

**Dakota County**  
**Juvenile Services**  
**Comprehensive Community Plan**  
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**SECTION II**

**COMMUNITY TEAM**

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**The Dakota County Juvenile Services Comprehensive Plan Team** was organized in 2006 with guidance from Mark Martin, a criminal justice consultant. The team has been meeting quarterly since that time. During each team meeting, the team reviews the plan and discusses the progress of each strategy. New ideas or topics are also discussed amongst the team members. The team consists of representatives from various agencies in the county that work directly with juveniles and representatives from the business community. The members represent the county's School Districts, Law Enforcement, Health and Human Services, Probation, County Attorney, Diversion, County Board, and community stakeholders. Michael Carlson was assigned the position of chairperson by former Project Director, Robert Denton, in 2012. Kim Watson, Dakota County Attorney, replaced Mr. Carlson as the Project Director in 2017.

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## **Section III**

### **Juvenile Justice System Analysis Tool**

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**Table 1. Dakota County Juvenile Justice System Analysis Tool, by year for 2015 and 2016**

	Year	
	2015	2016
	<b>Number</b>	
Population at risk (ages 10-17)	N=2,656 <sup>1</sup>	N=2,555 <sup>2</sup>
Juvenile Arrests	156 <sup>3</sup>	129 <sup>4</sup>
Cases diverted <sup>5</sup>	80	47
Cases petitioned	61	53
Cases resulting in delinquent findings	50	39
Cases resulting in probation placement	76	63
Youth placed on probation	53	41
Cases resulting in out-of-home placement	11	18
Youth in out-of-home placement	29	26
Cases transferred to adult court	0	0
Juveniles prosecuted in adult criminal court	13 <sup>6</sup>	14 <sup>7</sup>

Table 1. provides juvenile justice system analysis data for the years of 2015 and 2016. The juvenile population (age 10-17) of Dakota County, Nebraska was approximately 2,555 in 2016 (N=2,555; 100%). The number of youth arrested in Dakota County, NE remained constant in 2015 and 2016 with juvenile arrests representing about 6.0% (n=156) of the juvenile population in 2015 (N=2,656) and about 5.0% (n=129) of total juvenile population in 2016 (N=2,555). The top four reasons for arrest by percentage were: larceny 31% (n=40), simple assault 15% (n=19), drug abuse violations 11% (n=14), and liquor law violations 4% (n=5).

Chart 1. compares the reasons for arrest by number for the years 2012 - 2016. From 2012 – 2016, there has been a reduction in the number of youths arrested for each of the offense types listed

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<sup>1</sup> Puzanchera, C., Sladky, A., and Kang, W. (2016). "Easy Access to Juvenile Populations: 1990-2015." Online: <http://www.ojjdp.gov/ojstatbb/ezapop/>

<sup>2</sup> Puzanchera, C., Sladky, A. and Kang, W. (2017). "Easy Access to Juvenile Populations: 1990-2016." Online. Available: <http://www.ojjdp.gov/ojstatbb/ezapop/>

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.nebraska.gov/crime\\_commission/arrest/arrest.cgi](http://www.nebraska.gov/crime_commission/arrest/arrest.cgi)

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.nebraska.gov/crime\\_commission/arrest/arrest.cgi](http://www.nebraska.gov/crime_commission/arrest/arrest.cgi)

<sup>5</sup> NCJIS, Juvenile Case Management System

<sup>6</sup>Data for Cases petitioned, delinquent findings, probation placement, out-of-home placement, transfers, and juveniles prosecuted in adult court accessed from "Nebraska Juvenile Justice System Statistical Analysis for 2015." Online: <https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/2015-juvenile-justice-system-statistical-annual-report.pdf>

