

Washington County
Comprehensive Juvenile Services
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Introduction

The Washington County Juvenile Services Comprehensive Plan Team represents the county's School Districts, Law Enforcement, Mental Health Community, County Attorney, Probation, and other community stakeholders. The Team's priorities and strategies for the current community plan have been discussed with the goal to achieve more success in minorities and lower the population of reoffending youth.

The information and data throughout this Comprehensive Juvenile Services Community Plan will further explain graduation overview, diversion and truancy programming, as well as probation statistics. This data will be further explained by both graphs and narratives. It is our goal to better use this information to identify the areas in our community that need improving.

Data Summary

Youth Level

Washington County, located in eastern Nebraska, has a combination of several small rural farm communities and the mid-size urban community of Blair. According to the Census bureau reporter, last updated 2019, The Washington County population is a total of 20,729 with 24.6% under the age of 18. Washington County is collectively made up of Arlington, Blair, Fort Calhoun, Herman, Kennard, and Washington. According to the 2018-2019 Juvenile Justice Institute at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, the ethnicity data for youth in Washington County indicates that 90.2% are Caucasian (not Hispanic or Latino), 5.3% are Latino/Hispanic and the 4.5% remainder represents either Asian, American Indian/ Native, Black/ African American or claiming 2 or more races.

CY 2019: Washington County Population Distribution

City/Village	Total Population	Population Under Age 18
Arlington/ Village	1,513	557
Blair/ City	7,781	2,128
Fort Calhoun/ City	882	176
Herman/ Village	324	99
Kennard/ Village	364	92
Washington, Village	150	33
Total	11,014	3,085

Source: 2019 US Census American Community Survey (ACS)

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2019: Washington County Youth Population (Ages 10-18)

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
White	2,270	93.3%
Black	10	.42%
Hispanic/Latino	79	3.25%
2 or More Races	74	3.03%
Total	2,436	100.0%

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Source: United States Census

The youth populations are split amongst the schools in the surrounding area. The public schools within Washington County consist of the following: Arlington Public Schools, Blair Community Schools, and Fort Calhoun Community Schools. Tekamah-Herman Community Schools are a combination of Burt County and Washington County. The private school within Washington County consists of St. Paul’s Lutheran Elementary (Arlington).

The above data is collected and provided by the Nebraska Department of Education

CY 2019-2020 : Washington County School Population

School	Number	Percent
Arlington Public	1,365	17.0%
Blair Public	2,326	62.0%
Fort Calhoun Community	706	19.0%
St. Paul’s Lutheran Elementary	81	2.0%
Total	3,764	100.0%

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According to Nebraska Department of Education Government Database and the Juvenile Justice Institute, the following tables are an overview of high school graduates from each school district in Washington County.

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	Washington	3,531	3.68%	0.42%	0.28%	1.05%	0.11%	92.98%	1.47%
	Nebraska	312,281	17.74%	2.43%	1.42%	6.70%	0.13%	68.20%	3.38%
2015-2016	Washington	3,638	4.18%	0.33%	0.22%	1.04%	0.14%	92.25%	1.84%
	Nebraska	315,542	18.08%	2.53%	1.38%	6.67%	0.14%	67.72%	3.47%
2016-2017	Washington	3,683	4.75%	0.49%	0.27%	0.90%	0.14%	91.01%	2.44%
	Nebraska	318,853	18.61%	2.66%	1.38%	6.69%	0.15%	66.92%	3.59%
2017-2018	Washington	3,744	5.18%	0.53%	0.45%	1.04%	0.13%	90.22%	2.43%
	Nebraska	323,391	18.80%	2.76%	1.35%	6.67%	0.14%	66.50%	3.78%
2018-2019	Washington	3,713	5.33%	0.57%	0.43%	0.75%	0.16%	90.20%	2.56%
	Nebraska	325,984	19.13%	2.83%	1.33%	6.63%	0.15%	66.02%	3.91%

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Truancy Diversion

This program is designed to address chronic absenteeism and at-risk behavior of students through encouragement of coordinated efforts to improve student attendance and learning, promote awareness of school attendance policies, recognize barriers to school attendance, and coordinate services with students and parents to ensure school attendance.

A typical Juvenile Truancy Diversion Agreement consists of requirements that include but not limited to regular meetings with the Diversion Coordinator, passing grades/school attendance, and attending school on a regular basis. The youth is monitored by the Juvenile Diversion Coordinator through weekly office meetings, accompanied by their parent(s).

Chronic absenteeism can be identified across Washington County. Truancy diversion has been created and maintained to be offered to youth of any race/ ethnicity with the goal to decrease truancy and chronic absenteeism. The Juvenile Justice Institute provided the information below through the 2020-2021 County Needs Assessment that provides the comparison of school membership to chronic absenteeism.

School Membership by Race/ Ethnicity and School Year (2014-2019)

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Chronic Absenteeism by Race/Ethnicity and School Year (2014 - 2019)

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	Washington	198	8.08%	*	*	5.56%	*	86.36%	*
	Nebraska	35,638	24.54%	1.64%	4.42%	12.93%	0.19%	51.61%	4.68%
2015-2016	Washington	161	*	*	*	*	*	100.0%	*
	Nebraska	38,812	25.73%	1.55%	4.27%	13.68%	0.27%	49.68%	4.83%
2016-2017	Washington	234	5.56%	*	*	*	*	94.44%	*
	Nebraska	42,290	26.90%	1.66%	4.40%	14.22%	0.24%	47.66%	4.92%
2017-2018	Washington	194	7.22%	*	*	*	*	92.78%	*
	Nebraska	46,365	26.81%	1.77%	4.18%	14.49%	0.22%	47.37%	2389
2018-2019	Washington	199	8.04%	*	*	*	*	91.96%	*
	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

Through these programs like Truancy Diversion, Washington County is able to have graduation rates that are 8.22% higher than that of the state of Nebraska.

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%	-
Washington	1,338	1,390	89.2	92.7	96.3%	27

Juvenile Intake and Detention

According to the Annie E. Casey Foundation’s Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative, “juvenile detention has critical, long-lasting consequences for court-involved youth. Youth who are detained are more likely than their counterparts to be formally charged, adjudicated and committed to an institution. Detention disrupts already tenuous connections in school, services and families. Over the long-haul, the detention experience negatively impacts educational and employment levels.” In Nebraska, it is the probation officer’s responsibility to conduct a formalized intake assessment and determine appropriate placement. The probation officer is also responsible for attending a detention hearing if the youth is detained and present the reasons for detention. The court then determines whether the youth shall be released or continue in the detention placement.

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Arrestee Age	All Arrestee Ages			Under 18		
Summary Arrest Date	2018	2019	2018 - 2019 Growth %	2018	2019	2018 - 2019 Growth %
Jurisdiction by Geography	WASHINGTON COUNTY					
Arrest Offense						
Total	479	358	-25.26	33	31	-6.06
Rape Total	1	1	0.00	-	-	-
Robbery Total	5	2	-60.00	-	-	-
Aggravated Assault Total	3	3	0.00	-	-	-
Burglary Total	2	4	100.00	-	4	-
Larceny-Theft Total	22	15	-31.82	-	2	-
Motor Vehicle Theft Total	4	1	-75.00	1	-	-100.00
Other Assaults	43	38	-11.63	1	4	300.00
Arson		1	-	-	-	-
Fraud	1	1	0.00	-	-	-
Stolen Property; Buying, Receiving, Possessing	4	-	-100.00	-	-	-
Vandalism	6	19	216.67	4	10	150.00
Weapons; Carrying, Possessing, etc.	8	3	-62.50	-	-	-
Prostitution	2	-	-100.00	-	-	-
Drug Violations - Sale/Manufacturing	-	1	-	-	-	-
Drug Violations - Possession	90	56	-37.78	13	6	-53.85
Offenses Against Family and Children	5	6	20.00	-	-	-
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All Other Offenses (Except Traffic)	138	113	-18.12	5	0	-100.00
Curfew and Loitering Law Violations	-	1	-	-	1	-

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Juvenile Diversion

The Washington County Juvenile Diversion Program is another program designed to assist the youth throughout Washington County. Juvenile Diversion is a voluntary program designed to divert juveniles, who have committed a non-violent offense, away from the Juvenile Justice System and afford them an opportunity to develop personal awareness and accountability, and increase problem resolution and decision making skills. The Washington County Juvenile Diversion Program engages with various stakeholders in the community to help youth become more involved in the community which develops a sense of citizenship within the youth. Eligibility for the Washington County Juvenile Diversion Program consists of the following:

- Juveniles under the age of nineteen
- Must accept responsibility for the offense and acknowledge the extent of their involvement
- Committed a non-violent offense
- Must be willing to comply with all of the requirements of the diversion program
- May not have a previous conviction or admission of guilt for the same offense category
- May not have participated in the Juvenile Diversion program for an offense in the same offense category

County Diversion Procedures and Protocols Compared to Statewide Responses (2020)

	Washington	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	Not sure	Yes: 18.2% No: 70.5% Not sure: 11.4%
File a juvenile's charges if they are unsuccessful on diversion	Always	Always: 47.7% Sometimes: 47.7% Not sure: 4.5%
Allow a juvenile to complete diversion more than once	No	Yes: 61.4% No: 34.1% Not sure: 4.5%
Charges/offenses that make a juvenile ineligible for diversion	Yes; felonies, domestic assaults/violence	Yes: 86.4% No: 9.1% Not sure: 4.5%
Warning letters instead of intervention	No	Yes: 27.3% No: 61.4% Not sure: 11.4%

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Currently drug test	No	Yes: 31.8% No: 65.9% Not sure: 2.3%
Fees beyond restitution	Yes; \$100	Yes: 86.4% No: 13.6% Not sure: 0.0%
Use of graduated responses prior to discharge	Not sure	Yes: 47.7% No: 25.0% Not sure: 27.3%
Sealing diversion records	Yes; We contact NCJIS to seal on files.	Yes: 59.1% No: 22.7% Not sure: 18.2%

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

A typical Juvenile Diversion Agreement consists of requirements that include but not limited to a curfew, community service, passing grades/school attendance, completing a drug/alcohol evaluation, and reporting any new law violations. Between the years of 2016 to 2019, Washington County referred 116 youth to diversion with a 72% program completion rate.

