional health
Kiwanis sponsored programs	0 to 18	Programs funded assist all risk factors
Logos / Presbyterian Church	Youth program	Community values youth, constructive use of time, emotional health
ROC Teen Center, Ashland	10 to 18	Drug/alcohol use, mental health, antisocial, defiance, lack of concern, inappropriate use of time, lack of supervision and discipline, low parental warmth, hostility, parental substance use, family violence, deviant peer group
Youth Group / Riverview Community Church	12 to 18	Community values youth, constructive use of time, emotional health
DARE Keepin' it REAL / Law Enforcement	11 to 12	Drug/alcohol use
TeamMates mentoring / TeamMates	8 to 18	Community values youth, constructive use of time, emotional health, low parental warmth, lack of supervision and discipline
Police Club / Law Enforcement & Saunders County Youth Services	6 to 18	Community values youth, constructive use of time, strong neighborhood attachment
YESS program / American Job Center	15 to 21	Constructive use of time, high personal drive, positive adult role models (education and job placement program)
GED classes/ Southeast Community College	16+ years	Truancy, low achievement, low attachment
Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Title I Youth Program & National Farm work Jobs Program / Proteus	14 to 24	Constructive use of time, high personal drive, positive adult role models (it's an education and job placement program for ag and migrant workers)

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<b>SYSTEM POINT: DIVERSION SERVICES</b> (diversion and services available to youth on diversion)		
<b>Program/ Agency Name</b>	<b>Eligible age</b>	<b>Risk or need</b>
Juvenile Pre-Trial Diversion / Saunders Co Youth Services	10 to 19	Drug/alcohol use, antisocial attitudes, defiance of authority, lack of supervision/discipline, truancy, deviant peer group
ARRIVE (truancy) / Saunders Co Youth Services	6 to 18	Truancy, low achievement, low attachment
In-Home Therapy/ Saunders Co Youth Services	5 to 19	Anxiety/depression, mental health, antisocial attitudes, sensation seeking, defiance, previous victimization, family factors (lack of supervision and discipline, low parental warmth, parental hostility, abusive parents, parental substance use, family violence)
Family Support Services / Saunders Co Youth Services	11 to 18	Drug/alcohol use, mental health, antisocial, defiance, lack of concern, inappropriate use of time, lack of supervision and discipline, low parental warmth, hostility, parental substance use, family violence, deviant peer group
Alternative to Out of School Suspension / Saunders County Youth Services	11 to 18	inappropriate use of time, lack of supervision and discipline, low achievement
Victim Assistance / Saunders Co Sheriff's Office	Any age	Abusive parents, family violence, drug/alcohol use, previous victimization, mental health
School-based behavioral health (therapists) / Family Service of Lincoln	6 to 18	Drug/alcohol use, mental health, antisocial, defiance, lack of concern, inappropriate use of time, lack of supervision and discipline, low parental warmth, hostility, parental substance use, family violence, deviant peer group
Juvenile Crisis Response (TASC) / Region V Systems	6 to 18	Mental health, anxiety/depression, family violence

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

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

<b>Program/ Agency Name</b>	<b>Eligible age</b>	<b>Risk or need</b>
Saunders County Attorney’s Office (works with families 1:1 until Adjudication)	6 to 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)

<b>Program/ Agency Name</b>	<b>Eligible age</b>	<b>Risk or need</b>
Pre-Adjudication Tracker Services / County Attorney’s Office	11 to 19	Drug/alcohol use, lack of supervision, inappropriate use of time, defiance of authority
Pre-Adjudication Electronic Monitoring / County Attorney’s Office	11 to 19	Lack of supervision, inappropriate use of time, defiance of authority
After School Programming	11 to 19	Lack of supervision, inappropriate use of time, drug/alcohol use
Transportation Services	6 to 19	Regular attendance, engagement in school
Youth Recreational Space (free/reduced cost)	6 to 19	Inappropriate use of time, lack of supervision
Community Response for children and families / Saunders County Youth Services & Victim’s Assistance	6 to 19	Drug/alcohol use, mental health, antisocial, defiance, parental substance use, family violence, deviant peer group, poverty



## Community Analysis and Response (CAR) Final Worksheet

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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?
Racial & Ethnic Disparity (African American & Hispanic youth are over-represented in probation intakes)	Training: NJJA and other trainings addressing racial and ethnic disparity	All ages	The data illustrated racial disparity in certain juvenile programs, such as probation. Our county’s goal is to increase educational opportunities for those working directly with juveniles as well as increase internal programmatic reviews. The focus is to ensure juveniles are treated based on their needs and not other extrinsic factors, such as race and/or ethnicity.
Need more data on race/ethnicity in all levels of intervention	E-citation began in 2020, now there will be a more streamlined way to track race/ethnicity data.	11 to 19	E-citation has streamlined this process and criminal citations now include this information. We will work on improving this process by continuing communication with law enforcement and the County Attorney’s office.
Youth Mental Health	Saunders County Youth Services in-home therapy program, school-based therapists, Blue Valley Behavioral Health, Saunders Medical Center therapist, TASC, Professional Partner Program, etc.	All ages	This program is achieving the goal of service provision; however, engagement in services is not at the desired rate. Ways to increase engagement are being researched and will be implemented upon availability.

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<p>Substance Use for Juveniles (i.e. alcohol, marijuana, tobacco, vaping)</p>	<p>Therapists (in-home and school-based), DARE (5th/6th grade-evidence-based curriculum utilized), pre-trial juvenile diversion, substance use prevention campaigns/social media, vaping consequences increased in schools, efforts to outlaw kratom (have to be over 21 in the City of Wahoo to purchase)</p>	<p>All ages</p>	<p>The substance use rates have appeared to decrease overall the last five years, whereas certain substances have increased (i.e. vaping). The programs appear to have a positive impact on juveniles; however, a barrier that has been noted consistently amongst team members is parental beliefs on substance use and what are considered societal norms for use (i.e. marijuana).</p>
<p>Youth’s beliefs of community attitude regarding substance use</p>	<p>Positive norming social media campaigns, information dissemination, ride along program with law enforcement, Saunders County Police Club</p>	<p>All ages</p>	<p>Programs are focused on providing positive and factually based messages to youth. The messages are written by youth as well. Increasing parent engagement and ensuring parents have access to accurate information is also a focus. The team feels these programs are achieving the desired outcomes.</p>
<p>Juvenile Recreation/Leisure</p>	<p>School sports and extra-curriculars, church programs, ROC in Ashland, Civic Center, community organizations (i.e. sports), local libraries, fast food locations, and recreational areas</p>	<p>All ages</p>	<p>There are several opportunities for youth to engage in recreational and leisure activities in the county. Barriers to participating might include transportation issues, financial limitations, and low engagement. Generally, there are programs available to assist with transportation and cost.</p>
<p>Family/Parenting</p>	<p>In-home therapy, family support, parenting classes, Blue Valley Behavioral Health, Community</p>	<p>All ages</p>	<p>The programs appear to be gaining traction as participation rates have been slowly increasing. The community team noted the following barriers; parent engagement, parent mental health/substance use, social media, and an increasing population</p>