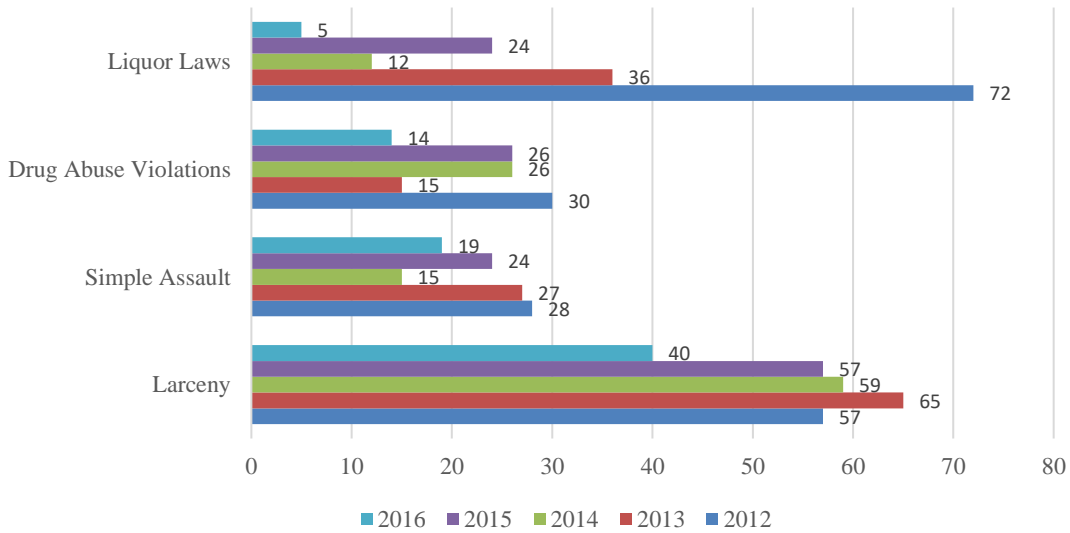
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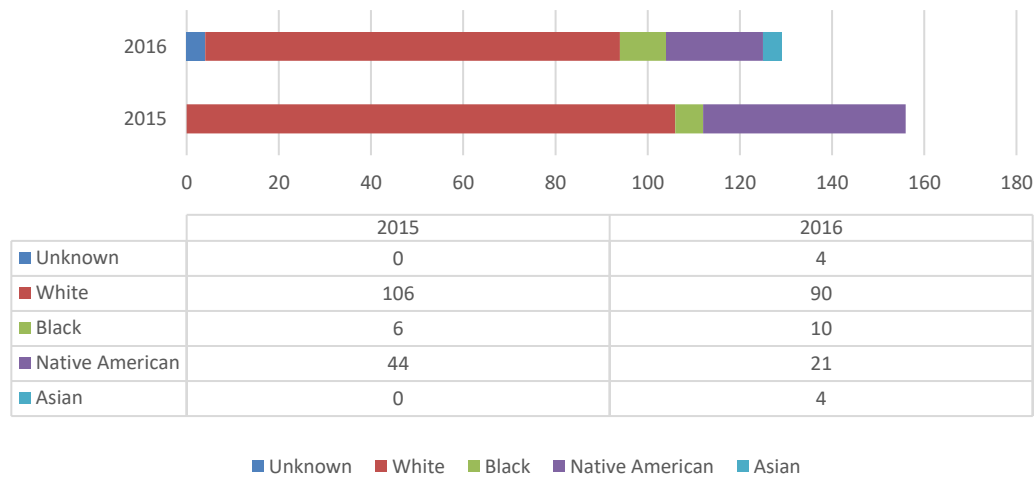
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(liquor laws, drug abuse violations, simple assault, and larceny). The most dramatic reduction has been in the number of youths arrested for liquor law violations. There has been an 11% reduction in the number of youths arrested for liquor law violations when comparing the years 2015 and 2016. In 2015, liquor law violations accounted for about 15% (n=24) of all juvenile arrests, and in 2016, liquor law violations accounted for approximately 5% of all juvenile arrests.

