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Juvenile Justice**

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**ANNUAL REPORT TO THE  
GOVERNOR AND  
NEBRASKA LEGISLATURE**

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# **INTRODUCTION**

This Annual Report to the Governor and Nebraska Legislature outlines activities of the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice (NCJJ) for 2005. This committee is an advisory group to the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice (Nebraska Crime Commission) and advises the Commission on statewide juvenile justice issues and juvenile justice grant funding. The Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice is required to comply with the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP Act) and was established in Nebraska Revised Statute § 43-2411 in 2000 to advise on state and federal juvenile justice grant funds received by the Crime Commission.

The Coalition members are appointed for three year terms by the Governor, based on membership guidelines established by the JJDP Act and state statute. Members elect a chair and vice chair on a bi-annual basis and meet quarterly at various locations across the state. There are four standing sub-committee's: Executive, Grants, Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) and Youth, that meet in addition to regular quarterly meetings.

## **GOAL**

The Coalition's goal is to improve all aspects of the juvenile justice system in the State of Nebraska by assisting communities and the state with planning and implementation of systemic improvements, advocacy, education and recommending award of state and federal funds for such purposes.

## **PURPOSE**

It is hoped that the lives and futures of children, youth, and families involved with the juvenile justice system will be improved.

# **FEDERAL JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION ACT**

The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act is a federal law that declares it a policy of Congress to provide necessary resources, leadership and coordination to (1) develop and implement effective methods of preventing and reducing juvenile delinquency, including those with a special focus on preserving and strengthening families so that juveniles may remain in the home; (2) develop and conduct effective programs to prevent delinquency, divert juveniles from the juvenile justice system and provide critically needed alternatives to institutionalization; (3) improve the quality of juvenile justice in the United States; (4) increase the capacity of state and local governments and public and private agencies to provide juvenile justice, delinquency prevention and rehabilitation programs and conduct research, evaluation and training in delinquency prevention; (5) encourage parental involvement in treatment and alternative disposition programs; and (6) promote interagency cooperation and coordination of services between state, local and community-based agencies.

The JJDP Act also governs the secure confinement of juveniles in detention and correctional facilities, including jails, lockups, juvenile detention centers and prisons. The JJDP Act is designed to protect juveniles in custody by regulating where, when, and how long they can be securely confined or locked up in these types of environments.

Congress originally enacted the JJDP Act in 1974 to require the deinstitutionalization of status offenders and non-offenders as well as separation of adult and juvenile offenders in detention and correctional settings. In 1980, Congress found that detaining juveniles in adult jails and lockups resulted in a variety of adverse effects, including high suicide rates, physical and mental abuse, sexual assault, inadequate care and programs, negative labeling and exposure to serious offenders and mental patients. Congress responded by passing an amendment to the JJDP Act requiring the removal of juveniles from adult jails and lockups. In 1988 and 1992, Congress turned its attention toward the disproportionately high number of minority youth arrested and confined in secure detention and correctional facilities. Responsive to a growing concern that minority juvenile offenders are over represented within the juvenile justice system, the Disproportionate Minority Confinement (DMC) amendment was added, requiring states to determine if minority youth are disproportionately confined in secure detention facilities, and if so, examine the causes of over representation and develop initiatives at the state and local levels to address this issue. In 2002, Congress re-authorized the JJDP Act. Few changes were made. However, the "C" in DMC was expanded to mean contact in the system not just confinement.

## **NEBRASKA'S PARTICIPATION IN THE JJDP ACT**

In 1981, the Governor and Legislature authorized Nebraska's participation in the federal JJDP Act's Formula Grant Program. Nebraska's eligibility for receiving Formula Grant Program funding is determined by its compliance with the following requirements of the JJDP Act:

a) removal of status and non-offenders from secure detention facilities; b) separation of adult and juvenile offenders throughout incarceration; and c) removal of juveniles from adult jails and lockups. Additionally, the state must collect and analyze data to identify and address any disproportionate numbers of minority youth at specific decision points throughout the juvenile justice system.