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	Action, churches, school programs		of grandparents raising their grandchildren. Increasing programs for grandparents who are parenting has been identified as a goal for our county.
Youth feeling supported at home & school by adults	Teammates mentoring, community support (adults that are willing to help), church programs, school-based therapist, in-home therapist	All ages	The goal is to provide juveniles with at least one supportive adult. The team feels this is being met through the programs already being provided and the excellent work of the county's school districts.
Poverty - Free/Reduced Lunch Rate (over 1/3 of schools in county)	Low-income housing, limited affordable housing, food pantry/programs, utility assistance programs, weatherization (Community Action), victim's assistance, backpack program, VFW Christmas drive, food backpack programs provided by the schools, YESS w/ ResCare, etc.	All ages	Saunders County Youth Services and Victim's Assistance has secured provide funding through the Nebraska Children and Family Foundation to begin to operate a program similar to Community Response. This will help our county address a gap in needs for families struggling financially.
Truancy/Absenteeism	ARRIVE program, In-home therapy, schools, family support, school-based therapy	11 to 19	This process is working well. The absenteeism and truancy rates have decreased prior to Covid-19.
How do we track youth who failed diversion and went to probation? How do we track juveniles who participated in programming prior to the automatic sealing process?	Sealing juvenile cases/records automatically began in 2020.	Up to age 19	The County Attorney's office and Youth Services will work on reviewing these cases. County court will also be contacted to track cases closed prior to 2020 when automatic sealing began.

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<p>Why aren't all first-time offenders referred to diversion?</p>	<p>County Attorney's office works directly with the diversion program director on all referrals.</p>	<p>11 to 19</p>	<p>This process is working well. The County Attorney's office takes many factors into consideration when making a referral to diversion and/or determining if a dismissal or court filing is appropriate. Factors include, but are not limited to, the juvenile's level of functioning, high-risk environment, past contact, etc.</p>
<p>Juveniles have limited access to counsel (per data)</p>	<p>Juveniles decline counsel more often than not, but access to counsel is offered</p>	<p>11 to 19</p>	<p>The County Attorney's office reports felonies are appointed counsel. Law enforcement, the County Attorney and the court are working to ensure youth are read their rights and understand their rights.</p>
<p>Limited housing</p>	<p>Host Home Program (Region V Systems); Community Action, low-income housing (HUD); city of Wahoo reports a grant is available to help with housing improvements</p>	<p>18 to 24</p>	<p>The goal will be to increase housing for all socioeconomic classes. The city of Wahoo also has this as its goal. The closest shelters are Lincoln, Fremont, and Omaha.</p>
<p>Parent/Adult mental health &amp; substance use</p>	<p>In-home therapy, transportation through Medicaid, Blue Valley Behavioral Health, Drug Court, TASC, Victim's Assistance, Nebraska Children and Families Foundation funding, Medicaid expansion, Region V Systems services</p>	<p>18+ years of age</p>	<p>SU/MH dual-licensed therapists are limited in the area. However, there are several programs that developed further in 2020 (i.e. in-home therapy and Medicaid expansion) and new resources that are upcoming in 2021. Access to mental health resources has increased drastically over the last year and we hope to continue to expand these programs. This need is being addressed with current services and program development.</p>
<p>Access to transportation</p>	<p>Medicaid eligible transportation, transportation van in Wahoo</p>	<p>All ages</p>	<p>The team feels for the size of the county, that there are sufficient transportation options. Transportation barriers related to poverty will be addressed with the help of the private dollars granted to</p>

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			the development of a community response program in Saunders County. This program is in the early stages of development and will be up and running in 2021.
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## Gaps to be Filled Worksheet

<b>GAPS IN THE CONTINUUM</b>			
<b>Brief Data Snapshot</b>	<b>Existing Program, Agency or Resource</b>	<b>Eligible age</b>	<b>Does this program accomplish the desired change? If no, what is missing?</b>
More youth report losing sleep from worry or depressed, compared to the state.	In-home therapy, school-based therapy, Blue Valley Behavioral Health	All ages	Yes, mental health services have increased and the positive changes are noticed by school personnel and law enforcement. Need to continue to enhance mental health services and ensure those in need are aware the services are available. Funding to pay for services for youth under the age of 11 is also a need.
Liquor laws showed an increase in juvenile offenses.	Juvenile pre-trial diversion, DARE programs, State Patrol alcohol checks	11 to 20 years	Liquor law violations have continued to increase. Need to continue to work on intervention for at-risk behaviors through providing education and resources to those at risk.
Several domains in the NYS were higher than the state, with the highest being Leisure/Recreation for juveniles.	School extra-curriculars, church groups, Wahoo Civic Center, ROC -Ashland, state recreation areas, parks	11 to 18 years	There are several opportunities for recreation available to juveniles; however, the juveniles often don't take advantage of the activities. Need to develop an afterschool program that appeals to the 11-18-year-old age group.
Juveniles reported they did not think their parents find alcohol, marijuana and cigarettes wrong, compared to the rest of the state.	Education in schools about substance use, social media campaigns	All ages	Schools, pre-trial diversion, the county attorney's office, and ARRIVE work with parents on the dangers of substance use. Need to continue to provide information to parents regarding substance use and how to have those conversations with their children.
In 2018, 238 calls were made to the child abuse/neglect hotline.	LB1184 team, Nebraska Children & Families grant dollars, Victim's Advocate, Saunders County Youth Services, law enforcement, County Attorney's office	Birth to 19 years	The team is currently working on bringing community response, or a program similar, into the county to aid with families who are struggling and on the brink of child and family services involvement.

## List of Team Members

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

There are three separate teams that contribute to this plan. Each team will be described below with a list of members and their contact information in the next section.

*Active Community Team of Saunders County:*

This organization was founded over 40 years ago. Its purpose is to help enhance the lives of citizens in Saunders County. We combined this organization with what was previously known as the Prevention Coalition. This was a goal listed in the 2018-2021 Community plan. The merging of these two groups has since improved efficiency in our county's efforts to help those in need. ACT is a 501(c)(3) that meets monthly and receives funding from other sources that allow its members to provide grant opportunities to smaller groups who are trying to implement programs to enhance the lives of others. There are approximately 20 members who attend regularly from across the county. Funding is also provided through Region V Systems, a federal block grant focused on substance use prevention.

*Juvenile Justice Coalition:*

This coalition is made up of the legal sector that pertains to juvenile justice. Members include law enforcement, county attorney, Saunders County's Senator, youth services, probation, mental health providers, TASC (crisis response), etc. This coalition meets every other month and has been around approximately 8 years. It has become more focused on improving our practices and communication as it relates to juveniles in the area. We have also partnered with our Senator to ensure we are up to date and aware of legislative happenings.

*Youth Services Board:*

This Board was formed 40 years ago in order to provide guidance and oversight to the county's Youth Services office. This board reviews grants, funding, budgeting issues, and programming to ensure the office is operating at an optimal level. The county board chair is a member of this board as well.

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## Closing Comments

The community team utilized the data provided by the Juvenile Justice Institute as well as local program data to identify the needs for juveniles and families in Saunders County. The team evaluated the effectiveness of the current active programs and feel they are achieving the desired effect. We hope to continue to use the data to evaluate effectiveness and future need. The different teams meet on a regular basis to examine the needs in the area for youth and families. Our team feels we have a good process and organization at this time. We continue to strive to improve and enhance programs and services in Saunders County.