**Chart 1. Dakota County Arrest Data by Number for Juvenile Offenders age 0-17, 2012-2016**  
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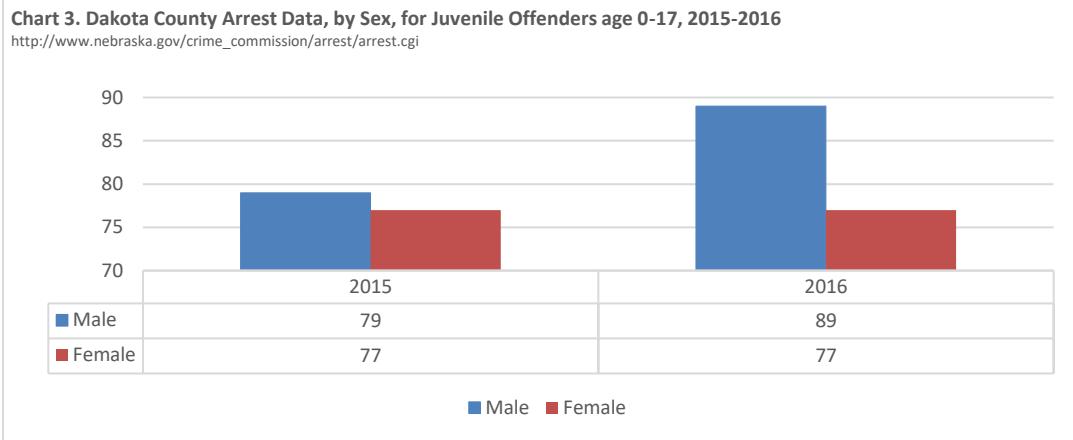


**Chart 2. Dakota County Arrest Data, by Race, for Juvenile Offenders age 0-17, 2015-2016**  
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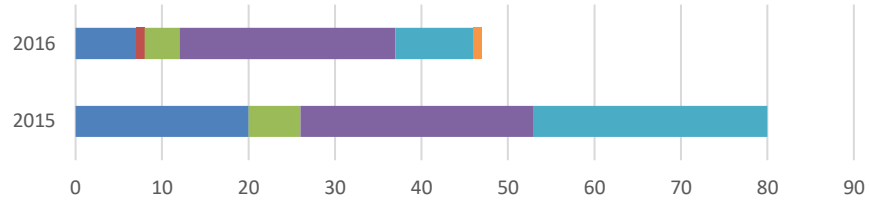
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### Diversion Cases, by Race and Sex

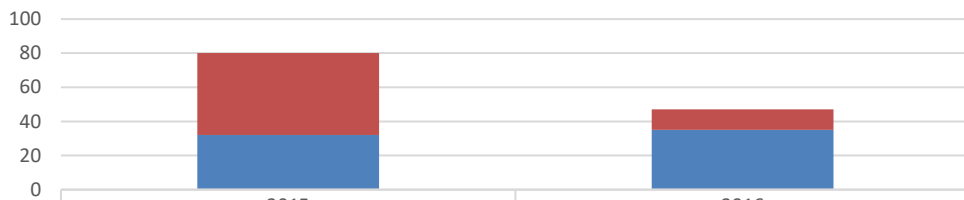
**Chart 4. Dakota County Diverted Cases, by Race, for Juvenile Offenders age 0-17, 2015-2016**  
NCJIS, Juvenile Case Management System



	2015	2016
Native American	20	7
Asian	0	1
Black, African American	6	4
Hispanic	27	25
White	27	9
Unspecified	0	1

■ Native American  
 ■ Asian  
 ■ Black, African American  
 ■ Hispanic  
 ■ White  
 ■ Unspecified