With the Nebraska Legislature's passage of LB1073 in April of 1998, state law is now consistent with the requirements of the federal JJDP Act, resulting in the state being eligible for the Act's Rural Exception. The Rural Exception allows adult jails and lockups in rural areas to securely detain juvenile criminal type offenders (misdemeanants and felons) awaiting initial court appearance for up to 48 hours, excluding holidays and weekends. The juveniles still must be sight and sound separated from adult detainees. Prior to being granted use of the Rural Exception, Nebraska's rural jails and lockups were only able to detain an accused juvenile criminal type offender for up to six hours prior to initial court appearance unless adult felony charges were formally filed.

On an ongoing basis, Crime Commission staff review all juveniles securely confined in correctional and detention facilities throughout the state to determine if their confinement is in compliance with federal and state law. As required by the JJDP Act, an annual Compliance Monitoring Report is submitted to the U.S. Justice Department's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) detailing the number and type of juveniles held in violation of the Act.

## **COMPLIANCE MONITORING SUMMARY**

Based on monitoring results from 2005, Nebraska continues to maintain compliance with the JJDP Act. In 1994, Nebraska had a total of 1,849 violations of the first three core requirements of the JJDP Act. Through coming into compliance, the state has reduced the total number of violations to 18 in 2005. All of these were Deinstitutionalization of Status Offender violations with zero Sight and Sound and Jail Removal violations. Compliance with the Act resulted in Nebraska's eligibility for the full annual federal award of \$760,000 in 2005. Noncompliance with one or more of the four core requirements would result in the state losing a 25% of the allocation for each requirement that was not found in compliance. Compliance equates to a significant amount of dollars for the state and, more importantly, it means that the State of Nebraska has raised the standard for how youth are treated in the juvenile justice system. To promote and maintain Nebraska's compliance with the JJDP Act, Crime Commission staff work actively with local

jurisdictions to remedy potential noncompliance issues through technical assistance, training, juvenile justice planning and ongoing monitoring of detention practices.

## **NEBRASKA JUVENILE SERVICE'S ACT**

The Nebraska Juvenile Services Act was created in July of 1990 with the passage of LB663. The Act is designed to assist communities in providing programs and services that create alternatives to incarceration for juveniles in the justice system. In July of 1992, responsibility for administration of the Juvenile Services Act was transferred to the Crime Commission via LB447. The original Juvenile Services Grant Committee established working groups to develop bylaws, rules and regulations in an effort to meet state requirements. This group was combined with The Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice in 2000. The Coalition works to focus funding on current juvenile justice issues. The 2005 appropriation for the Juvenile Services Act funds was \$684,773.

## **JUVENILE SERVICES COUNTY AID PROGRAM**

In 2005 the Legislature passed LB193, now Nebraska Statute 43-2404.02. This transferred the administration of the Juvenile Services County Aid Program from Health and Human Services/Office of Juvenile Services to the Nebraska Crime Commission. The intent of the program is to provide resources to counties for identified needs in their comprehensive community juvenile services plans. Counties must have a comprehensive community juvenile services plan in order to access County Aid grant funds. Counties can plan individually or as a region, thereby allowing them to access County Aid funds individually or as a region. By statute each county receives an allocation of funding based on the population of 12-18 year olds residing in the county. The county is required to provide a 40% match either through county general funds or by documenting the required match amount through annual county juvenile justice expenditures. The appropriation for FY2005 was slightly over \$1.4 million dollars.

Counties are required to update their comprehensive plans every three years. Counties went through this process in 2005 with technical assistance provided by the Crime Commission and Juvenile Justice Institute. Counties identified priorities or needs based on a systems planning tool, followed by identification of strategies to address these needs. Sixty one counties are represented by a new comprehensive plan for 2006-2008. The Crime Commission will continue to work with remaining counties interested in developing plans in order to access funding.

The following are the most common needs and strategies identified in the county plans:

**Top Ten Common County Needs/Priorities (In no specific order):**

- Need for short term holding options.
- Need for graduated sanctions for probation & OJS youth.
- Underage drinking
- Truancy
- Need for parenting support(s)
- Need for mental health services for youth and families
- Data collection/reporting issues
- Varying levels of knowledge/training about the juvenile justice system and resources available.
- Increasing number of girls in the juvenile justice system.
- Varying levels of system communication and collaboration.