CY September 2016 - June 2017: Washington County Referrals to Juvenile Diversion by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Numbers	Percent
White	23	70%
Black	4	12%
Native/Indigenous	0	0%
Asian	1	3%
Hispanic/Latino	4	15%
Other	0	0%
Total	32	100%

CY September 2016– June 2017: Washington County Referrals to Juvenile Diversion by Gender

Gender	Number	Percent
Male	24	73%
Female	8	27%
Transgender	0	0%
Total	32	100%

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CY July 2017-2018: Washington County Referrals to Juvenile Diversion by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Numbers	Percent
White	48	94.1%
Black	1	1.96%
Native/Indigenous	0	0
Asian	0	0
Hispanic/Latino	2	3.92%
Other	0	0%
Total	51	100%

CY July 2017-2018: Washington County Referrals to Juvenile Diversion by Gender

Gender	Number	Percent
Male	32	62.74%
Female	19	37.25%
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Total	51	100%

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Ethnicity	Numbers	Percent
White	30	90.90%
Black	0	0%
Native/Indigenous	0	0%
Asian	0	0%
Hispanic/Latino	3	9.10%
Other	0	0%
Total	33	100%

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Gender	Number	Percent
Male	19	57.58%
Female	14	42.42%
Transgender	0	0%
Total	33	100%

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Prior to completing diversion, a juvenile partakes in a intake interview process. It is there that a Juvenile Diversion Participant Rights Form, Release of Information Form, and Nebraska Youth Screening (NYS) assessment is completed. Based upon this information an individualized diversion plan is created and services are offered. The risk domains for youth assessed on diversion are below.

Score	Washington		All Arizona Counties	
	0	1	0	1
Family Conflict	96.0%	4.0%	89.1%	10.9%
Assaultive	84.0%	16.0%	87.2%	12.8%
Drug Use	42.0%	58.0%	72.0%	28.0%
Truant	81.3%	18.8%	84.1%	15.9%
Enrolled in School	98.0%	2.0%	88.6%	11.4%
Mental Health	57.1%	42.9%	77.1%	22.9%
Peers	40.0%	60.0%	58.8%	41.2%
Runaway	83.7%	16.3%	94.3%	5.7%
Status Offense	0.0%	100.0%	61.1%	38.9%
Prior Complaint	98.0%	2.0%	94.8%	5.2%
Mean Score	$M = 3.20, SD = 1.49, 1-7$		$M = 1.90, SD = 1.44, 0-7$	

Contact with Law Enforcement

The majority population of Washington County is located in Blair. According to the Nebraska Crime Commission community assessment data, there were 64 juvenile arrests between the years of 2018-2018. The following is breakdown of juvenile arrests in Washington County (aged 0-17) by law enforcement departments with a breakdown of arrests in Washington County by ethnicity. The following information was obtained from Nebraska Crime Commission.

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From this data, an additional graph was created to show Racial and Ethnic disparities throughout Washington County.

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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	210	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	117	0%	0%	3.40%	8.50%	1.70%	0.90%	85.50%
Youth enrolled in diversion	98	0%	0%	1%	10.20%	1%	0%	87.80%
Successful completion diversion	80	0%	0%	0%	12.50%	1.20%	0%	86.20%
Youth with multiple charges	31	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	9.70%	90.30%
Filed on in adult court	28	0%	0%	3.60%	3.60%	0%	39.30%	53.60%
RAI Override: More Severe	13	0%	0%	15.40%	7.70%	0%	0%	76.90%
RAI Override: Less Severe	4	0%	0%	0%	0%	25%	0%	75%
Probation intake	58	0%	1.70%	8.60%	5.20%	1.70%	0%	82.80%
Successful probation	116	0%	1.70%	4.30%	2.60%	0.90%	0%	90.50%
Revocation of probation	24	0%	0%	16.70%	8.30%	0%	0%	75%
Youth in OJS custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OJS custody: placed in detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention more than once	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Community Level

Opinions and education throughout the community is equally important to Washington County. In 2018, the Washington County School District participated in the Nebraska Risk and Protective Factor Student Survey (NRPFS). The NRPFS implementation was under the Nebraska Student Health and Risk Prevention (SHARP). The NRPFS targets Nebraska students in grades 8th, 10th, and 12th with a goal of providing schools and communities with local level data. The survey is designed to assess adolescent substance use, alcohol use, delinquent and bullying behavior, and many of the risk and protective factors that predict adolescent problem behaviors and is adapted from a national, scientifically-validated survey and contains information on risk and protective factors that are locally actionable. The participation rate presents the percentage of all eligible students who took the survey.

CY 2018: Washington County Survey Participation Rates Compared to State Rates

Grade	Washington County Number Participated	Washington County Number Enrolled	Washington County Percent Participated	State Number Participated	State Number Enrolled	State Percent Participated
8th	213	280	76.1%	10,270	26,257	39.1%
10th	155	231	67.1%	7437	25,634	29.0
12th	172	279	61.6%	6,378	26,155	24.4%
Total	540	790	68.4	24,085	78,046	30.9%

Substance and Alcohol Use

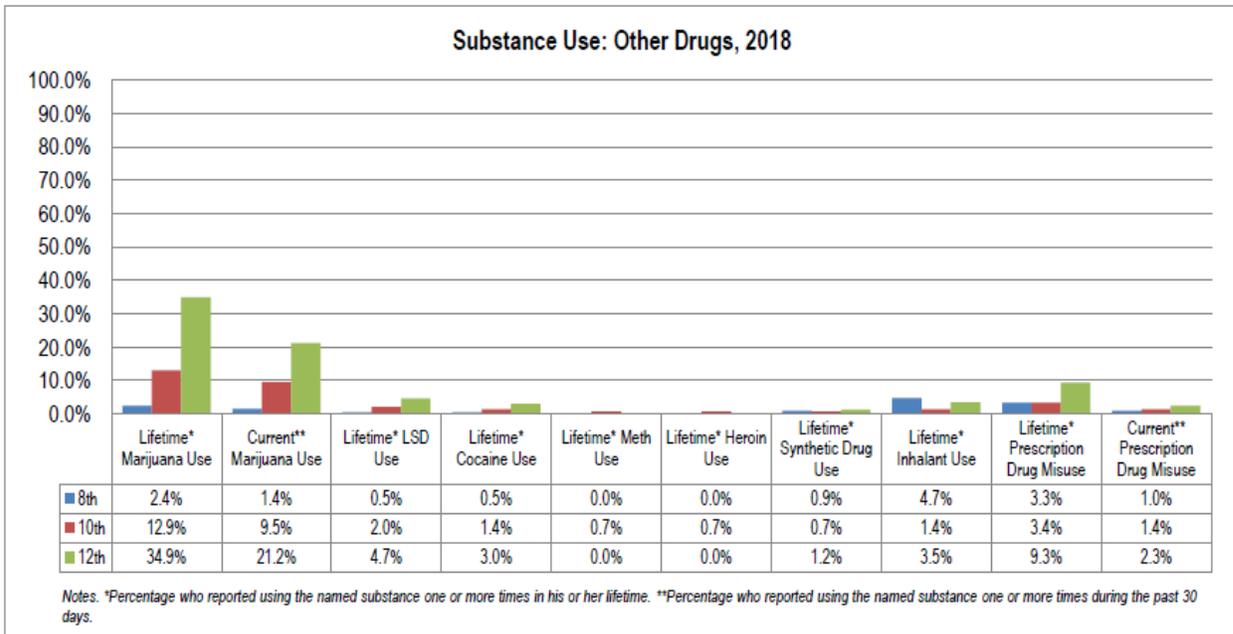
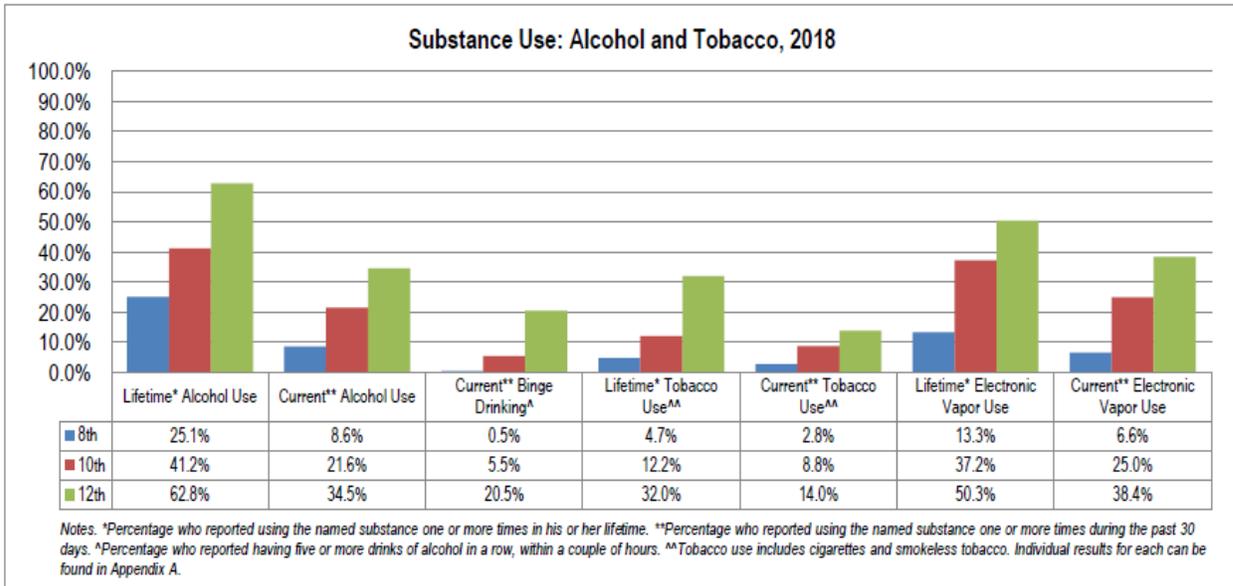
Youth throughout the community were asked their perceptions of community attitudes on substance use by grade.