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## Youth Level

- More youth have IDEA plans than the state comparison across all years.
- More youth report losing sleep from worry or depressed, compared to the state.
- For substance use, 12<sup>th</sup> grades have higher reported alcohol use than the state; all grades report higher marijuana use, tobacco use and vaping than the state.
- Hispanic youth have higher chronic absenteeism than the school membership distribution across all years.
- One offense showed an increase from 2018 to 2019: liquor laws. Vandalism and Larceny-theft decreased from 2018 to 2019.
- Several of the domains that assessed youth on diversion from the NYS and YLS (2015-2017) were higher than the state. The highest domain for the county was Leisure/Recreation.
- It appears the juvenile justice system points are funneling youth appropriately from “arrest”, to diversion, to probation. Black and Hispanic youth are over-represented in Probation intakes, as compared to diversion referrals. Black youth are over-represented in Probation intakes as compared to the total population. Unspecified race/ethnicity in court filings is problematic for analysis.

Table 1.

Distribution of the Population Age 10-17 by Race/Ethnicity and Gender (5-year estimates, 2014-2018) <sup>a</sup>

### Males

Geographic Area	Total Count	Non-Hispanic White	Hispanic or Latino	Black	American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	2+ Races
Nebraska	108,494	70.4%	16.2%	5.7%	1.4%	2.0%	4.4%
<b>Saunders</b>	<b>1,329</b>	<b>91.9%</b>	<b>3.5%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>1.8%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2.8%</b>

### Females

Geographic Area	Total Count	Non-Hispanic White	Hispanic or Latino	Black	American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	2+ Races
Nebraska	102,658	70.4%	16.2%	5.7%	1.4%	2.0%	4.4%
<b>Saunders</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>94.5%</b>	<b>3.2%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>1.6%</b>

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

Year	Geographic Area	Total Count	Hispanic	Asian	American Indian /Alaska Native	Black or African American	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific islander	White	Two or More Races
2014-2015	<b>Saunders</b>	<b>2,883</b>	<b>4.13%</b>	<b>0.73%</b>	<b>0.42%</b>	<b>1.46%</b>	<b>0.24%</b>	<b>91.95%</b>	<b>1.08%</b>
	Nebraska	312,281	17.74 %	2.43%	1.42%	6.70%	0.13%	68.20%	3.38%
2015-2016	<b>Saunders</b>	<b>2,926</b>	<b>4.55%</b>	<b>0.79%</b>	<b>0.44%</b>	<b>1.23%</b>	<b>0.27%</b>	<b>91.32%</b>	<b>1.40%</b>
	Nebraska	315,542	18.08 %	2.53%	1.38%	6.67%	0.14%	67.72%	3.47%
2016-2017	<b>Saunders</b>	<b>3,002</b>	<b>4.10%</b>	<b>0.70%</b>	<b>0.50%</b>	<b>1.27%</b>	<b>0.30%</b>	<b>91.64%</b>	<b>1.50%</b>
	Nebraska	318,853	18.61 %	2.66%	1.38%	6.69%	0.15%	66.92%	3.59%
2017-2018	<b>Saunders</b>	<b>3,068</b>	<b>4.43%</b>	<b>0.62%</b>	<b>0.39%</b>	<b>1.37%</b>	<b>0.29%</b>	<b>91.20%</b>	<b>1.69%</b>
	Nebraska	323,391	18.80 %	2.76%	1.35%	6.67%	0.14%	66.50%	3.78%
2018-2019	<b>Saunders</b>	<b>3,159</b>	<b>4.34%</b>	<b>0.66%</b>	<b>0.28%</b>	<b>1.30%</b>	<b>0.13%</b>	<b>91.39%</b>	<b>1.90%</b>
	Nebraska	325,984	19.13 %	2.83%	1.33%	6.63%	0.15%	66.02%	3.91%

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

Year	Geographic Area	Total Youth with Chronic Absenteeism	Hispanic	Asian	American Indian or Alaska Native	Black or African American	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific islander	White	Two or More Races
2014-2015	<b>Saunders</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>10.71%</b>	*	*	*	*	<b>89.29%</b>	*
	Nebraska	35,638	24.54%	1.64%	4.42%	12.93%	0.19%	51.61%	4.68%
2015-2016	<b>Saunders</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>8.89%</b>	*	*	*	*	<b>91.11%</b>	*
	Nebraska	38,812	25.73%	1.55%	4.27%	13.68%	0.27%	49.68%	4.83%
2016-2017	<b>Saunders</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>7.39%</b>	*	*	*	*	<b>92.61%</b>	*
	Nebraska	42,290	26.90%	1.66%	4.40%	14.22%	0.24%	47.66%	4.92%
2017-2018	<b>Saunders</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>8.91%</b>	*	*	*	*	<b>91.09%</b>	*
	Nebraska	46,365	26.81%	1.77%	4.18%	14.49%	0.22%	47.37%	2389
2018-2019	<b>Saunders</b>	<b>162</b>	*	*	*	*	*	<b>100.00 %</b>	*
	Nebraska	46,356	27.64%	1.76%	4.16%	14.71%	0.23%	46.27%	5.23%

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

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



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Year	Geographic Area	Total Count	IDEA	504 Plan	Limited English Proficiency	Free/Reduced Lunch
2014-2015	<b>Saunders</b>	<b>2,883</b>	<b>15.89%</b>	*	<b>0.87%</b>	<b>33.85%</b>
	Nebraska	312,281	13.66%	0.76%	5.97%	44.53%
2015-2016	<b>Saunders</b>	<b>2,926</b>	<b>15.72%</b>	<b>0.58%</b>	<b>0.79%</b>	<b>33.80%</b>
	Nebraska	315,542	13.64%	0.90%	5.90%	44.23%
2016-2017	<b>Saunders</b>	<b>3,002</b>	<b>16.19%</b>	<b>0.40%</b>	<b>0.77%</b>	<b>35.48%</b>
	Nebraska	318,853	13.80%	0.93%	6.99%	44.76%
2017-2018	<b>Saunders</b>	<b>3,068</b>	<b>18.48%</b>	<b>0.68%</b>	<b>0.62%</b>	<b>33.25%</b>
	Nebraska	323,391	15.87%	0.88%	6.59%	46.24%
2018-2019	<b>Saunders</b>	<b>3,159</b>	<b>18.55%</b>	<b>1.30%</b>	<b>0.51%</b>	<b>34.76%</b>
	Nebraska	325,984	16.13%	0.85%	6.78%	45.42%

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

County	Total in Last 5 Years		Yearly Averages		Graduation Rate	Rank
	Graduates	Students	Graduates	Students		
Nebraska	100,111	112,857	20,022.2	22,571.4	88.7%	-
<b>Saunders</b>	<b>982</b>	<b>1,043</b>	<b>39.3</b>	<b>41.7</b>	<b>94.2%</b>	<b>49</b>