**Top Ten Common County Strategies (In no specific order):**

- Maintain/Enhance existing community programs
- Diversion
- After-school programs
- Mentoring
- Graduated Sanctions (Electronic monitoring, tracking, mediation)
- Wraparound
- Substance abuse prevention/treatment
- Mental health/day treatment
- Juvenile assessment centers/concepts
- Structured youth and/or family activities

<p><b>STATE OF NEBRASKA COMPREHENSIVE THREE YEAR PLAN 2003-2005</b></p>
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In order to receive federal JJDP funds, a state must have a comprehensive three year plan. This plan must address the status of the state's compliance with the four core requirements and include plans to achieve and/or maintain compliance. Once a state is in compliance with the core requirements, other program areas can be addressed such as mental health, substance abuse, gangs, education, serious crime, rural programming, or other state specific issues.

The Coalition gathers community input on current juvenile justice issues by accepting public comment at quarterly NCJJ meetings, conducting public forum meetings, reviewing local comprehensive three year plans and NCJJ members professional experience. Input is used to develop priorities for the Three Year Plan. In the development of the 2003-2005 Three Year Plan a report completed by the Nebraska Juvenile Justice Institute was also considered. This report reviewed numerous task force reports for the past 25 years and developed recommendations for the juvenile justice system based on common recommendations throughout these reports that had yet to be addressed.

The priorities of the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice for 2003-2005 were as follows:

(1) Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders and Non-offenders:

While the state is in compliance with this core requirement, many community based services and programs need to be maintained and developed to insure ongoing compliance. The goal is to help communities develop programs and services to meet the needs of youth while maintaining them in their community and holding them accountable. Examples of programs would be: staff secure holdovers, diversion, tracker, day reporting, electronic monitoring, mediation, restorative justice programs, etc.

(2) Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) in the Juvenile Justice System:

DMC exists in different ways in different communities. It is the goal of the Coalition to continue to collect data on this issue statewide and then assist communities in addressing DMC issues at the local level. Local solutions may vary depending on the problem, but could include: change policies/procedures; developing prevention or early intervention programs; alternatives to detention or graduated sanctions; training; community collaboration and education.

(3) Expansion of Community Based Programs:

Many communities statewide have done comprehensive planning for juvenile services. While most utilize County Aid funds, they are not enough to address all the needs identified in their plans. Juvenile Services funds are targeted at primary prevention needs of communities focusing on mentoring, after-school and truancy initiatives. Title II and JABG funds help target other community needs such as alternatives to detention and graduated sanctions, diversion, community assessment centers, wraparound programs, etc. The Coalition works to make sure funds are distributed statewide, with priority to rural areas in great need of resources.

(4) Program Evaluation:

Evaluation is necessary to determine if programs are reaching their goals, making an impact with the dollars, and identify program modifications that are needed. In addition, helping programs build evaluation capacity into their program from the beginning will help them gain the information needed to seek other long term funding sources.

(5) Standardized Risk/Needs Assessment:

Different state and local youth serving agencies have different means of screening youth at key points in the system such as diversion, probation and commitment to HHS/OJS. Initiatives are underway at local at state levels to coordinate using common tools.

(6) Statewide Juvenile Justice Data Collection/Information Sharing

There has been great success at the criminal justice level with information sharing through the development of NCJIS (Nebraska Criminal Justice Information System). The Coalition, Crime Commission and CJIS committee recognize that information sharing and data collection is scattered at the juvenile justice level. State and local initiatives to remedy the problems are underway.

The Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice submitted the 2006-2008 Three Year Plan the federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention in March of 2006. Overall priorities remained relatively unchanged. Upon final approval of the plan from OJJDP it will be available on the Crime Commission website at [www.ncc.state.ne.us](http://www.ncc.state.ne.us)

## **2005 ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

### **GRANTS/PROGRAMS**

- In 2005 the Coalition reviewed and made recommendations on 110 grant applications, awarding 90.
- Crime Commission staff provide oversight of all sub-grantees through on site program monitors, review of quarterly reports and approval of sub-grant adjustments.
- The Crime Commission worked with the Juvenile Justice Institute to develop a standardized evaluation component of all sub-grants. Crime Commission staff continue to develop this process and work with sub-grantee's to better evaluate