**Chart 5. Dakota County Diverted Cases, by Sex, for Juvenile Offenders age 0-17, 2015-2016**  
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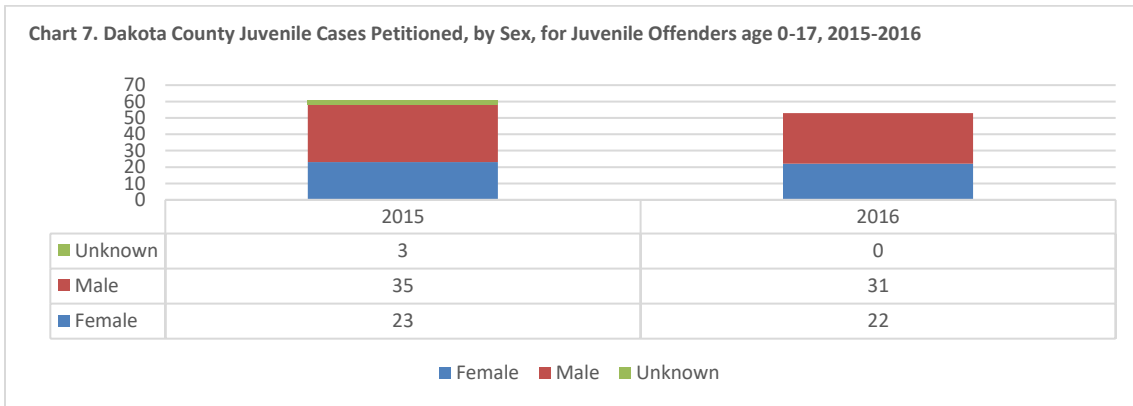
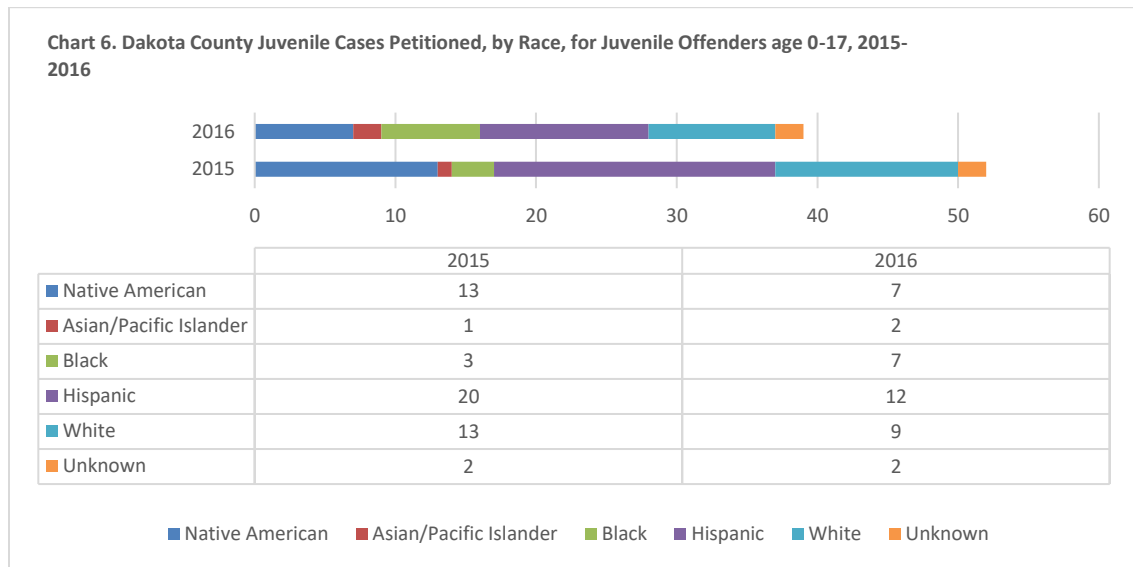


	2015	2016
Female	48	12
Male	32	35

■ Male  
 ■ Female

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### Juvenile Cases Petitioned, by Race and Sex