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

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

		8 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Saunders</b>	Loss of sleep from worry	<b>22.9%</b>	<b>17.2%</b>	<b>23.0%</b>
Nebraska		18.0%	20.6%	21.6%
<b>Saunders</b>	Depressed	<b>35.3%</b>	<b>38.4%</b>	<b>39.2%</b>
Nebraska		31.1%	34.8%	35.3%
<b>Saunders</b>	Considered/Attempted suicide	<b>22.9%</b>	<b>18.2%</b>	<b>16.2%</b>
Nebraska		22.9%	18.2%	16.2%
<b>Saunders</b>	Current alcohol	<b>8.6%</b>	<b>18.2%</b>	<b>48.6%</b>
Nebraska		9.8%	20.1%	34.2%
<b>Saunders</b>	Current binge drinking	<b>3.6%</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>15.1%</b>
Nebraska		1.3%	6.2%	15.0%
<b>Saunders</b>	Current marijuana	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>8.1%</b>	<b>27.0%</b>
Nebraska		3.0%	7.3%	13.9%

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<b>Saunders</b>	Current tobacco	<b>2.2%</b>	<b>10.1%</b>	<b>23.0%</b>
Nebraska		3.7%	8.0%	15.3%
<b>Saunders</b>	Current vaping	<b>11.5%</b>	<b>29.3%</b>	<b>59.5%</b>
Nebraska		10.4%	24.7%	37.3%
<b>Saunders</b>	Hopeful for future (past week)	<b>72.1%</b>	<b>74.7%</b>	<b>78.4%</b>
Nebraska		78.0%	76.1%	77.6%

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

Table 7.

Juveniles Referred to Services <sup>e</sup>

Table 8.

Juveniles Referred to Services by Race/Ethnicity, Gender, and Mental Health Diagnosis <sup>e</sup>

Table 9.

Juveniles Who Utilized Services <sup>e</sup>

Table 10.

Types of Services Utilized <sup>e</sup>

Table 11.

Youth Who Report Gang Involvement by Grade (2018) <sup>d</sup>

		<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Saunders</b>	Youth Reported Gang Involvement	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>4.1%</b>
Nebraska		3.8%	4.4%	3.8%

Table 12.

Arrest Rates for Adults and Juveniles for 2018 and 2019 with Percent Change <sup>f</sup>

<b>Arrestee Age</b>	<b>All Arrestee Ages</b>			<b>Under 18</b>		
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018 - 2019 Growth %</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018 - 2019 Growth %</b>
<b>Summary Arrest Date</b>						
<b>Jurisdiction by Geography</b>	<b>SAUNDERS COUNTY</b>					
<b>Arrest Offense</b>						
Total	479	419	-12.53	72	52	-27.78
Rape Total	2	1	-50.00	1	-	-100.00
Aggravated Assault Total	1	5	400.00	-	-	-

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Burglary Total	4	14	250.00	-	0	-
Larceny-Theft Total	25	15	-40.00	9	3	-66.67
Motor Vehicle Theft Total	1	3	200.00	-	1	-
Other Assaults	51	50	-1.96	8	7	-12.50
Forgery and Counterfeiting	-	1	-	-	-	-
Fraud	8	3	-62.50	0	-	-
Stolen Property; Buying, Receiving, Possessing	2	3	50.00	1	1	0.00
Vandalism	37	13	-64.86	22	2	-90.91
Weapons; Carrying, Possessing, etc.	3	6	100.00	-	2	-
Sex Offenses (Except Rape and Prostitution)	2	2	0.00	0	0	-
Drug Violations - Sale/Manufacturing	6	1	-83.33	1	-	-100.00
Drug Violations - Possession	81	48	-40.74	11	10	-9.09
Offenses Against Family and Children	27	4	-85.19	0	-	-
Driving Under the Influence	55	52	-5.45	0	0	-
Liquor Laws	15	38	153.33	4	8	100.00
Disorderly Conduct	3	8	166.67	1	0	-100.00
All Other Offenses (Except Traffic)	155	150	-3.23	14	16	14.29
Curfew and Loitering Law Violations	1	-	-100.00	0	-	-
Runaways	-	2	-	-	2	-

Table 13a.  
Risk Assessment Domains for Youth Assessed on Diversion (2015 - 2017) <sup>9</sup>

Score	Saunders			All NYS Counties		
	0	1	2	0	1	2
Family Circumstance/Parenting	47.0%	36.4%	16.7%	60.1%	26.7%	13.1%
Education/Employment	42.4%	40.9%	16.7%	43.0%	44.0%	13.1%
Peer Relationships	30.3%	59.1%	10.6%	44.7%	46.6%	8.6%
Substance Use	63.6%	28.8%	7.6%	61.4%	30.3%	8.3%
Leisure/Recreation	34.8%	43.9%	21.2%	50.6%	33.0%	16.5%
Personality/Behavior	47.0%	37.9%	15.2%	50.1%	39.4%	10.4%

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Attitudes/Orientation	65.2%	27.3%	7.6%	61.3%	33.7%	5.0%
Mean Score	$M = 5.88, SD = 3.94, 0-16$			$M = 5.64, SD = 3.65, 0-17$		

Table 13b.

Risk Assessment Domains for Youth Assessed on Diversion (2015 - 2017) <sup>g</sup>

Score	Saunders		All YLS Counties	
	<i>M</i>	<i>SD</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>SD</i>
Family Circumstance/Parenting	2.80	2.10	1.20	1.32
Education/Employment	2.00	1.63	1.27	1.35
Peer Relationships	1.60	1.08	1.78	1.08
Substance Use	1.20	1.55	1.29	1.40
Leisure/Recreation	0.90	0.99	0.88	0.95
Personality/Behavior	2.10	2.03	1.34	1.52
Attitudes/Orientation	0.70	0.82	0.45	0.79
Mean Score	$M = 11.40, SD = 5.02, 4-23$		$M = 8.23, SD = 5.22, 0-31$	

Saunders County  $n = 10$ ; Statewide  $n = 2124$

Table 14.

Racial and Ethnic Disparities Descriptives (2015-2019) <sup>l</sup>

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System Point	N	Amer. Indian/Alaskan Native	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic/Latino	Multiple/Other	Unspec/Missing	White
Law enforcement contact	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth taken to temporary custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth issued citation/referral	271	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	133	0.80%	0%	4.50%	0.80%	2.30%	0%	91.70%
Youth enrolled in diversion	101	1%	0%	3%	1%	2%	0%	93.10%
Successful completion diversion	85	1.20%	0%	3.50%	1.20%	2.40%	0%	91.80%

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Youth with multiple charges	18	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	22.20%	77.80%
Filed on in adult court	2	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	50%	50%
RAI Override: More Severe	4	0%	0%	0%	50%	0%	0%	50%
RAI Override: Less Severe	3	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Probation intake	21	0%	0%	19%	9.50%	0%	0%	71.40%
Successful probation	68	0%	0%	1.50%	4.40%	0%	0%	94.10%
Revocation of probation	6	0%	0%	16.70%	0%	0%	0%	83.30%
Youth in OJS custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OJS custody: placed in detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention more than once	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

## Family Level

- Youth reporting having a supportive adult at home and school is lower for 12<sup>th</sup> graders than the state
- Youth of all grades report having more caregivers in the military than the state.
- Poverty, educational attainment, technology access, home ownership, and transportation do not appear to be problematic compared to the state. Those age 25+ with a bachelor’s degree is lower than the state average.