- their programs.
- Crime Commission staff implemented required federal performance measures into sub-grantee activity reports and provided necessary training and support.
  - One time grants were made available to small counties to upgrade computer hardware/software in order to utilize the Diversion Case Management System.
  - Title V Delinquency Prevention grants were focused on developing local DMC initiatives.
  - Crime Commission staff and the Juvenile Justice Institute coordinate to provide a ¾ time DMC statewide coordinator to further promote and support local teams and initiatives.
  - The Legislature moved oversight of the County Juvenile Services Aid grant program from HHS to the Crime Commission/NCJJ. 44 counties accessed their allocation of funds.
  - Crime Commission staff developed standard program oversight for the County Aid program. This included an application process, reporting requirements, grant review process and activity/financial monitoring of the counties. The Crime Commission staff is now in the process of developing the Rules and Regulations for the program.

## **TRAINING/TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

- The Crime Commission/NCJJ worked with the Juvenile Justice Institute to provide statewide technical assistance to counties for updating their Three Year Community Juvenile Services Plans. A new planning template was developed to further streamline the process as well as help the state prioritize gaps in the juvenile justice system. These plans are required to receive County Aid grant funds or any other Crime Commission juvenile justice grant funds.
- Two day grant writing training was conducted in Kearney with 50 participants from all over the state.
- Three grant management trainings were conducted for sub-grantee's.
- DMC training continues to be enhanced and was provided for various entities including Magellan staff and Juvenile Court Judges.
- NCJJ provided support to the Nebraska Juvenile Justice Association for their annual conference. Crime Commission staff participate in conference planning for NJJA.
- Crime Commission staff assisted in planning the Child Welfare League of America Juvenile Justice Training Conference in Miami, FL.

## **SPECIAL PROJECTS**

- Through LB259, the Legislature charged the Coalition and Crime Commission with convening a work group to prepare a report with recommendations

- regarding the training of youth workers in facilities licensed by HHS. This report was completed on time and presented to Senator Jenson in December.
- The NCJJ DMC committee, with the support of a DMC coordinator, continues to work on collecting system point data to assist communities in identifying DMC issues locally. Technical assistance continues to be provided to local entities to develop local DMC initiatives.
  - Funding was awarded to Cedars Youth Services to provide technical assistance to counties wanting to develop or enhance their juvenile diversion programs.
  - Funding was awarded to the Juvenile Justice Institute to continue to provide support and technical assistance to counties using the Diversion Case management system. They will be submitting an analysis of this data in 2006.
  - Progress continues to be made on juvenile information sharing. The Nebraska Criminal Justice Information System now has a portal for juvenile data. HHS ward data, Omaha JABGMIS data, some Omaha school data, and juvenile probation data is available to approved users. New valuable sources of data continue to be added.
  - The NCJJ continues to support the implementation of the standardized risk/needs assessment tool the YLSI/CMI by Probation and HHS/OJS. Full implementation of the tool should be completed in both agencies by summer of 2006.
  - Tom McBride, Chair of NCJJ, participated in the National Federal Advisory Committee throughout 2005. This committee was instrumental in making recommendations on juvenile justice and funding to the President and Congress.

## **NCJJ RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE**

The Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice would make the following recommendations for the Governor and Legislature:

1. Work with national and federal agencies to retain and promote increased funding of federal juvenile justice programs through the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.
2. Work with national organizations (i.e. National Governors Association) to reduce federal earmarks.
3. Continue and increase funding for state Juvenile Services and County Aid funds.
4. Continue to support and provide more resources for community based mental health services for juveniles and their families.

5. Increase attention to physical and behavioral health services for juveniles and ward off looming cuts to these services.
6. Continue to recognize and support systems collaboration between state agencies, local government and non-profits.

## **OVERVIEW OF GRANT PROGRAMS**

The Nebraska Crime Commission is the designated agency to facilitate the functions of the State Juvenile Services funds, State County Juvenile Services Aid funds, and Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Funds (Title II, Title V and JABG). While each grant program has different guidelines and rules, the process of granting the awards is the same for each program.

Funds are distributed on a competitive basis annually. An announcement for the availability of funds is released once a year and applicants have approximately two and a half months to complete the required grant application kit. After the deadline, applications are put through a rigorous review process. A staff review is conducted, which includes members of the Grant Review Subcommittee of the Coalition. Recommendations are then forwarded to the full Coalition for consideration. The full Coalition makes its final recommendations to the Nebraska Crime Commission who has final authority over all grant decisions. This review process lasts approximately five months from beginning to end.