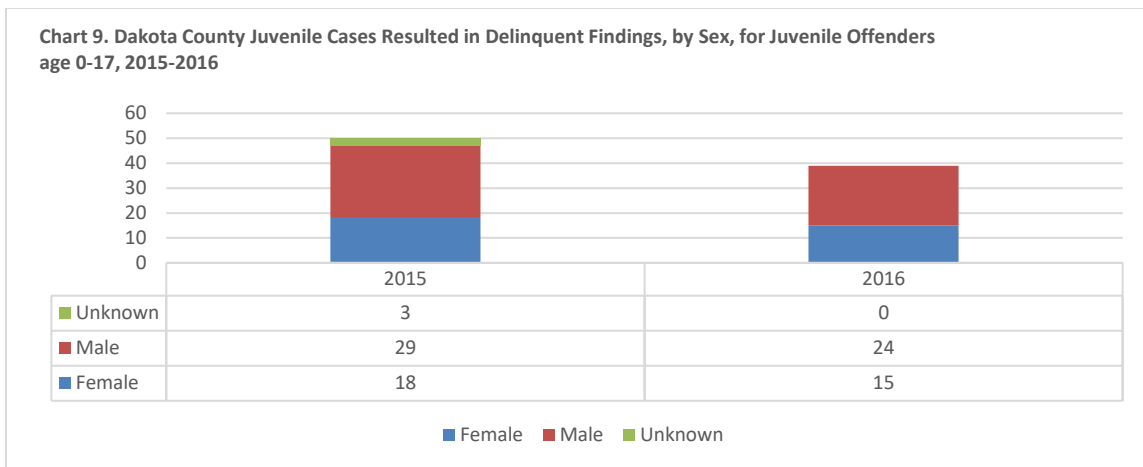
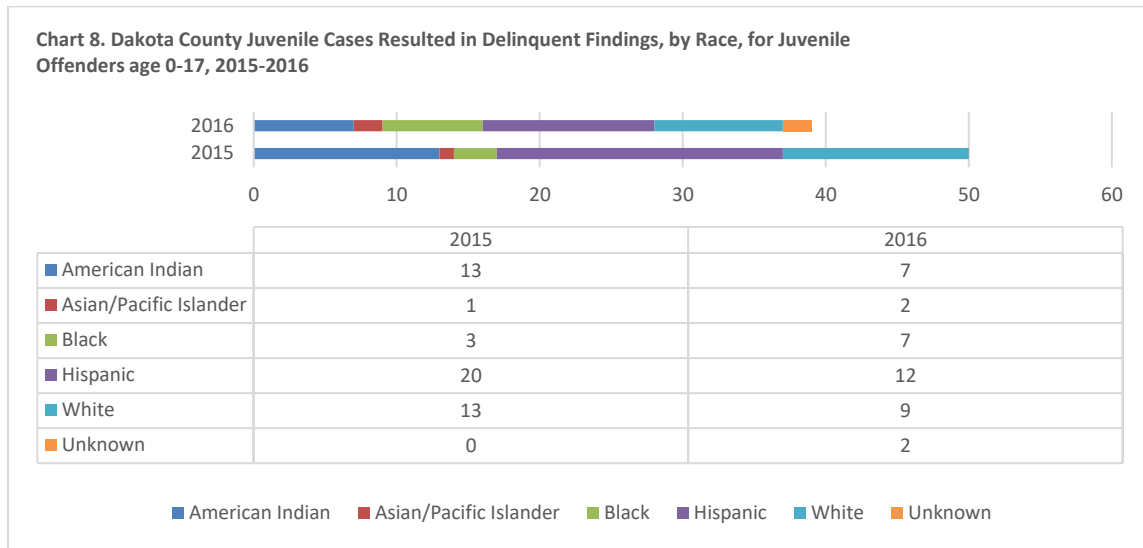


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### Juvenile Cases Resulting in Delinquent Findings, by Race and Sex