Table 15.  
Poverty/SES, Educational Attainment, Technology and Computers in Home, Housing, and Transportation (5-year estimates, 2014-2018) <sup>a</sup>

		<b>Saunders</b>	<b>Nebraska</b>	
<b>Poverty/SES</b>	Children <18 in Poverty	<b>12.8%</b>	14.8%	
	Number of children 12-17 below 185% poverty	<b>395</b>	43,814	
	% of children 12-17 below 185% poverty	<b>20.7%</b>	28.9%	
<b>Educational attainment</b>	Age 25+ with B.D. County Rank	<b>25.4%</b> <b>19</b>	<b>31.3%</b> -	
	Age 25+ with some college, no degree County Rank	<b>25.1%</b> <b>33</b>	23.0% -	
	Age 25+ with HS degree County Rank	<b>92.8%</b> <b>40</b>	91.1% -	
	% under 18 with a computer at home County Rank	<b>98.2%</b> <b>49</b>	96.9% -	
	% under 18 with an internet subscription at home County Rank	<b>92.6%</b> <b>37</b>	91.0% -	
<b>Technology and computers in the home</b>	% under 18 with broadband internet access at home County Rank	<b>92.3%</b> <b>35</b>	90.8% -	
	<b>Housing</b>	Owner-occupied households	<b>6,534</b>	498,567

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	Total households	<b>8,326</b>	754,063
	Owner %	<b>78.5 %</b>	66.1%
	Renters	<b>1,792</b>	255,496
	Renter %	<b>21.5 %</b>	33.9%
<b>Transportation</b>	Households with no vehicle available	<b>217</b>	40,465
	Total households	<b>8,326</b>	754,063
	No vehicle %	<b>2.6%</b>	5.4%

Table 16.  
Youth Who Report Supportive Adults by Grade (2018) <sup>d</sup>

		<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Saunders</b>	Adult at home who listens	<b>90.0%</b>	<b>88.9%</b>	<b>79.7%</b>
Nebraska		87.3%	85.0%	85.6%
<b>Saunders</b>	Adult at school who listens	<b>85.0%</b>	<b>85.1%</b>	<b>78.4%</b>
Nebraska		85.2%	85.0%	87.4%

Table 17.  
Domestic Violence Reports and Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means (2019) <sup>h</sup>

	Aggravated Domestic Assaults Reported	Aggravated Domestic Assaults Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means	Simple Domestic Assaults Reported	Simple Domestic Assaults Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means
<b>Saunders</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>
Nebraska	562	402	3512	2019

Table 18.  
Child Abuse and Neglect Reports (2018) <sup>i</sup>

	Abuse/Neglect Calls	Reports Assessed	Substantiated	Unfounded
<b>Saunders</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>39.0%</b>	<b>16.0%</b>	<b>66.0%</b>
Nebraska	36,480	33.4%	16.0%	68.3%

## Community Level

- Youth in 12<sup>th</sup> grade do not think their parents find alcohol, marijuana, and cigarettes wrong, compared to the state.
- Juvenile record sealing is not “automatic” even if statute requires it to seal. Sealing a record requires administrative staff to initiate the process. Dismissed or dropped cases should be sealed at a rate of 100%. All others should be sealed at the rate to which youth successfully complete their court requirements (completion of diversion, probation, restorative practice, or other treatment).
- Data for race and ethnicity at each juvenile justice system point is imperative for an accurate Racial and Ethnic Disparities (RED) analysis.

Table 19.  
Community Violence Measured by Arrests for Violent Crime (2019) <sup>i</sup>

Type of Violence	Saunders	Nebraska
Murder and Nonnegligent manslaughter	0	34
Rape	1	264
Robbery	0	367
Aggravated Assault	5	1,639
Other Assaults	50	8,782

Table 20.  
Youth Perceptions of Community Attitudes on Substance Use by Grade (2018) <sup>d</sup>

		8 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Saunders</b>	Wrong/very wrong – Marijuana	<b>92.9%</b>	<b>87.9%</b>	<b>79.7%</b>
Nebraska		94.4%	89.8%	85.2%
<b>Saunders</b>	Wrong/very wrong – alcohol	<b>87.9%</b>	<b>77.8%</b>	<b>64.9%</b>
Nebraska		89.1%	80.4%	68.7%
<b>Saunders</b>	Wrong/very wrong – cigarettes	<b>93.5%</b>	<b>88.9%</b>	<b>75.3%</b>
Nebraska		92.9%	89.0%	78.7%

Table 21.  
Juvenile Court Record Sealing Analysis (2015 – 2019) <sup>m</sup>



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	<b>Number of charges Sealed</b>	<b>Total Number of charges</b>	<b>Sealed (%)</b>
Dismissed or Dropped	65	81	80.2%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	163	252	64.7%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	9	13	69.2%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	237	346	68.5%

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

## Policy, Legal and System Level

- Despite not being in a county required to provide counsel under statute, access to counsel is similar to the state average, but still lower than ideal.
- There are few curfew and 3A, 3B, and 3C filings in court so the community is diverting appropriately.
- Diversion practices and procedures are consistent with evidence-based practices. It is not clear why all first-time offenders are not referred to diversion but perhaps this is due to the ineligible offenses.

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

	Saunders	Nebraska
Access to Counsel	60.0% -- 79.9%	73.5%

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

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

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

Table 23.  
Frequency of Youth with a Curfew Violation (2015 – 2019) <sup>m</sup>

	Saunders	Nebraska
Curfew Court Filing	1	352

Table 24.  
Court Filing for 3A, 3B, and 3C cases (2015 – 2019) <sup>m</sup>

Filed Subtype	Saunders					Total
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	
3A- Homeless/Neglect	0	0	0	0	0	0
3B – Absenteeism/Truancy	0	0	0	1	2	3
3B - Uncontrollable	0	1	3	2	0	6

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3C – Mentally Ill and Dangerous	0	1	0	0	0	1
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	Nebraska					
Filed Subtype	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
3A- Homeless/Neglect	0	2	0	2	3	7
3B – Absenteeism/Truancy	96	510	493	423	475	1997
3B - Uncontrollable	47	118	125	119	82	491
3C – Mentally Ill and Dangerous	22	48	37	22	23	306

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

	Saunders	Nebraska *
Refer ALL juveniles who are first time offenders to diversion	No	Yes: 27.3% No: 63.6% Not sure: 9.1%
File a juvenile's charges at the time of the referral to diversion	No	Yes: 18.2% No: 70.5% Not sure: 11.4%
File a juvenile's charges if they are unsuccessful on diversion	Sometimes	Always: 47.7% Sometimes: 47.7% Not sure: 4.5%
Allow a juvenile to complete diversion more than once	Yes	Yes: 61.4% No: 34.1% Not sure: 4.5%
Charges/offenses that make a juvenile ineligible for diversion	Yes; DUI and serious violent felonies (i.e., rape, sexual assault on a minor, etc.)	Yes: 86.4% No: 9.1% Not sure: 4.5%
Warning letters instead of intervention	Yes	Yes: 27.3% No: 61.4% Not sure: 11.4%
Currently drug test	Yes; based on youth and parent request to assist them	Yes: 31.8% No: 65.9% Not sure: 2.3%
Fees beyond restitution	Yes; varies based on level of offense	Yes: 86.4% No: 13.6% Not sure: 0.0%

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Use of graduated responses prior to discharge	Yes; sanctions put in place (increased activities or contact with diversion officer)	Yes: 47.7% No: 25.0% Not sure: 27.3%
Sealing diversion records	Yes; those who successfully complete have their records sealed at the time of successful closure. Those who have not successfully closed are sealed when we do the review on cases. We seal them on JCMS. We delete files after the five-year mark of required file retention policies	Yes: 59.1% No: 22.7% Not sure: 18.2%

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

## Community Team Level

- The community team response rate to the collective impact survey improved from 2019 to 2020 and was higher than the state average for 2020.
- The community team appears to represent the county demographic population, with the exception of Hispanic/Latino representation. This is important to consider within the context of Hispanic youth having chronic absenteeism. The community team would also benefit from having additional representation from education and representation from public defender/guardian ad litem/defense counsel.
- Fewer members of the community team reported feeling heard as compared to the state average.