		8th	10th	12th
Washington	Wrong/very wrong – Marijuana	96.7%	92.3%	87.6%
Nebraska		94.4%	89.8%	85.2%
Washington	Wrong/very wrong – alcohol	90.9%	81.7%	72.2%
Nebraska		89.1%	80.4%	68.7%
Washington	Wrong/very wrong – cigarettes	95.2%	90.8%	87.5%
Nebraska		92.9%	89.0%	78.7%

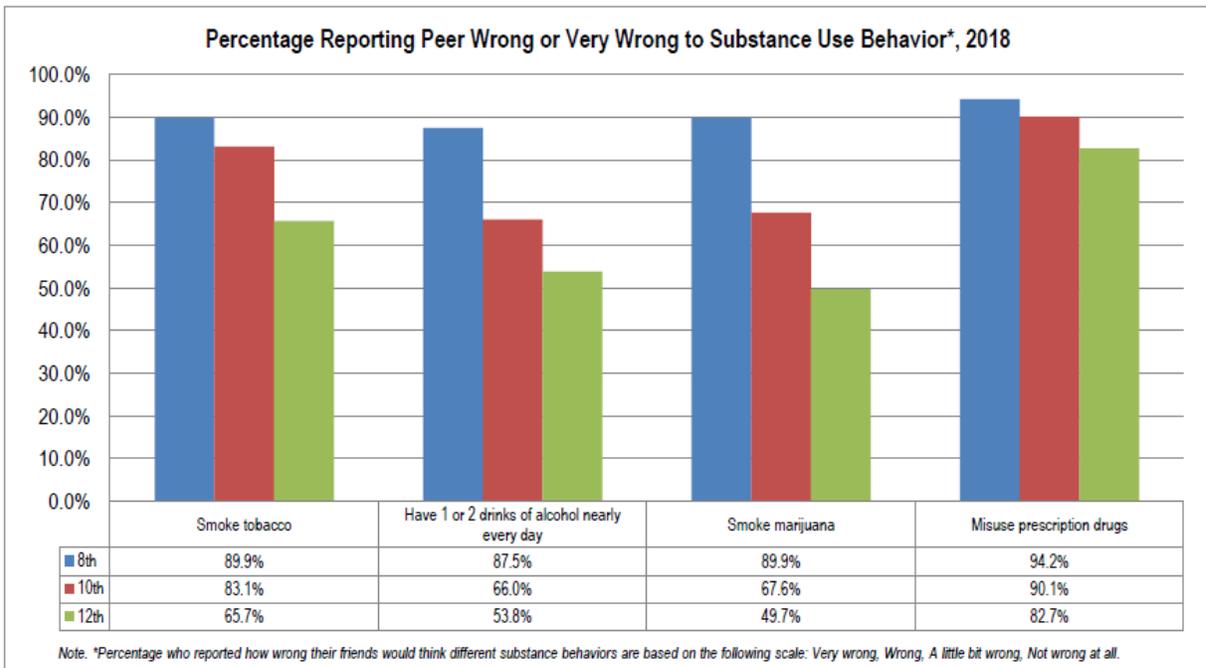
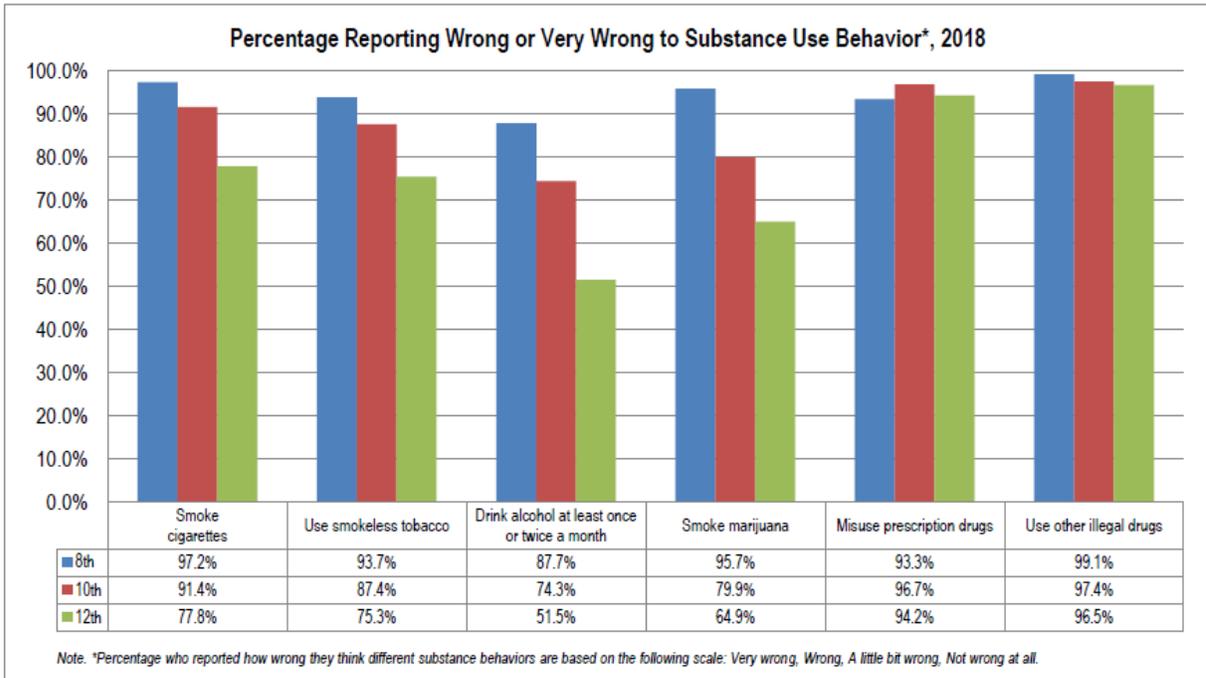
Youth Perceptions of Community Attitudes on Substance Use by Grade (2018)

The data below shows the percentages of 8th, 10th, and 12th graders who reported substance use of alcohol and tobacco. The following data is provided by the 2018 NRPFS: The 1st category shows the percentages using alcohol one or more times in his or her lifetime, along with the percentages who reported using other drugs throughout their lifetime. The 2nd category shows the percentages who reported substance use behavior. The 3rd category shows the percentages who of perceived and actual substance abuse behaviors. The 4th category provided the percentage of who reported their peers and friends behaviors. The final category shows who a youth feels that they can talk to about substance use and abuse.