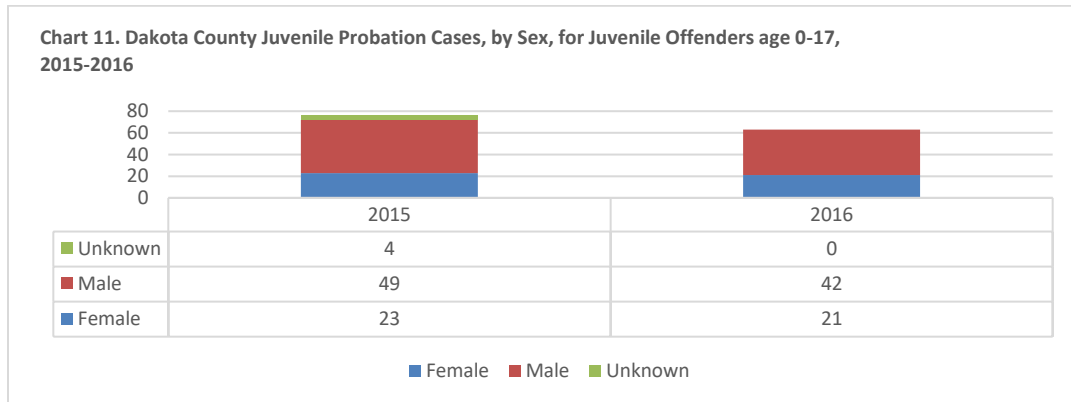
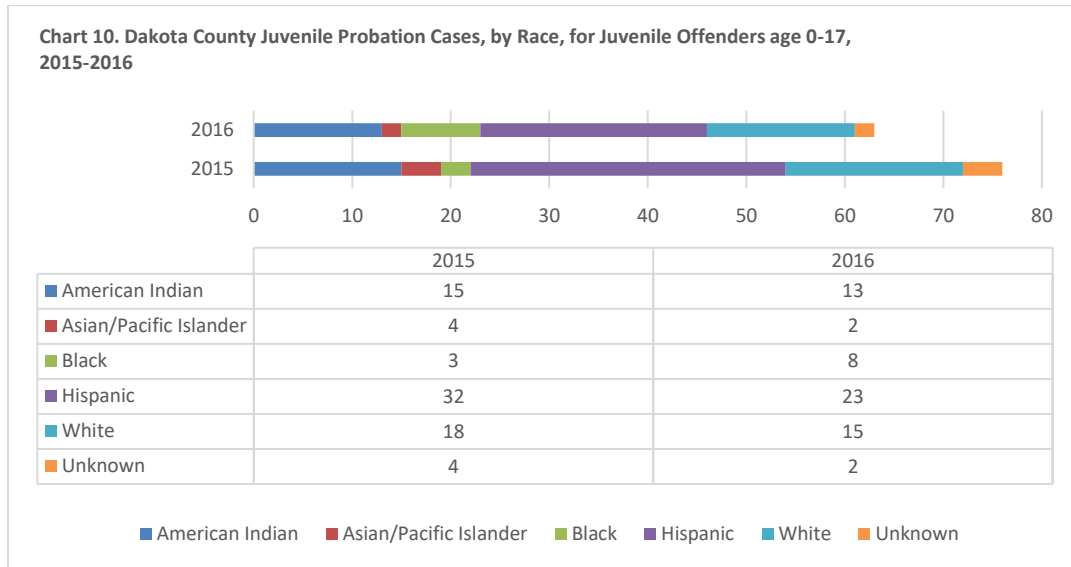


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### Juvenile Probation, Number of Cases, by Race and Sex