Table 26.  
Collective Impact Survey Response Rates <sup>P</sup>

Year of survey	Saunders		Nebraska	
	2019	2020	2019	2020
Number of surveys sent	25	26	1407	780
Number of completed surveys	3	29	221	345
Response rate	12.0%	111.5%	28.3%	24.5%

Table 27.  
Collective Impact Survey Scores <sup>P</sup>

Year of survey	Saunders		Nebraska	
	2019	2020	2019	2020
	Mean Score		Mean Score	
Common agenda	5.73	5.86	5.29	5.69
Mutually reinforcing	5.89	5.82	5.37	5.50
Shared measurement	5.07	5.43	5.21	5.45
Continuous communication	6.48	5.61	5.49	5.55
Backbone agency	6.33	6.00	5.52	5.78

The five elements of Collective Impact are:

- **Common agenda:** Participants have a shared vision and common understanding of both the problem and potential solutions to that problem.

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

Table 28.  
Community Planning Team Diversity <sup>p</sup>

	Saunders		Nebraska	
	N = 29	(%)	N = 345	(%)
<b>Gender</b>				
Male	11	58.6%	101	29.3%
Female	17	37.9%	229	66.4%
Missing	1	3.4%	15	4.3%
<b>Age</b>				
Under 30	2	6.9%	19	5.6%
30-39	5	17.2%	68	19.6%
40-49	5	17.2%	88	25.4%
50-59	9	31.0%	90	25.8%
60 and over	6	20.7%	44	13%
Missing	2	6.9%	36	10.4%
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>				
White	19	65.5%	230	66.7%
Black	1	3.4%	10	2.9%
Hispanic	0	0.0%	13	3.8%
Native American	0	0.0%	6	1.7%
Asian	0	0.0%	1	0.3%
Other	0	0.0%	2	0.6%
Provided town name	8	27.6%	63	18.3%
Missing	1	3.4%	19	5.5%
<b>Previous System Involvement</b>				
Yes	11	37.9%	98	28.4%
No	18	62.1%	242	70.1%
Missing	0	0.0%	5	1.4%

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<b>System Point*</b>				
Law enforcement	7	21.2%	34	7.8%
County attorney/ juvenile court	2	6.1%	32	7.3%
K-12 or secondary education	1	3.0%	65	14.9%
Ministry/faith based	1	3.0%	10	2.3%
Diversion	2	6.1%	55	12.6%
Probation	2	6.1%	31	7.1%
Public defender/ defense counsel/ guardian ad litem	0	0.0%	8	1.8%
DHHS or Child Welfare	1	3.0%	13	3.0%
Treatment provider	4	12.1%	40	9.2%
Post adjudication or detention	1	3.0%	8	1.8%
Community based program	8	24.2%	109	25.0%
Elected official or government	1	3.0%	6	1.4%
Restorative practices	0	0.0%	6	1.4%
Backbone or system improvement	0	0.0%	3	0.7%
Other	3	9.1%	16	3.7%
<b>Voice on Team</b>				
Feel heard	20	69.0%	270	78.3%
Do not feel heard	9	31.0%	75	21.7%

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

## References and Resources

<sup>a</sup> **Population data:** Table B01001 race series, 2014-2018 American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau

Compiled and Prepared by: David Drozd, UNO Center for Public Affairs Research on July 10, 2020

<sup>a</sup> **Youth employment:** Table B23001, 2014-2018 American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau

Compiled and Prepared by: David Drozd, UNO Center for Public Affairs Research on July 10, 2020

<sup>a</sup> **Poverty/SES:** Table B10724, 2014-2018 American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau

Prepared by: David Drozd, UNO Center for Public Affairs Research on 3-18-2020

<sup>a</sup> **Technology in household:** Table B28005, 2014-2018 American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau

Compiled by: David Drozd, UNO Center for Public Affairs Research on 8-11-20

<sup>a</sup> **Home owner/transportation:** Table B25045, 2014-2018 American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau

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<sup>b</sup> **School membership, chronic absenteeism, student disability, and free/reduced lunch:** Prepared by Sara Simonsen, Nebraska Department of Education

<sup>c</sup> **Graduation rates:** Special Tabulation by Sara Simonsen, Nebraska Department of Education

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<https://bosr.unl.edu/current-nrpfs-county-level-data>

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<sup>f</sup> **Adult and juvenile arrests:** Nebraska Crime Commission, Crime Statistics:

<https://crimestats.ne.gov/public/Browse/browsetables.aspx>

<sup>g</sup> Diversion programs



<sup>h</sup> **Domestic violence:** Nebraska Crime Commission, Domestic Assault:  
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<sup>I</sup> Child abuse and neglect

<sup>j</sup> **Community violence:** Nebraska Crime Commission, Crime Statistics:  
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<sup>l</sup> **Racial and ethnic disparities:** Prepared by Mitch Herian, University of Nebraska-Lincoln with data provided by:

Nebraska Crime Commission, Crime Statistics:

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[Nebraska Crime Commission, Juvenile Case Management System](#)

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Nebraska Judicial Branch, Juvenile Services Division

<sup>m</sup> **Court Filings and Juvenile Record Sealing:** Data provided by the Nebraska Judicial Branch Trial Court Case Management System, JUSTICE. Prepared by: Lindsey Wylie, UNO Juvenile Justice Institute on 9-1-20

<sup>n</sup> **Access to Counsel:** Kids County in Nebraska Report, Voices for Children, retrieved from: [www.voicesforchildren.com/kidscount](http://www.voicesforchildren.com/kidscount). Data originally from Nebraska Judicial Branch Trial Court Case Management System, JUSTICE

<sup>o</sup> **Diversion procedures and protocols:** Diversion survey distributed to Juvenile Diversion programs, 2020. Prepared by: Lindsey Wylie, UNO Juvenile Justice Institute

<sup>p</sup> **Collective impact:** Collective impact surveys distributed to Community Planning Teams, 2019 and 2020. Prepared by: Anne Hobbs and Erin Wasserburger, UNO Juvenile Justice Institute

<sup>q</sup> **Collective Impact Elements:** Kania, J., & Kramer, M. (2011). *Collective Impact*. *Stanford Social Innovation Review*.