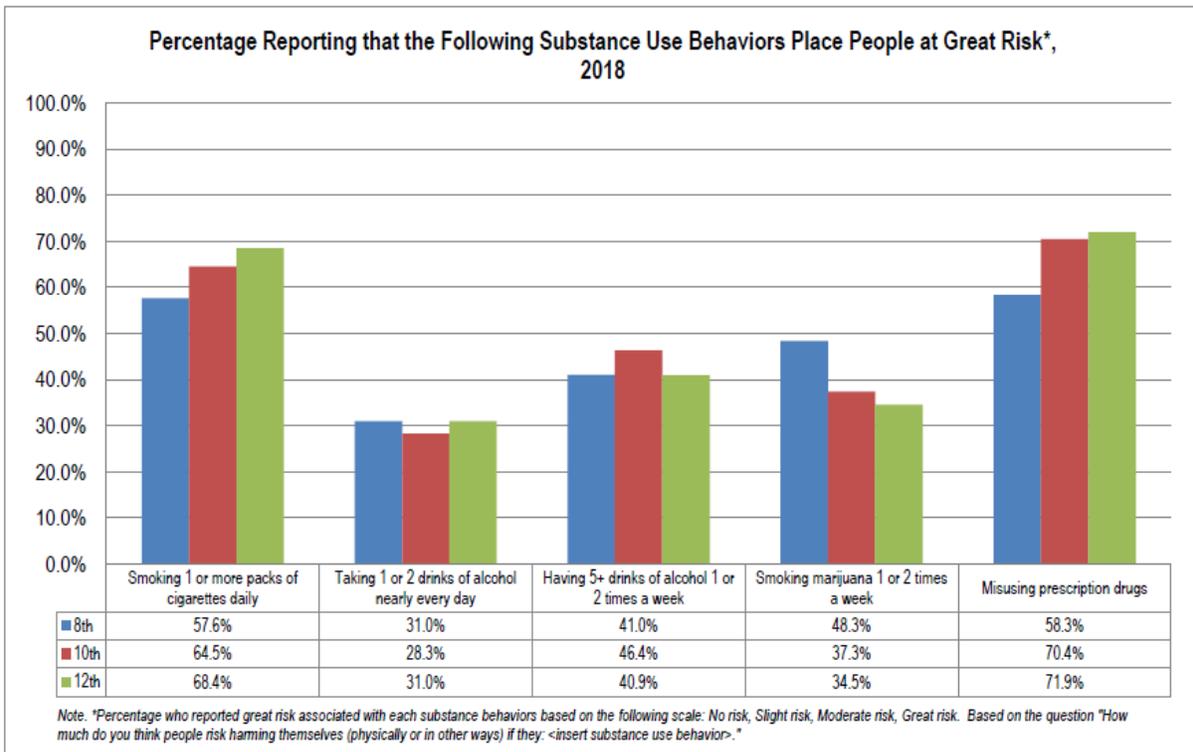
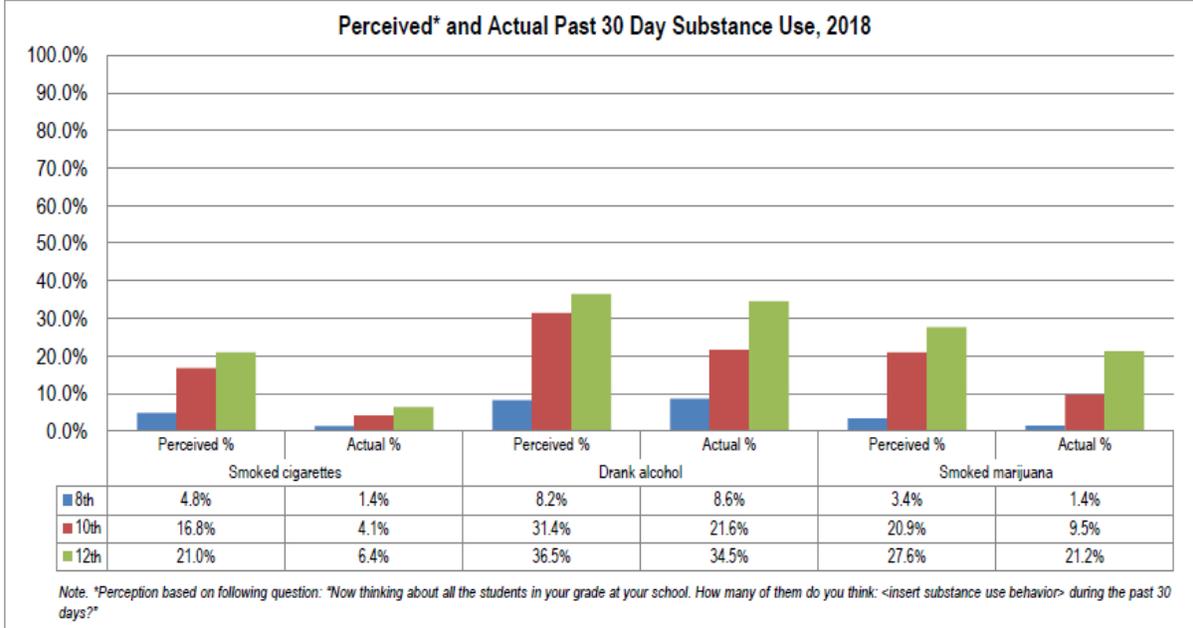
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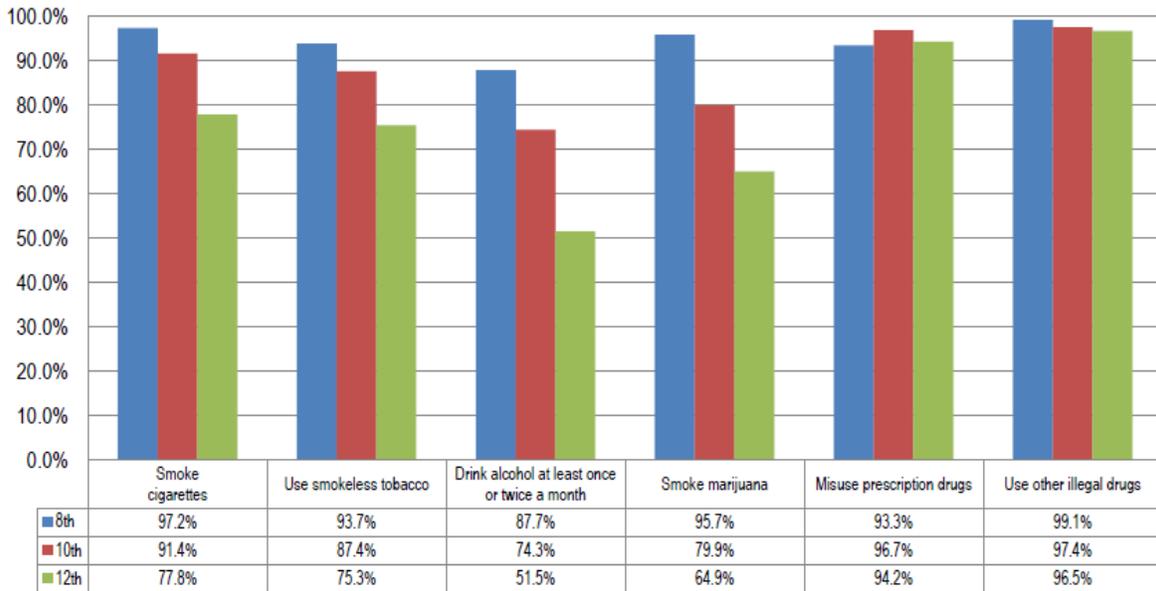


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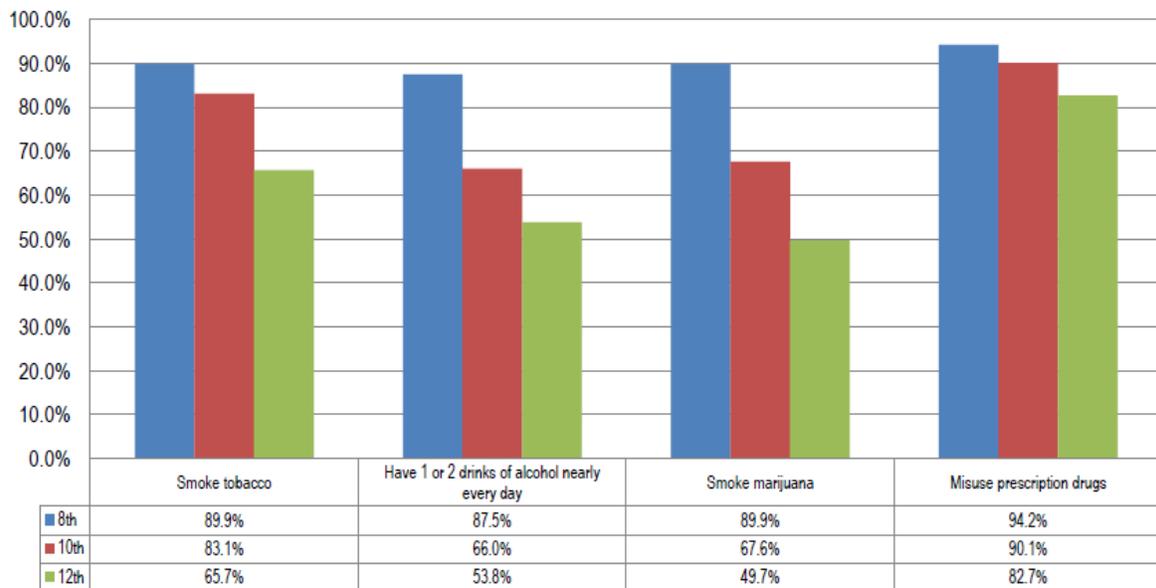
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Percentage Reporting Wrong or Very Wrong to Substance Use Behavior*, 2018