Programs receiving funding are required to attend Grant Management Training and have a project period of one year. Continuation funding is not guaranteed and applicants must compete for funds annually. A Step Down Policy exists for Title II and Juvenile Services Grants. It states that contingent upon a program following the rules for reporting, meeting goals and objectives and proper management of funds, a program will be recommended for the same level of funding for two years and a step down in funds of 25% in the years to follow. Due to the limited amount of funding, such a policy is necessary to continue to support new programs and initiatives statewide.

### **DATA HIGHLIGHTS**

As mentioned above, the Crime Commission is working to gather standardized data from all programs. Sub-grantees are required to submit key indicators of their evaluation plans on a quarterly basis as well as several basic federal performance measures that are reported to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. Much work is ahead in fine tuning this information and getting full

compliance on all data elements, but the following information highlights how dollars through the different grant programs have impacted communities, youth and families statewide over the past year.

### **Federal Title II:**

- Douglas County Juvenile Court created a Juvenile Justice Handbook for youth and families in three languages. The Crime Commission is in the process of adapting this Handbook for statewide distribution.
- Three Alternative to Detention programs served 214 unduplicated youth statewide. They completed 1,464 hours of community service. 83% successfully completed their programming, while only 7% did not complete due to new law violations.
- Two Juvenile Assessment Centers (Douglas and Sarpy Counties) served 2,536 youth.
- Seven diversion programs were funded representing eight counties. 344 youth were served with only 4% re-offending. 97% and 98% of families and youth respectively reported being satisfied with the program.

### **Federal Title V:**

- Title V programs focus on Disproportionate Minority Contact issues. Two programs provided direct prevention services to 349 youth.
- Buffalo County collaborated with the University of Nebraska at Kearney to translate diversion and other court documents as well as provide interpreter services to the juvenile justice system.

### **Federal Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG):**

- One juvenile drug court served 12 youth who successfully completed the program.
- 80.4% or 136 of 168 youth successfully completed graduated sanctions programs in Lancaster County.
- Omaha/Douglas County continued to enhance their local JABGMIS system with over 30 agencies participating. 87% or 870 of 1000 youth successfully completed graduated sanctions program(s) in Omaha.

### **State Juvenile Services Fund:**

- Four diversion programs served 841 youth with only 8% re-offending.
- Four Alternative to Detention programs served 304 youth with only 2% re-offending.

- One community service program served 790 youth and completed 2,896 hours of community service.
- Twelve prevention programs (primarily after-school and mentoring programs) served 2,100 youth. 48% showed improvement in school, 95% completed program requirements, 93% of families and 94% of youth were satisfied with the programs.

### **State Juvenile Services County Aid Fund:**

- Data shows that 5,584 youth were served in a variety of programs statewide.
- 478 youth were matched with mentors and 1,801 sessions were conducted.
- 455,537 hours of electronic monitoring service were provided.
- 115 families were served by wraparound services.
- 390 structured youth activities were provided in communities.
- 422 "classes" were offered. (ie. DARE, Parenting, etc.)
- 1,128 diversion classes were offered.
- \$94,789 in restitution was paid. ?
- 65,754 hours of community service was completed.?
- 21,802 drug tests were performed.?

### **Juvenile Services County Aid Budget Information:**

According to statute, counties are required to report annually to the Crime Commission their estimated juvenile justice budget and actual expenditures and the amounts spent on juvenile detention, residential treatment and non-residential treatment. The Crime Commission has attempted to access this information with some success from counties. There are several issues that make obtaining this information problematic and difficult to analyze.

- A) Counties do not have standardized budgeting procedures.
- B) Many counties, particularly rural, do not itemize juvenile justice expenditures. Program directors reported having to get information from each justice agency, which was often not separated between juvenile and adult.
- C) Many counties simply do not track the information.

Individual county information is available upon request.