## Appendix: RED Descriptives

**2015**

System Point	N	Amer. Indian/Alaskan Native	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic/Latino	Multiple/Other	Unspec/Missing	White
Law enforcement contact	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth taken to temporary custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth issued citation/referral	41	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	27	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Youth enrolled in diversion	22	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Successful completion diversion	20	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Youth with multiple charges	4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	50%	50%
Filed on in adult court	0	NA%	NA%	NA%	NA%	0%	NA%	NA%
RAI Override: More Severe	1	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%
RAI Override: Less Severe	0	NA%	NA%	NA%	NA%	NA%	0%	NA%
Probation intake	4	0%	0%	0%	25%	0%	0%	75%
Successful probation	21	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Revocation of probation	1	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Youth in OJS custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OJS custody: placed in detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention more than once	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

**2016**

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<b>System Point</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Amer. Indian/ Alaskan Native</b>	<b>Asian/ Pacific Islander</b>	<b>Black</b>	<b>Hispanic/ Latino</b>	<b>Multiple/ Other</b>	<b>Unspec/ Missing</b>	<b>White</b>
Law enforcement contact	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth taken to temporary custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth issued citation/referral	55	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	27	0%	0%	3.70%	3.70%	3.70%	0%	88.90%
Youth enrolled in diversion	20	0%	0%	0%	5%	0%	0%	95%
Successful completion diversion	20	0%	0%	0%	5%	0%	0%	95%
Youth with multiple charges	2	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Filed on in adult court	0	NA%	NA%	NA%	NA%	0%	NA%	NA%
RAI Override: More Severe	2	0%	0%	0%	50%	0%	0%	50%
RAI Override: Less Severe	2	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Probation intake	7	0%	0%	28.60%	14.30%	0%	0%	57.10%
Successful probation	15	0%	0%	0%	6.70%	0%	0%	93.30%
Revocation of probation	2	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Youth in OJS custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OJS custody: placed in detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

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Youth booked into detention more than once	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
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**2017**

System Point	N	Amer. Indian/ Alaskan Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic/ Latino	Multiple/ Other	Unspec/ Missing	White
Law enforcement contact	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth taken to temporary custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth issued citation/referral	51*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	26	0%	0%	3.80%	0%	0%	0%	96.20%
Youth enrolled in diversion	18	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Successful completion diversion	13	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Youth with multiple charges	1	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Filed on in adult court	0	NA%	NA%	NA%	NA%	0%	NA%	NA%
RAI Override: More Severe	1	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
RAI Override: Less Severe	1	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Probation intake	4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Successful probation	9	0%	0%	11.10%	22.20%	0%	0%	66.70%
Revocation of probation	2	0%	0%	50%	0%	0%	0%	50%

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

\*Ashland PD only partially reported to the NCC in 2017

**2018**

<b>System Point</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Amer. Indian/ Alaskan Native</b>	<b>Asian/ Pacific Islander</b>	<b>Black</b>	<b>Hispanic/ Latino</b>	<b>Multiple/ Other</b>	<b>Unspec/ Missing</b>	<b>White</b>
Law enforcement contact	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth taken to temporary custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth issued citation/referral	72	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	41	2.40%	0%	4.90%	0%	4.90%	0%	87.80%
Youth enrolled in diversion	34	2.90%	0%	2.90%	0%	5.90%	0%	88.20%
Successful completion diversion	26	3.80%	0%	3.80%	0%	7.70%	0%	84.60%
Youth with multiple charges	5	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	20%	80%
Filed on in adult court	1	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%
RAI Override: More Severe	0	NA%	NA%	NA%	NA%	NA%	0%	NA%
RAI Override: Less Severe	0	NA%	NA%	NA%	NA%	NA%	0%	NA%

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Probation intake	3	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Successful probation	7	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Revocation of probation	0	NA%	NA%	NA%	NA%	NA%	0%	NA%
Youth in OJS custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OJS custody: placed in detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention more than once	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

**2019**

<b>System Point</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Amer. Indian/ Alaskan Native</b>	<b>Asian/ Pacific Islander</b>	<b>Black</b>	<b>Hispanic/ Latino</b>	<b>Multiple/ Other</b>	<b>Unspec/ Missing</b>	<b>White</b>
Law enforcement contact	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth taken to temporary custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth issued citation/referral	52	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	12	0%	0%	16.70%	0%	0%	0%	83.30%
Youth enrolled in diversion	7	0%	0%	28.60%	0%	0%	0%	71.40%
Successful completion diversion	6	0%	0%	33.30%	0%	0%	0%	66.70%
Youth with multiple charges	6	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	16.70%	83.30%

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Filed on in adult court	1	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
RAI Override: More Severe	0	NA%	NA%	NA%	NA%	NA%	0%	NA%
RAI Override: Less Severe	0	NA%	NA%	NA%	NA%	NA%	0%	NA%
Probation intake	3	0%	0%	66.70%	0%	0%	0%	33.30%
Successful probation	16	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Revocation of probation	1	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Youth in OJS custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OJS custody: placed in detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention more than once	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

**Appendix: Sealed Court Records by Year**

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

<b>2015</b>	<b>Number of charges Sealed</b>	<b>Total Number of charges</b>	<b>Sealed (%)</b>
Dismissed or Dropped	13	14	92.9%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	47	49	95.9%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	2	2	100.0%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>95.4%</b>

<b>2016</b>	<b>Number of charges Sealed</b>	<b>Total Number of charges</b>	<b>Sealed (%)</b>
Dismissed or Dropped	8	11	72.7%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	24	33	72.7%

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Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	1	1	100.0%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>73.3%</b>

<b>2017</b>	<b>Number of charges Sealed</b>	<b>Total Number of charges</b>	<b>Sealed (%)</b>
Dismissed or Dropped	12	14	85.7%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	31	41	75.6%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	1	1	100.0%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>78.6%</b>

<b>2018</b>	<b>Number of charges Sealed</b>	<b>Total Number of charges</b>	<b>Sealed (%)</b>
Dismissed or Dropped	18	20	90.0%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	38	68	55.9%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	4	6	66.7%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>63.8%</b>

<b>2019</b>	<b>Number of charges Sealed</b>	<b>Total Number of charges</b>	<b>Sealed (%)</b>
Dismissed or Dropped	14	22	63.6%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	23	61	37.7%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	1	3	33.3%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>44.2%</b>



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
PROCEEDINGS  
February 23, 2021**

Pursuant to adjournment, the Board met with Breunig, Hrdlicka, Smaus, Sukstorf, Albrecht, Lutton and Karloff present.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by published notice in a legal newspaper as shown by the proof of publication filed in the County Clerk's office. Notice of the meeting was emailed to all members of the Board and a copy of their acknowledgement of receipt of notice and agenda is attached. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public, except when in closed executive session.

Chairperson Karloff called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. informed the public of the location of the posting of the Open Meetings Act & Title VI Policy Statement are posted on the North wall (right hand side) as you enter the Board Room).

The Chairperson made a statement at the start of the meeting that an Emergency Item needed to be added to today's agenda pertaining to a Declaring a Disaster or Emergency in response to risk of environmental contamination and called for a motion to add said Emergency item.