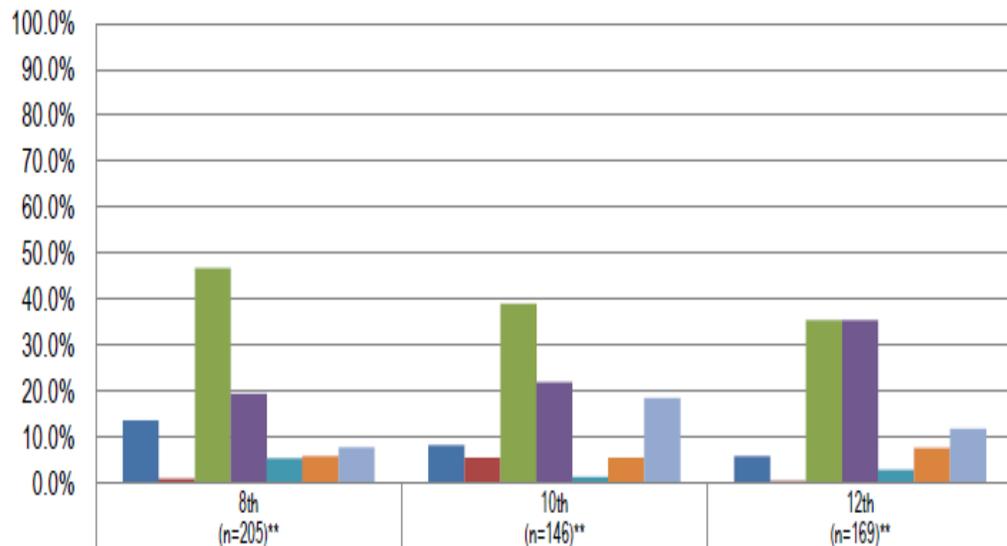
*Note. *Percentage who reported how wrong they think different substance behaviors are based on the following scale: Very wrong, Wrong, A little bit wrong, Not wrong at all.*

Percentage Reporting Peer Wrong or Very Wrong to Substance Use Behavior*, 2018



*Note. *Percentage who reported how wrong their friends would think different substance behaviors are based on the following scale: Very wrong, Wrong, A little bit wrong, Not wrong at all.*

First Person to go to for Drug or Alcohol Problem*, 2018



Notes: *Based on the question "If you had a drug or alcohol problem and needed help, who is the first person you would go to?" **The n-size displayed is the same for all sources given that source of help for a drug or alcohol problem is asked as one question.

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According to some of the findings, almost 50% of 8th graders report that they feel confident going to their parents or caregiver for a drug or alcohol problem. The general consensus is that youth are aware of the dangers associated with drug or alcohol use. A factor that was considered for substance use was you who reported mental health symptoms.

		8th	10th	12th
Washington	Loss of sleep from worry	16.1%	17.0%	24.6%
Nebraska		18.0%	20.6%	21.6%
Washington	Depressed	30.8%	25.9%	36.7%
Nebraska		31.1%	34.8%	35.3%
Washington	Considered/Attempted suicide	16.1%	15.0%	20.6%
Nebraska		22.9%	18.2%	16.2%
Washington	Current alcohol	8.6%	21.6%	34.5%
Nebraska		9.8%	20.1%	34.2%
Washington	Current binge drinking	0.5%	5.5%	20.5%
Nebraska		1.3%	6.2%	15.0%
Washington	Current marijuana	1.4%	9.5%	21.2%
Nebraska		3.0%	7.3%	13.9%
Washington	Current tobacco	2.8%	8.8%	14.0%
Nebraska		3.7%	8.0%	15.3%
Washington	Current vaping	6.6%	25.0%	38.4%
Nebraska		10.4%	24.7%	37.3%
Washington	Hopeful for future (past week)	75.8%	77.6%	77.8%
Nebraska		78.0%	76.1%	77.6%

		8th	10th	12th
Washington	Adult at home who listens	94.3%	84.5%	83.4%
Nebraska		87.3%	85.0%	85.6%
Washington	Adult at school who listens	90.1%	80.5%	93.1%
Nebraska		85.2%	85.0%	87.4%

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According to the information provided by the Juvenile Justice Institute, Overall 75.8% of youth seem hopeful for their future, and majority of youth have a supportive parent either at school or at home. Also factored into this data is the number of youth who do not feel supported by an adult. Any percentage of abuse or domestic assaults is too high for Washington county and a gap to be filled.

Domestic Violence Reports and Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means ^h

	Aggravated Domestic Assaults Reported	Aggravated Domestic Assaults Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means	Simple Domestic Assaults Reported	Simple Domestic Assaults Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means
Washington	0	0	35	20
Nebraska	562	402	2512	2019

Table 18.
Child Abuse and Neglect Reports ⁱ

	Abuse/Neglect Calls	Reports Assessed	Substantiated	Unfounded
Washington	222	34%	17%	59%
Nebraska	36,480	33.4%	16.0%	68.3%

The goal of this community is to ensure that all youth get the services and education needed for success, rather at a family level or the individual level.

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
Blair Public Schools	5-19	RISK – Only knows referrals, what they are informed NEED: Able to step in; identify behaviors and at risk youth. – refer to court, post court, positive relationships with adults.
Arlington Public Schools	5-19	RISK – Only knows referrals, what they are informed. NEED: Able to step in; identify behaviors and at risk youth. – refer to court, post court, positive relationships with adults.
Fort Calhoun Community Schools	5-19	RISK – Only knows referrals, what they are informed. NEED: Able to step in; identify behaviors and at risk youth. – refer to court, post court, positive relationships with adults.
Region Six – Behavioral health care & Crisis Services	0-99	RISK – Only knows referrals/ information given to the organization Economic deprivation affects the ability to afford adequate child care and meet other basic family needs. NEED: Identify family financial assistance, mental health and substance use assistances.
Truancy Diversion	Elementary – Graduation	RISK: Truant students are at higher risk of becoming involved with drugs, alcohol, or violence. Mental health issues, substance abuse, bullying, transportation barriers. NEED: To work closer with schools in the area to decrease truancy numbers

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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
Drug Evaluation	11-18	Dependency on drugs and alcohol. Identifying high risk patterns and behavior.
Mental Health Outpatient Counseling	0-99	NEED: identify unhealthy behaviors in self or others.
Advent E learning	10-19	RISK: Youth can skip, overlook questions NEED: Youth can learn at their own pace

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	RISK: Drug/alcohol use, lack of supervision, inappropriate use of time, defiance of authority. NEED: to keep youth in their homes/ community, and main schools
Diversion	10-19	RISK: Youth are kept in the same environment where they received their citation. Youth maintain the same peer group. NEED: A chance to be education on their future and the juvenile justice system
Electronic Monitoring	10-19	NEED: To monitor youth via GP S for negative peer relations and environments

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KNOWN GAPS IN SERVICES (include any programs that allow youth to remain in the community after any contact with law enforcement)		
Program/ Agency Name	Eligible age	Risk or need
Diversion – minority focused	11-18	RISK: Non English speaking families are at higher risk for failing the diversion program. NEED: improvement in Spanish offered handouts, documentation. Need translator services.
Drug Evaluation	11-19	NEED more youth to have access to counseling or a drug evaluation – funding does only permit so many youth receive a drug evaluation.
Diversion	11-18	RISK: Not tracking where youth spend their free time, and unable to guarantee youth are not in a high risk situation.
Truancy Diversion	Elementary – Graduation	RISK: youth are kept in environments with same barriers to get to school. NEED: To work with schools to better understand family and home situations.

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?
Community Team member diversity	Juvenile Diversion Program	0-99 years	This program does not have enough diversity to represent the community member make up of Washington County. This team needs more members from diverse backgrounds.
Hispanic Population is not as successful on diversion	Juvenile Diversion Program	11-18	The program does not provide as many Spanish friendly forms and application. More Spanish options should be provided.
Mentoring Program	RESOURCE: Teammates through Blair Public Schools	11-18	Not all youth have access to Blair Public schools, and not all youth have access to a mentor partner. Mentorship is needed to provided positive realtionships and encourage positive life choices, and more school involvement.
Diversion Community Involvement	Companies, stakeholders, schools throughout Washington County	0-99	This program is missing more community involvement by the diversion coordinator. The community team and diversion coordinator will Contact various organizations and participate in community events to gain collaboration and visibility with the community and business organizations

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?
Mentoring Program	RESOURCE: Team mates through Blair High School	11-18	Need to develop a juvenile mentorship program, allow youth to accept responsibility and stop offending with the good leadership of a mentor
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 the absenteeism, and begin attending school.
Domestic Abuse education	n/a	0-99	NEEDS: to be created as an educational opportunity to both families and youth – to promote teen dating violence, healthy relationships and positive support.
Decreasing Truancy numbers	Truancy	Elementary – Graduation	This program does directly work with youth referred to truancy. We are missing more services provided to families to end truancy patterns and identify prevention. Meetings with schools and families should be set together.