## JUVENILE SERVICES GRANT FUNDS: \$587,812

<b>SUBGRANTEE</b>	<b>GRANT</b>	<b>FOCUS</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>EMAIL</b>
Seward County Bridges - Tammy Sthur	\$13,000	After school programs	(402) 643-2981	tstuhr2@unl.edu
Sherman County- Sheila Eloe	\$14,850	Diversion/alternative activities	(308) 745-1513 ext.110	Sheila.youthcoordinator@gmail.com
Lancaster County (MOD)-Petra Smith	\$14,256	Juvenile Diversion	402-437-8988	psmith@cedars-kids.org
Blue Valley Community Action- Carmen Grummert	\$25,000	Juvenile diversion	(402) 729-2278 ext. 204	cgrummert@bvca.net
WECAN- Cindy Strasheim	\$19,054	Kid's Talk About Divorce Curriculum	402-762-3644	Cstrasheim1@unl.edu
City of Omaha- Laura Weaver	\$25,000	Juvenile Firesetter Diversion	402-444-3849	lweaver@ci.omaha.ne.us
YWCA Adams Co.- Lisa Marvel	\$23,617	After School Program	402-462-8821	<a href="mailto:Ywca_adamscounty@alltel.net">Ywca_adamscounty@alltel.net</a>
Lancaster Co. (CIT)- Petra Smith	\$23,018	Wraparound	402-437-8988	<a href="mailto:psmith@cedars-kids.org">psmith@cedars-kids.org</a>
Lancaster Co. (YES)- Petra Smith	\$61,822	Truancy prevention	402-437-8988	psmith@cedars-kids.org
Crete Public Schools-Kyle McGowan	\$35,000	After school program	402-826-5855	kylem@creteschools.org
Otoe Co.- Jackie Schmitz	\$22,646	Youth and Family prevention	402-873-6343	puffnc@alltel.net

Lancaster Co (SEEK)- Petra Smith	\$19,490	Prevention- youth of incarcerated parents	402-437-8988	psmith@cedars-kids.org
Sidney Public Schools- Paula Sharman	\$30,000	Mentoring, Youth As Resources	308-249-2395	paulas@hamilton.net
Campfire USA- Omaha- Megan Addison	\$17,625	After school program in south Omaha	402-397-5809	megan@campfireomaha.org
Cedars Youth Services-Suellen Koepke	\$37,125	Central NE wraparound	308-872-5455	skoepke@cedars-kids.org
Lutheran Family Services- Vanessa Emlich	\$33,412	Four County Mentoring	402-852-3141	vemlich@lfsneb.org
Rushville/Gordon Schools-Denny Franklin	\$40,000	Afterschool program	308-665-1797	gdfrank@panesu.org
Lutheran Family Services-Marti Wilson	\$34,897	Services for sexually aggressive children	402-978-5621	mwilson@lfsneb.org
Girl Scouts-Lincoln- Stefanie Ortiz-Cidlik	\$50,000	After school program	402-467-7539	Stefanie@homesteadgsc.org
Garfield, Loup, Wheeler Childrens' Council- Trish Crandall	\$30,000	Wraparound	308-346-4282	tlc@nctc.net
Good Beginnings-Franklin- Rhonda Herrick	\$18,000	Afterschool Program	308-425-6277	rherrick@unlnotes.unl.edu

**JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION TITLE II  
FORMULA GRANT FUNDS: \$670,000**

<b>SUBGRANTEE</b>	<b>GRANT</b>	<b>FOCUS</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>EMAIL</b>
Sarpy Co.-Dick Shea	\$23,000	Juvenile Assessment Center	402-537-7021	dshea@sarpy.com
NE Crime Commission-Chris Harrifeld	\$22,492	Compliance Monitoring	402-471-3133	Chris.harrifeld@ncc.ne.gov
Merrick County-Pat Carlson	\$8,000	Juvenile Diversion	308-946-3861	
Cedars Youth Services-Vicki Thompson	\$36,563	Youth As Resources	402-323-7522	vthompson@cedars-kids.org
Cedars Youth Services-Michelle Orton	\$29,625	Juvenile Diversion-McCook	308-345-7783	morton@cedars-kids.org
Family Services-Omaha-Joanna Lindberg	\$20,000	Tracker Services	402-552-7409	jlinberg@.heartlandfamilyservice.org
Douglas Co.-Kim Culp	\$144,815	Juvenile Assessment Center	402-444-5213	kculp@co.douglas.ne.us
Omaha Tribe-Jay Bazemore	\$24,750	Mental health services	402-837-4195	jbazemore@huntel.net
UNO-Juvenile Justice Institute-Jennifer Myers	\$29,614	Truancy in Gage County	402-554-3703	jjanovec@mail.unomaha.edu
Buffalo Co.-Doug Kramer	\$30,749	Diversion & Truancy	308-233-3751	dkramer@kearneygov.org