Motion by Breunig, seconded by Smaus to add an Emergency Item to today's agenda pertaining to a Declaring a Disaster or Emergency in response to risk of environmental contamination. Voting yes were Breunig, Hrdlicka, Smaus, Sukstorf, Albrecht, Lutton and Karloff. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Lutton, seconded by Breunig to ratify **Declaration No. 1-2021** declaring a Disaster or Emergency in Response to Risk of Environmental Contamination pertaining to AltEn Facility near Mead, Nebraska. Voting yes were Hrdlicka, Smaus, Sukstorf, Albrecht, Lutton, Karloff and Breunig. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Smaus to set a Public Hearing for 9:00 a.m., March 16, 2021 for the consideration of the County's One & Six Year Road Plan. Voting yes were Breunig, Hrdlicka, Smaus, Sukstorf, Albrecht, Lutton and Karloff. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Lutton, seconded by Sukstorf to authorize the letting for bids for construction of the following (2) asphaltic concrete overlay projects: 1) C-78(853) located on County Road K between County Road 9 and 10; and 2) C-78(854) located on Sunburst Lane between Girmus Drive and County Road 10. Said Bids to be open and considered at 9:00 a.m., March 16, 2021. Voting yes were Hrdlicka, Smaus, Sukstorf, Albrecht, Lutton, Karloff and Breunig. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Sukstorf, seconded by Lutton Authorize the publication of the Public Notice that Saunders County Public Transportation is requesting Financial Assistance from the Federal Transit Act and that a copy of the Application is available for public inspection at the Saunders County Transportation office. Voting yes were Smaus, Sukstorf, Albrecht, Lutton, Karloff, Breunig and Hrdlicka. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Sukstorf, seconded by Lutton to open the Public Hearing at 9:23 a.m., for the consideration of Application #9164 from the Zoning Administrator: Update the Saunders County Zoning Regulations to include text to be inserted into the regulations, as Section 6.17. The text will address solar energy applications within Saunders County. Voting yes were Sukstorf, Albrecht, Lutton, Karloff, Breunig, Hrdlicka and Smaus. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Chairperson Karloff stated that at this time and due to possible conflict of interest, she will be turning the meeting over to Vice Chairperson Lutton.

Vice Chairperson Lutton now conducting the meeting.

Michaela Valentin, Government & community Relations Manager of Public Affairs for Omaha Public Power District (OPPD), spoke in favor of Application #9164 and answered questions pertaining to solar energy that the Board had.

Motion by Breunig, seconded by Hrdlicka to close the Public Hearing at 9:29 a.m., and adopt **Resolution #15-2021** Updating the Saunders County Zoning Regulations to include text to be inserted into the regulations, as Section 6.17. The text will address solar energy applications within Saunders County. Voting yes were Albrecht, Lutton, Breunig, Hrdlicka, Smaus and Sukstorf. Voting no were none. Karloff abstained. Motion carried.

Vice Chairperson Lutton turned the meeting back over to Chairperson Karloff.

Chairperson Karloff now conducting the meeting.

Motion by Sukstorf, seconded by Albrecht to approve the request of the Youth Services Diversion Program Director for the authorization to establish a Petty Cash Fund for the Saunders County Community Response Program and the approval of a Cash Advance for said Petty Cash Fund of the amount of \$500.00; the County Treasurer is here by authorized to issue said Cash Advance. Voting yes were Lutton, Karloff, Breunig, Hrdlicka, Smaus, Sukstorf and Albrecht. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Sukstorf, seconded by Lutton to approve and accept the Saunders County Comprehensive Juvenile Services Community Plan for 2021 – 2025. Voting yes were Karloff, Breunig, Hrdlicka, Smaus, Sukstorf, Albrecht and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Breunig, seconded by Albrecht to authorize the Chair to sign the Special Designated Liquor License Local Recommendation Form for Whiss End Zone Lounge, Fremont – for a wedding reception event to be held on March 27, 2021, from 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m., at the Woodcliff Community Center, 980 County Road W, Lot-T-1018, Fremont. Voting yes were Breunig, Hrdlicka, Smaus, Sukstorf, Albrecht, Lutton and Karloff. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Breunig, seconded by Sukstorf to approve the County's Payroll for the February 26<sup>th</sup> pay period; the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue a check to the Saunders County Imprest Account for the full amount for all funds. Voting yes were Hrdlicka, Smaus, Sukstorf, Albrecht, Lutton, Karloff and Breunig. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smaus, seconded by Sukstorf to approve the Vendor Claims for the month of February, except for the Lutton Law Office claim for \$10,863.25. The County Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue a check to the Saunders County Imprest Account for the full amount for all funds. Voting yes were Smaus, Sukstorf, Albrecht, Lutton, Karloff, Breunig and Hrdlicka. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Sukstorf, seconded by Hrdlicka to approve the Vendor Claim for Lutton Law Office for \$10,863.25 and hereby authorize the County Treasurer to issue a check to the Saunders County Imprest Account for the full amount. Voting yes were Sukstorf, Albrecht, Karloff, Breunig, Hrdlicka and Smaus. Voting no were none. Lutton abstained. Motion carried.

Legislative Matters:

Board Member Breunig discussed legislative matters with the Board; discussed testimony that was received at the Public hearing for LB 310 that pertained to Inheritance Taxes.

Motion by Breunig, seconded by Hrdlicka to approve the minutes of the February 16<sup>th</sup> Board meeting; to approve the withdrawals and additions for Pledged Securities, as submitted by the County Treasurer and to accept the Fee/Activity Reports for the month of January from the various County Officials. Voting yes were Albrecht, Lutton, Karloff, Breunig, Hrdlicka, Smaus and Sukstorf. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Board Member Breunig reported on the meeting at SMC that he attended.

Board Member Sukstorf reported on the meeting at Three Rivers District Health Department

Open Discussion from the Public: None

The proceedings of the foregoing meeting were recorded and are on file in the County Clerk's office. All items considered by the Board of Supervisors were included in the agenda published or posted prior to said meeting.

Chairperson Karloff declared the meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Saunders County Clerk

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Chairperson Board of Supervisors

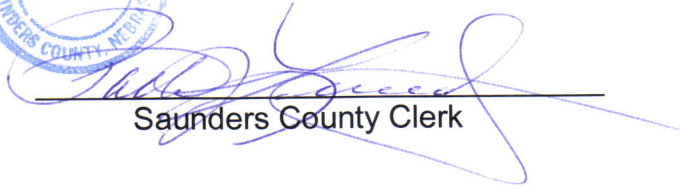
MOTION

Motion by Sukstorf, seconded by Lutton to approve and accept the Saunders County Comprehensive Juvenile Services Community Plan for 2021 – 2025. Voting yes were Karloff, Breunig, Hrdlicka, Smaus, Sukstorf, Albrecht and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2021.



ATTEST:

  
Saunders County Clerk

/s/ Doris M. Karloff  
Chairperson Board of Supervisors

MOTION

Motion by Sukstorf, seconded by Lutton to approve and accept the Saunders County Comprehensive Juvenile Services Community Plan for 2021 – 2025. Voting yes were Karloff, Breunig, Hrdlicka, Smaus, Sukstorf, Albrecht and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2021.

ATTEST:



  
Saunders County Clerk

/s/ Doris M. Karloff  
Chairperson Board of Supervisors