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Description of Team – Team is made up professionals and partnering stakeholders. This team did not meeting quarterly this year due to COVID-19 unpredictability.

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Closing Comments

Washington County's goal will remain to put the Juvenile first. Throughout this assessment, we were better able to see and understand the breakdown of our community. Washington County is proud of our graduation rate being 8.22% higher than that of the state of Nebraska. It is through programs such as our truancy enforcement that our goal is to keep youth in schools and keep Washington county school attendance and graduation rates high.

Our other alternative to detention programs such as diversion and tracking services aim to keep youth out of the juvenile justice center. We would like to better our diversion program by becoming more inclusive to families of all financial or diverse backgrounds. We intended to create more non English speaking forms to become available, as well as hire a translator when needed. Washington County stands for all members of the community and it is our constant goal to show our support, no matter age, race, background, or gender.

As a community team, we were shocked at the data provided by the Juvenile Justice Institute showed for domestic abuse and neglect. Although our reports are below the state average, Washington County would like to do more to bring awareness to teen dating violence and domestic assaults. We would aim to do this by visiting more schools in the surrounding area and hosting community events.

Being a smaller county, our community team prides itself on our close connections we can form. Out of 520 youth interview between the grades or 8th-12th grades, Washington County is proud 88% of our youth have an adult in their lives they feel support them or that they can go to for drug or alcohol concerns. We plan to make this percentage closer to the 100% through bettering our mentor programs, alternatives to detention, providing drug and mental health counseling to our youth and giving every youth a voice.



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Youth Level

- Hispanic youth are over-represented across most years in chronic absenteeism as compared to enrollment rates in the schools. Black youth were over-represented in 2014-2015, but frequencies were too low to assess whether this pattern persists.
- More youth had 504 plans in 2018-2019 than the state average.
- 12th graders reported more loss from worry, greater suicidal ideation, binge drinking, and current marijuana use as compared to the state. 8th graders reported feeling less hopeful for the future than the state average.
- Crime for all ages has decreased from 2018 to 2019, and somewhat decreased for juveniles only. Arrests for vandalism increased from 2018 to 2019. Arrests for drug violations and liquor laws decreased from 2018 to 2019.
- Risk and needs assessments measured with the Arizona indicated that the domains where youth have the highest needs is Drug Use, Mental Health, Peers, and Status Offenses. There should be programs in the community to address these.
- Approximately 56% of youth citations are being referred to diversion and 66% of citations on probation; the community to further examine whether cases are properly funneling through the juvenile justice system.
- Black and Hispanic youth are over-represented in diversion referrals as compared to the population of the community. Once referring Black youth are not enrolling and are not successful on diversion, at the rate to which they are referred. Unfortunately, we did not receive law enforcement data by race/ethnicity so we cannot determine whether youth of each race/ethnicity are being referred to diversion and probation at a similar rate as they are receiving a citation from law enforcement.
- Black youth are over-represented in being filed on in adult court. Black and Hispanic youth are over-represented in probation intakes, RAI overrides to a more severe placement, and revocation of probation – with the disproportionality even higher for Black youth. Of note, no youth of color had an RAI override to a less severe placement but there is a higher rate of “other/multiple races” that may account for that.

Table 1.

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

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%
Washington	1,293	93.0%	3.8%	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%	2.4%



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Females

Geographic Area	Total Count	Non-Hispanic White	Hispanic or Latino	Black	American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	2+ Races
Nebraska	102,658	69.9%	15.8%	5.2%	1.2%	2.5%	5.4%
Washington	1,143	93.4%	2.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.8%

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

Year	Geographic Area	Total Count	Hispanic	Asian	American Indian or Alaska Native	Black or African American	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific islander	White	Two or More Races
2014-2015	Washington	3,531	3.68%	0.42%	0.28%	1.05%	0.11%	92.98%	1.47%
	Nebraska	312,281	17.74%	2.43%	1.42%	6.70%	0.13%	68.20%	3.38%
2015-2016	Washington	3,638	4.18%	0.33%	0.22%	1.04%	0.14%	92.25%	1.84%
	Nebraska	315,542	18.08%	2.53%	1.38%	6.67%	0.14%	67.72%	3.47%
2016-2017	Washington	3,683	4.75%	0.49%	0.27%	0.90%	0.14%	91.01%	2.44%
	Nebraska	318,853	18.61%	2.66%	1.38%	6.69%	0.15%	66.92%	3.59%
2017-2018	Washington	3,744	5.18%	0.53%	0.45%	1.04%	0.13%	90.22%	2.43%
	Nebraska	323,391	18.80%	2.76%	1.35%	6.67%	0.14%	66.50%	3.78%
2018-2019	Washington	3,713	5.33%	0.57%	0.43%	0.75%	0.16%	90.20%	2.56%
	Nebraska	325,984	19.13%	2.83%	1.33%	6.63%	0.15%	66.02%	3.91%

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

Year	Geographic Area	Total Youth with Chronic Absenteeism	Hispanic	Asian	American Indian or Alaska Native	Black or African American	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific islander	White	Two or More Races
2014-2015	Washington	198	8.08%	*	*	5.56%	*	86.36%	*
	Nebraska	35,638	24.54%	1.64%	4.42%	12.93%	0.19%	51.61%	4.68%
2015-2016	Washington	161	*	*	*	*	*	100.0%	*
	Nebraska	38,812	25.73%	1.55%	4.27%	13.68%	0.27%	49.68%	4.83%
2016-2017	Washington	234	5.56%	*	*	*	*	94.44%	*
	Nebraska	42,290	26.90%	1.66%	4.40%	14.22%	0.24%	47.66%	4.92%
2017-2018	Washington	194	7.22%	*	*	*	*	92.78%	*
	Nebraska	46,365	26.81%	1.77%	4.18%	14.49%	0.22%	47.37%	2389
	Washington	199	8.04%	*	*	*	*	91.96%	*



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2018-2019	Nebraska	46,356	27.64%	1.76%	4.16%	14.71%	0.23%	46.27%	5.23%
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Per the Nebraska Department of Education, the * represents masked data, which they define as 10 or fewer students, for the confidentiality of the students

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

Year	Geographic Area	Total Count	IDEA	504 Plan	Limited English Proficiency	Free/Reduced Lunch
2014-2015	Washington	3,531	12.40%	*	0.85%	22.32%
	Nebraska	312,281	13.66%	0.76%	5.97%	44.53%
2015-2016	Washington	3,638	12.20%	*	0.91%	22.98%
	Nebraska	315,542	13.64%	0.90%	5.90%	44.23%
2016-2017	Washington	3,683	13.55%	0.30%	1.11%	23.46%
	Nebraska	318,853	13.80%	0.93%	6.99%	44.76%
2017-2018	Washington	3,744	15.20%	0.64%	0.77%	23.16%
	Nebraska	323,391	15.87%	0.88%	6.59%	46.24%
2018-2019	Washington	3,713	15.89%	1.51%	0.73%	23.57%
	Nebraska	325,984	16.13%	0.85%	6.78%	45.42%

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

County	Total in Last 5 Years		Yearly Averages		Graduation Rate	Rank
	Graduates	Students	Graduates	Students		
Nebraska	100,111	112,857	20,022.2	22,571.4	88.7%	-
Washington	1,338	1,390	89.2	92.7	96.3%	27

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

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

		8 th	10 th	12 th
Washington	Loss of sleep from worry	16.1%	17.0%	24.6%
Nebraska		18.0%	20.6%	21.6%
Washington	Depressed	30.8%	25.9%	36.7%



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Nebraska		31.1%	34.8%	35.3%
Washington	Considered/Attempted suicide	16.1%	15.0%	20.6%
Nebraska		22.9%	18.2%	16.2%
Washington	Current alcohol	8.6%	21.6%	34.5%
Nebraska		9.8%	20.1%	34.2%
Washington	Current binge drinking	0.5%	5.5%	20.5%
Nebraska		1.3%	6.2%	15.0%
Washington	Current marijuana	1.4%	9.5%	21.2%
Nebraska		3.0%	7.3%	13.9%
Washington	Current tobacco	2.8%	8.8%	14.0%
Nebraska		3.7%	8.0%	15.3%
Washington	Current vaping	6.6%	25.0%	38.4%
Nebraska		10.4%	24.7%	37.3%
Washington	Hopeful for future (past week)	75.8%	77.6%	77.8%
Nebraska		78.0%	76.1%	77.6%

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

Table 7.

Juveniles Referred to Services ^e

Table 8.

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

Table 9.

Juveniles Who Utilized Services ^e

Table 10.

Types of Services Utilized ^e

Table 11.