Otoe Co.- Jacki Schmitz	\$30,000	Juvenile Diversion	402-873-6343	puffnc@alltel.net
UNO-Juvenile Justice Institute-Jen Myers	\$69,532	DMC efforts	402-554-3703	jjanovec@mail.unomaha.edu
Douglas Co. Juvenile Court-Judge Thomas	\$11,250	Juvenile Court handbook	402-444-7889	wthomas@co.douglas.ne.us
Hall Co.-Troy Chandler	\$40,000	Probation Intake & Diversion	308-385-5124	troyc@hcgi.org
Platte Co.- Wilma Arp	\$13,320	Bi-lingual services for Diversion	402-563-4965	pvdpps@megavision.com
Dakota Co.- Amanda Jones	\$5,196	Electronic monitoring	402-987-2122	ajones@dakotacountyne.org
Lincoln Action Program- Dwight Brown	\$82,549	Transition and - independent living	402-471-8514	Dbrown-hub@yahoo.com
Lutheran Family Services-Vanessa Emlich	\$43,500	Juvenile Diversion- 4 county area	402-852-3141	vemlich@lfsneb.org

<b>TITLE V INCENTIVE GRANTS FOR LOCAL DELINQUENCY PREVENTION PROGRAMS: \$95,000</b>
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<b>SUBGRANTEE</b>	<b>GRANT</b>	<b>FOCUS</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>EMAIL</b>
Dawes Co.- Joe Simmons	\$75,000	Son's & Daughters of Tradition curriculum	308-432-2174	joesimmons@gpcom.net
Buffalo Co.-Doug Kramer	\$10,000	Interpreter & translation	308-233-3751	dkramer@kearneygov.org
Lancaster Co.- TJ McDowell	\$10,000	Project DEFY	402-474-1110	tyrejames@yahoo.com

**JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY INCENTIVE  
BLOCK GRANT \$465,000**

<b>SUBGRANTEE</b>	<b>GRANT</b>	<b>FOCUS</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>EMAIL</b>
City of Omaha-Silas Clarke	\$127,994	Information and systems change	402-444-5211	Sclarke2@ci.omaha.ne.us
Sarpy Co.-Creston Ashburn	\$19,504	Juvenile Drug Court	402-593-2197	cashburn@sarpy.com
Lancaster Co.-Kit Boesch	\$71,360	Graduated sanctions	402-441-6868	kboesch@co.lancaster.ne.us
NE Crime Commission-Mike Overton	\$223,462	Information & data sharing	402-471-3992	Mike.overton@ncc.ne.gov

**COUNTY JUVENILE SERVICES AID PROGRAM**

<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>AWARD</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>EMAIL</b>	<b>PROGRAM CATEGORY</b>
Box Butte	\$12,132	Mary Wernke	(308) 487-6397	<a href="mailto:mary@boxbuttefamilyfocus.com">mary@boxbuttefamilyfocus.com</a>	Boys and Girls Club
Brown	\$3,321	Tim Ryschon	(402) 376-8027	<a href="mailto:tryschon@yahoo.com">tryschon@yahoo.com</a>	Electronic Monitoring (EM)
Buffalo	\$37,662	Doug Kramer	(308) 233-5229	<a href="mailto:dkramer@kearneygov.org">dkramer@kearneygov.org</a>	Diversion
Butler	\$8,835	Carl Hart	(402)367-7470	<a href="mailto:bcde1209n4th@hotmail.com">bcde1209n4th@hotmail.com</a>	Youth Activities/ EM
Cass	\$22,079	Nathan Cox	(402) 296-9346	<a href="mailto:nathanc@cassne.org">nathanc@cassne.org</a>	CASA
Cedar	\$10,149	Kelly Heithold	(402) 375-2200	<a href="mailto:nnphd@huntel.net">nnphd@huntel.net</a>	Project Extra Mile
Chase	\$3,958	Mary Jo Hill	(308) 882-7515	<a href="mailto:mjhill@chase3000.com">mjhill@chase3000.com</a>	Diversion
Cherry	\$5,739	Tim Ryschon	(402) 376-8027	<a href="mailto:tryschon@yahoo.com">tryschon@yahoo.com</a>	Electronic Monitoring
Cheyenne	\$9,198	Holly Anderson	(308) 254-5077	<a href="mailto:mhcholly@hamilton.net">mhcholly@hamilton.net</a>	Community Service, Community Center, After school programs