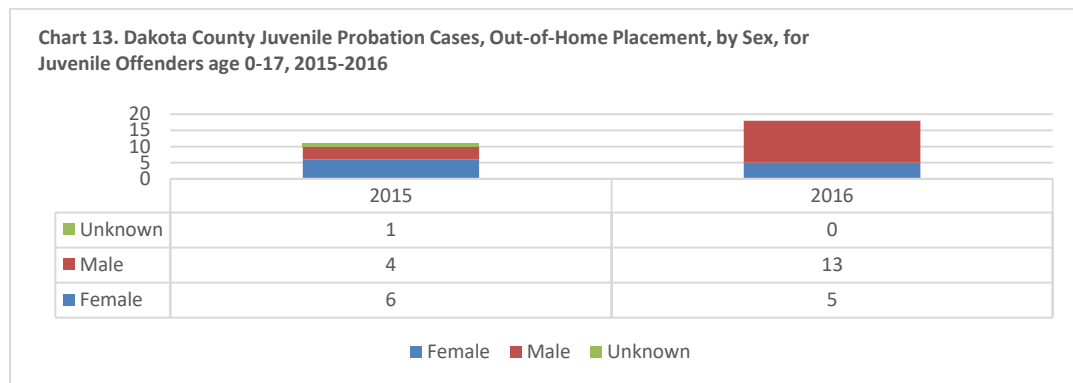
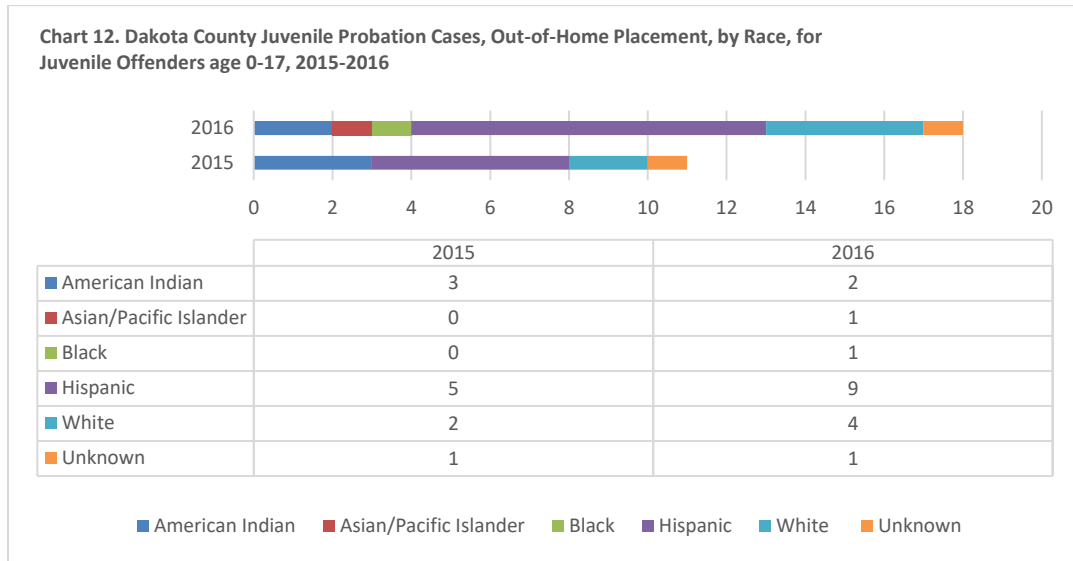


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**Juvenile Probation, Number of Cases, Out-of-Home Placement, by Race and Sex**



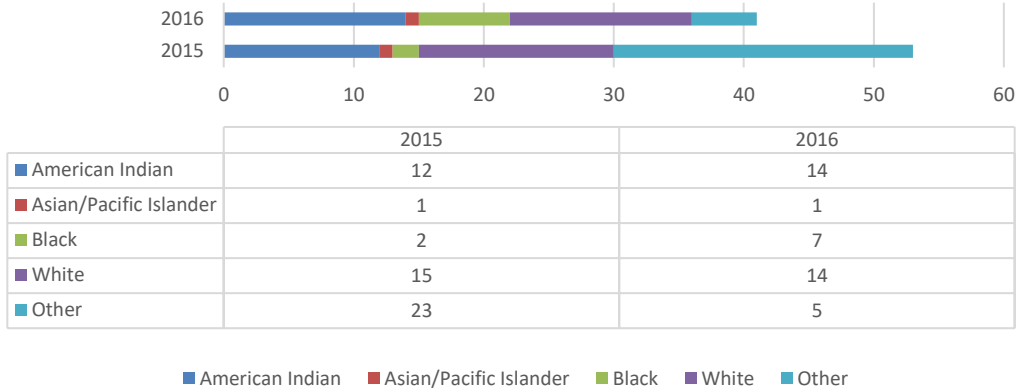
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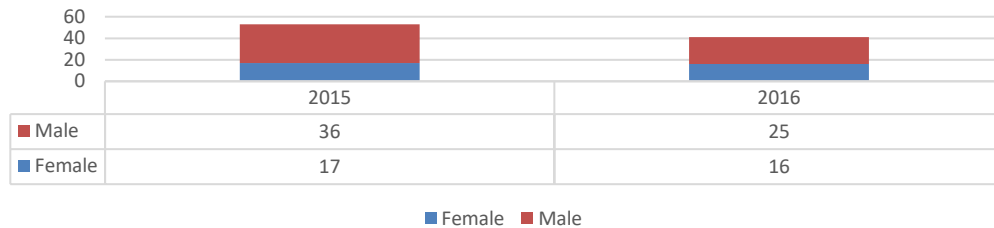
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**Youth placed on probation by Race and Sex**