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

		8th	10th	12th
Washington	Youth Reported Gang Involvement	1.0%	2.0%	2.9%
Nebraska		3.8%	4.4%	3.8%



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

Arrestee Age	All Arrestee Ages			Under 18		
Summary Arrest Date	2018	2019	2018 - 2019 Growth %	2018	2019	2018 - 2019 Growth %
Jurisdiction by Geography	WASHINGTON COUNTY					
Arrest Offense						
Total	479	358	-25.26	33	31	-6.06
Rape Total	1	1	0.00	-	-	-
Robbery Total	5	2	-60.00	-	-	-
Aggravated Assault Total	3	3	0.00	-	-	-
Burglary Total	2	4	100.00	-	4	-
Larceny-Theft Total	22	15	-31.82	-	2	-
Motor Vehicle Theft Total	4	1	-75.00	1	-	-100.00
Other Assaults	43	38	-11.63	1	4	300.00
Arson		1	-	-	-	-
Fraud	1	1	0.00	-	-	-
Stolen Property; Buying, Receiving, Possessing	4	-	-100.00	-	-	-
Vandalism	6	19	216.67	4	10	150.00
Weapons; Carrying, Possessing, etc.	8	3	-62.50	-	-	-
Prostitution	2	-	-100.00	-	-	-
Drug Violations - Sale/Manufacturing	-	1	-	-	-	-
Drug Violations - Possession	90	56	-37.78	13	6	-53.85
Offenses Against Family and Children	5	6	20.00	-	-	-
Driving Under the Influence	98	69	-29.59	4	-	-100.00
Liquor Laws	29	7	-75.86	5	2	-60.00
Disorderly Conduct	18	17	-5.56	-	2	-
All Other Offenses (Except Traffic)	138	113	-18.12	5	0	-100.00
Curfew and Loitering Law Violations	-	1	-	-	1	-



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

Score	Washington		All Arizona Counties	
	0	1	0	1
Family Conflict	96.0%	4.0%	89.1%	10.9%
Assaultive	84.0%	16.0%	87.2%	12.8%
Drug Use	42.0%	58.0%	72.0%	28.0%
Truant	81.3%	18.8%	84.1%	15.9%
Enrolled in School	98.0%	2.0%	88.6%	11.4%
Mental Health	57.1%	42.9%	77.1%	22.9%
Peers	40.0%	60.0%	58.8%	41.2%
Runaway	83.7%	16.3%	94.3%	5.7%
Status Offense	0.0%	100.0%	61.1%	38.9%
Prior Complaint	98.0%	2.0%	94.8%	5.2%
Mean Score	<i>M</i> = 3.20, <i>SD</i> = 1.49, 1-7		<i>M</i> = 1.90, <i>SD</i> = 1.44, 0-7	

Washington County *n* = 46; Statewide *n* = 206

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

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

See [Appendix for yearly data](#)

System Point	N	Amer. Indian/ Alaskan Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic/ Latino	Multiple/ Other	Unspec/ Missing	White
Law enforcement contact	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth taken to temporary custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth issued citation/referral	210	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	117	0%	0%	3.40%	8.50%	1.70%	0.90%	85.50%
Youth enrolled in diversion	98	0%	0%	1%	10.20%	1%	0%	87.80%
Successful completion diversion	80	0%	0%	0%	12.50%	1.20%	0%	86.20%
Youth with multiple charges	31	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	9.70%	90.30%
Filed on in adult court	28	0%	0%	3.60%	3.60%	0%	39.30%	53.60%



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RAI Override: More Severe	13	0%	0%	15.40%	7.70%	0%	0%	76.90%
RAI Override: Less Severe	4	0%	0%	0%	0%	25%	0%	75%
Probation intake	58	0%	1.70%	8.60%	5.20%	1.70%	0%	82.80%
Successful probation	116	0%	1.70%	4.30%	2.60%	0.90%	0%	90.50%
Revocation of probation	24	0%	0%	16.70%	8.30%	0%	0%	75%
Youth in OJS custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OJS custody: placed in detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention more than once	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--



Family Level

- Compared to the state indicators, this community does not appear to have an issue with poverty or its related measures.
- A large percentage of students have access to internet at home.
- Youth report having supportive adults at home and at school

Table 15.

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

Measurement		Washington	Nebraska
Poverty/SES	Children <18 in Poverty	8.6%	14.8%
	Number of children 12-17 below 185% poverty	393	43,814
	Percent of children 12-17 below 185% poverty	21.2%	28.9%
Educational attainment	Age 25+ with B.D.	30.3%	31.3%
	County Rank	7	-
	Age 25+ with some college, no degree	22.3%	23.0%
	County Rank	67	-
	Age 25+ with HS degree	95.7%	91.1%
	County Rank	8	-
Technology and computers in the home	% under 18 with a computer at home	98.4%	96.9%
	County Rank	46	-
	% under 18 with an internet subscription at home	91.3%	91.0%
	County Rank	46	-
	% under 18 with broadband internet access at home	90.6%	90.8%
	County Rank	49	-
Housing	Owner-occupied households	6,397	498,567
	Total households	8,125	754,063



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	Owner %	78.7%	66.1%
	Renters	1,728	255,496
	Renter %	21.3%	33.9%
Transportation	Households with no vehicle available	368	40,465
	Total households	8,125	754,063
	No vehicle %	4.5%	5.4%

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

		8 th	10 th	12 th
Washington	Adult at home who listens	94.3%	84.5%	83.4%
Nebraska		87.3%	85.0%	85.6%
Washington	Adult at school who listens	90.1%	80.5%	93.1%
Nebraska		85.2%	85.0%	87.4%

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

	Aggravated Domestic Assaults Reported	Aggravated Domestic Assaults Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means	Simple Domestic Assaults Reported	Simple Domestic Assaults Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means
Washington	0	0	35	20
Nebraska	562	402	2512	2019

Table 18.
Child Abuse and Neglect Reports ⁱ

	Abuse/Neglect Calls	Reports Assessed	Substantiated	Unfounded
Washington	222	34%	17%	59%
Nebraska	36,480	33.4%	16.0%	68.3%



Community Level

- This community does not appear to have a high number of violent incidents.
- Youth report that their community finds marijuana, alcohol, and cigarettes wrong or very wrong.
- 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).
- There are high rates of missing race/ethnicity data at the trial court (JUSTICE) and older diversion data. 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) ⁱ

Type of Violence	Washington	Nebraska
Murder and Nonnegligent manslaughter	0	34
Rape	1	264
Robbery	2	367
Aggravated Assault	3	1,639
Other Assaults	38	8,782

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

		8 th	10 th	12 th
Washington	Wrong/very wrong – Marijuana	96.7%	92.3%	87.6%
Nebraska		94.4%	89.8%	85.2%
Washington	Wrong/very wrong – alcohol	90.9%	81.7%	72.2%
Nebraska		89.1%	80.4%	68.7%
Washington	Wrong/very wrong – cigarettes	95.2%	90.8%	87.5%
Nebraska		92.9%	89.0%	78.7%



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

see [Appendix for yearly data](#)

	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	173	205	84.4%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	510	735	69.4%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	47	65	72.3%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	0	4	0.0%
Total	730	1022	71.4%

*Cases offered diversion, mediation or RJ are not available data points in in JUSTICE. Some 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

- This county is not required under statute to provide an attorney when a youth is filed on in court; the rate is much lower than the state average.
- There are some 3B truancy and uncontrollable, so the community is diverting appropriately; however, 3B filings increased in 2019.
- The diversion program may consider the following:
 - consider not filing charges in court prior to offering diversion
 - Not filing all unsuccessful cases, if the youth completed most of the diversion plan
 - consider allowing youth to complete diversion more than once
 - exploring the use of warning letters for low risk youth
 - ensure fees are similar to court costs (even with the sliding scale)
 - use graduated sanctions, where youth are given incremental consequences or rewards, as opposed to discharging them unsuccessfully as a first response.

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

	Washington	Nebraska
Access to Counsel	40.0% -- 59.9%	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.



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

	Washington	Nebraska
Curfew Court Filing	0	352

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

Filed Subtype	Washington					Total
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	
3A- Homeless/Neglect	0	0	0	0	0	0
3B – Absenteeism/Truancy	1	3	2	0	5	11
3B - Uncontrollable	0	1	0	0	4	5
3C – Mentally Ill and Dangerous	0	0	0	0	0	0

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

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

	Washington	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	Not sure	Yes: 18.2% No: 70.5% Not sure: 11.4%
File a juvenile's charges if they are unsuccessful on diversion	Always	Always: 47.7% Sometimes: 47.7% Not sure: 4.5%
Allow a juvenile to complete diversion more than once	No	Yes: 61.4% No: 34.1% Not sure: 4.5%
Charges/offenses that make a juvenile ineligible for diversion	Yes; felonies, domestic assaults/violence	Yes: 86.4% No: 9.1%



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		Not sure: 4.5%
Warning letters instead of intervention	No	Yes: 27.3% No: 61.4% Not sure: 11.4%
Currently drug test	No	Yes: 31.8% No: 65.9% Not sure: 2.3%
Fees beyond restitution	Yes; \$100	Yes: 86.4% No: 13.6% Not sure: 0.0%
Use of graduated responses prior to discharge	Not sure	Yes: 47.7% No: 25.0% Not sure: 27.3%
Sealing diversion records	Yes; We contact NCJIS to seal on files.	Yes: 59.1% No: 22.7% Not sure: 18.2%

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



Community Team Level

- A community lead should be able to get roughly a 75% response rate from their community team, to ensure active participation on planning issues. The survey was only sent and completed by one person so the results are not representative of the team.
- Shared measurement had the lowest mean for the collective impact domains in both 2019 and 2020.
- The community team should be representative of the population of that community but should also include diversity. It might be beneficial to add more people who are Black and Hispanics/Latino to your team (especially because of the patterns of over and under representation).
- Although the low response rate may affect the results of community team diversity, there could be more representation from other system points not currently represented.