Clay (Webster, Adams, Nuckolls)	\$40,918	Carissa Uhrmacher	(402) 4621-4181	<a href="mailto:carissauhrmacher700@hotmail.com">carissauhrmacher700@hotmail.com</a>	Substance Abuse services, Youth Activities, Diversion, Wraparound
Colfax	\$9,851	Carl Hart	(402) 352-8502	<a href="mailto:bcde1209n4th@hotmail.com">bcde1209n4th@hotmail.com</a>	Youth Activities/EM
Cuming	\$9,802	Dottie Mitz	(402) 372-6010	<a href="mailto:jdcoordinator@cableone.net">jdcoordinator@cableone.net</a>	Diversion
Custer (Blaine, Greeley, Valley)	\$17,935	Suellen Koepke	(308) 872-5455	<a href="mailto:skoepke@cedars-kids.org">skoepke@cedars-kids.org</a>	Substance Abuse Prevention
Dakota	\$18,799	Amanda Barclay	(402) 987-2122	<a href="mailto:ajones@dakotacountyne.org">ajones@dakotacountyne.org</a>	Electronic Monitoring
Dawes	\$8,222	Sandy Roes	(308) 432-2747	<a href="mailto:director@wchr.net">director@wchr.net</a>	Diversion
Dixon	\$6,304	Kelly Heithold	(402) 375-2200	<a href="mailto:nnphd@huntel.net">nnphd@huntel.net</a>	Project Extra Mile
Douglas	\$383,048	Kristin Lynch	(402) 444-3372	<a href="mailto:klynch@co.douglas.ne.us">klynch@co.douglas.ne.us</a>	Juvenile Assessment Center
Fillmore	\$6,546	Dave Wythers	(402) 366-2111	<a href="mailto:Dw84229@alltel.net">Dw84229@alltel.net</a>	Diversion
Frontier	\$3,265	Jon Schroeder	(402) 367-4141	<a href="mailto:Schroeder@curtis-ne.com">Schroeder@curtis-ne.com</a>	Substance Abuse Services
Gage	\$19,387	Christina Lyons	(402) 223-1338	<a href="mailto:clyons@co.gage.ne.us">clyons@co.gage.ne.us</a>	Community Service
Garden	\$ 2,015	Kyna Wagner	(308) 355-2793		After school programming
Garfield (Loup, Wheeler)	\$3,330	Janet Hanna	(308) 346-4200	<a href="mailto:jhanna1@unl.edu">jhanna1@unl.edu</a>	Wraparound
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Holt	\$11,729	Monique Oates	(402) 429-0821	<a href="mailto:holtcountyjuvenileservices@hotmail.com">holtcountyjuvenileservices@hotmail.com</a>	Diversion/Community Service
Howard	\$6,586	Karin Noakes	(308) 754-4075	<a href="mailto:hcattorney@charterinternet.com">hcattorney@charterinternet.com</a>	Youth Activities
Jefferson	\$6,933	Carmen Grummert	(402) 729-2278	<a href="mailto:cgrummert@bvca.net">cgrummert@bvca.net</a>	Youth Center
Knox	\$8,666	Don Henery	(402) 288-4261	<a href="mailto:dnenery@bloomnet.com">dnenery@bloomnet.com</a>	DARE
Lancaster	\$190,686	Corey Steel	(402) 441-8495	<a href="mailto:csteel@lincoln.ne.gov">csteel@lincoln.ne.gov</a>	Graduated Sanctions/Alternatives to Detention

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Platte	\$31,350	Wilma Arp	(402) 563-4965	<a href="mailto:pvdpis@megavision.com">pvdpis@megavision.com</a>	Diversion
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Sarpy	\$113,089	Creston Ashburn	(402) 593-2132	<a href="mailto:cashburn@sarpy.com">cashburn@sarpy.com</a>	Drug Court
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