Table 26. Collective Impact Survey Response Rates ^P

Year of survey	Washington		Nebraska	
	2019	2020	2019	2020
Number of surveys sent	9	1	1407	780
Number of completed surveys	0	1	221	345
Response rate	0.0%	100%	28.3%	24.5%

Table 27. Collective Impact Survey Scores ^P

Year of survey	Washington		Nebraska	
	2019	2020	2019	2020
	Mean Score		Mean Score	
Common agenda	--	5.00	5.29	5.69
Mutually reinforcing	--	4.00	5.37	5.50
Shared measurement	--	5.00	5.21	5.45
Continuous communication	--	4.00	5.49	5.55
Backbone agency	--	5.00	5.52	5.78

The five elements of Collective Impact are:



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

Table 28.
 Community Planning Team Diversity ^p

	Washington		Nebraska	
	N = 1	(%)	N = 345	(%)
Gender				
Male	--	--	101	29.3%
Female	1	100%	229	66.4%
Missing	--	--	15	4.3%
Age				
Under 30	--	--	19	5.6%
30-39	--	--	68	19.6%
40-49	--	--	88	25.4%
50-59	--	--	90	25.8%
60 and over	--	--	44	13%
Missing	1	100%	36	10.4%
Race/Ethnicity				
White	--	--	230	66.7%
Black	--	--	10	2.9%
Hispanic	--	--	13	3.8%
Native American	--	--	6	1.7%
Asian	--	--	1	0.3%
Other	--	--	2	0.6%
Provided town name	1	100%	63	18.3%
Missing	--	--	19	5.5%



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Previous System Involvement				
Yes	--	--	98	28.4%
No	1	100%	242	70.1%
Missing	--	--	5	1.4%
System Point*				
Law enforcement	--	--	34	7.8%
County attorney/ juvenile court	--	--	32	7.3%
K-12 or secondary education	--	--	65	14.9%
Ministry/faith based	--	--	10	2.3%
Diversion	1	100%	55	12.6%
Probation	--	--	31	7.1%
Public defender/ defense counsel/ guardian ad litem	--	--	8	1.8%
DHHS or Child Welfare	--	--	13	3.0%
Treatment provider	--	--	40	9.2%
Post adjudication or detention	--	--	8	1.8%
Community based program	--	--	109	25.0%
Elected official or government	--	--	6	1.4%
Restorative practices	--	--	6	1.4%
Backbone or system improvement	--	--	3	0.7%
Other	--	--	16	3.7%
Voice on Team				
Feel heard	1	100%	270	78.3%
Do not feel heard	--	--	75	21.7%

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



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Appendix: RED Descriptives

2015

System Point	N	Amer. Indian/ Alaskan Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic/ Latino	Multiple/ Other	Unspec/ Missing	White
Law enforcement contact	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth taken to temporary custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth issued citation/referral	62	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	13	0%	0%	0%	7.70%	0%	0%	92.30%
Youth enrolled in diversion	12	0%	0%	0%	8.30%	0%	0%	91.70%
Successful completion diversion	10	0%	0%	0%	10%	0%	0%	90%
Youth with multiple charges	3	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	33.30%	66.70%
Filed on in adult court	7	0%	0%	0%	14.30%	0%	57.10%	28.60%
RAI Override: More Severe	3	0%	0%	0%	33.30%	0%	0%	66.70%
RAI Override: Less Severe	1	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Probation intake	11	0%	0%	9.10%	9.10%	0%	0%	81.80%
Successful probation	17	0%	0%	11.80%	5.90%	0%	0%	82.40%
Revocation of probation	4	0%	0%	0%	50%	0%	0%	50%
Youth in OJS custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OJS custody: placed in detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention more than once	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--



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2016

System Point	N	Amer. Indian/ Alaskan Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic/ Latino	Multiple/ Other	Unspec/ Missing	White
Law enforcement contact	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth taken to temporary custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth issued citation/referral	49	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	31	0%	0%	6.50%	6.50%	6.50%	3.20%	77.40%
Youth enrolled in diversion	23	0%	0%	0%	8.70%	4.30%	0%	87%
Successful completion diversion	20	0%	0%	0%	10%	5%	0%	85%
Youth with multiple charges	7	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Filed on in adult court	4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
RAI Override: More Severe	2	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
RAI Override: Less Severe	0	NA%	NA%	NA%	NA%	NA%	0%	NA%
Probation intake	17	0%	0%	5.90%	5.90%	0%	0%	88.20%
Successful probation	15	0%	0%	0%	13.30%	0%	0%	86.70%
Revocation of probation	5	0%	0%	20%	0%	0%	0%	80%
Youth in OJS custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OJS custody: placed in detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention more than once	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--



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2017

System Point	N	Amer. Indian/ Alaskan Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic/ Latino	Multiple/ Other	Unspec/ Missing	White
Law enforcement contact	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth taken to temporary custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth issued citation/referral	35	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	33	0%	0%	3%	12.10%	0%	0%	84.80%
Youth enrolled in diversion	29	0%	0%	3.40%	13.80%	0%	0%	82.80%
Successful completion diversion	21	0%	0%	0%	19%	0%	0%	81%
Youth with multiple charges	6	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	16.70%	83.30%
Filed on in adult court	3	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	33.30%	66.70%
RAI Override: More Severe	5	0%	0%	20%	0%	0%	0%	80%
RAI Override: Less Severe	3	0%	0%	0%	0%	33.30%	0%	66.70%
Probation intake	16	0%	6.20%	6.20%	0%	6.20%	0%	81.20%
Successful probation	31	0%	0%	3.20%	0%	0%	0%	96.80%
Revocation of probation	9	0%	0%	33.30%	0%	0%	0%	66.70%
Youth in OJS custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OJS custody: placed in detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention more than once	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--



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2018

System Point	N	Amer. Indian/ Alaskan Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic/ Latino	Multiple/ Other	Unspec/ Missing	White
Law enforcement contact	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth taken to temporary custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth issued citation/referral	33	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	22	0%	0%	0%	4.50%	0%	0%	95.50%
Youth enrolled in diversion	19	0%	0%	0%	5.30%	0%	0%	94.70%
Successful completion diversion	16	0%	0%	0%	6.20%	0%	0%	93.80%
Youth with multiple charges	8	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	12.50%	87.50%
Filed on in adult court	12	0%	0%	8.30%	0%	0%	33.30%	58.30%
RAI Override: More Severe	2	0%	0%	50%	0%	0%	0%	50%
RAI Override: Less Severe	0	NA%	NA%	NA%	NA%	NA%	0%	NA%
Probation intake	8	0%	0%	25%	0%	0%	0%	75%
Successful probation	30	0%	0%	6.70%	0%	0%	0%	93.30%
Revocation of probation	4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Youth in OJS custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OJS custody: placed in detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention more than once	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--



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2019

System Point	N	Amer. Indian/ Alaskan Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic/ Latino	Multiple/ Other	Unspec/ Missing	White
Law enforcement contact	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth taken to temporary custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth issued citation/referral	31	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	18	0%	0%	5.60%	11.10%	0%	0%	83.30%
Youth enrolled in diversion	15	0%	0%	0%	13.30%	0%	0%	86.70%
Successful completion diversion	13	0%	0%	0%	15.40%	0%	0%	84.60%
Youth with multiple charges	7	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Filed on in adult court	2	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%
RAI Override: More Severe	1	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
RAI Override: Less Severe	0	NA%	NA%	NA%	NA%	NA%	0%	NA%
Probation intake	6	0%	0%	0%	16.70%	0%	0%	83.30%
Successful probation	23	0%	8.70%	0%	0%	4.30%	0%	87%
Revocation of probation	2	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. Some cases filed in adult court and transferred to juvenile court overlapped with cases that were filed in adult court as a misdemeanor or infraction; as such, they were omitted from analysis

2015	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	35	40	87.5%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	181	227	79.7%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	13	13	100%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	0	4	0.0%
Total	229	288	79.5%

2016	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	74	79	93.7%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	127	149	85.2%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	6	6	100%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	207	234	88.5%

2017	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	16	18	88.9%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	108	151	71.5%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	3	3	100%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	127	181	70.2%



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2018	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	13	20	65.0%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	43	71	60.6%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	16	33	48.5%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	72	124	58.1%

2019	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	35	48	72.9%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	51	137	37.2%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	9	10	90.0%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	95	195	48.7%

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To whom it may concern,

I have reviewed the Comprehensive Plan for Washington County, specifically pages 23-27, and approve same. Feel free to contact me if you have any further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Dethlefs". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Steve Dethlefs

Washington County Board Chairman