**Chart 14. Dakota County Juvenile Probation Youth, by Race, for Juvenile Offenders age 0-17, 2015-2016**



**Chart 15. Dakota County Juvenile Probation Youth, by Sex, for Juvenile Offenders age 0-17, 2015-2016**



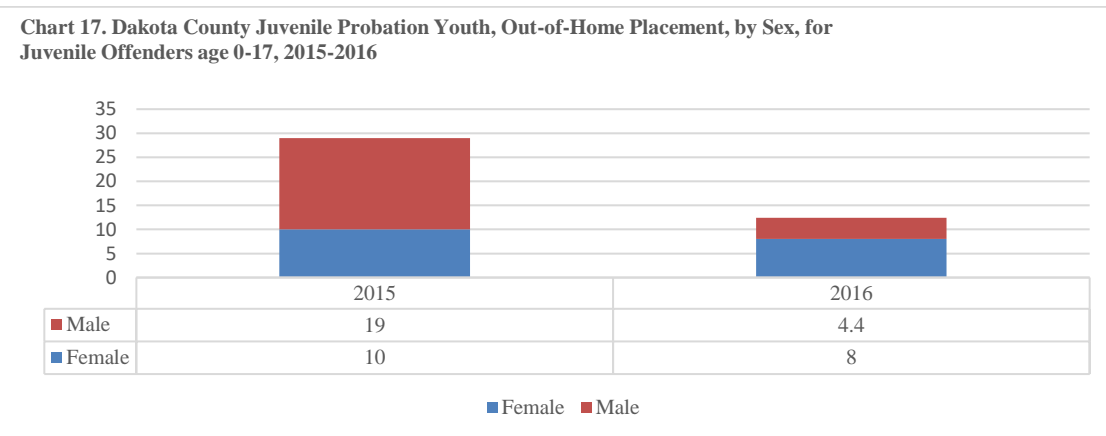
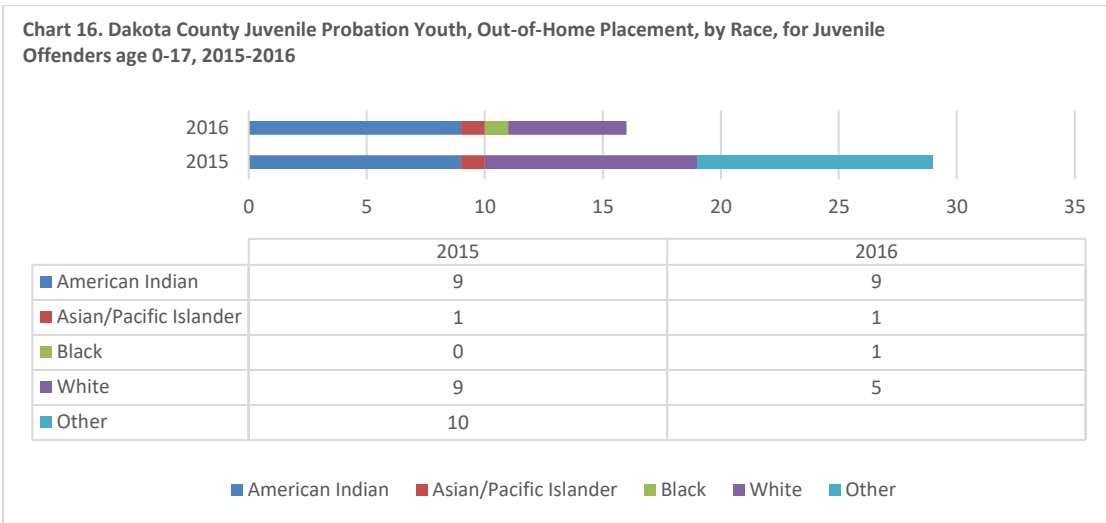
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**Juvenile Probation Youth, Out-of-Home Placement, by Race and Sex**

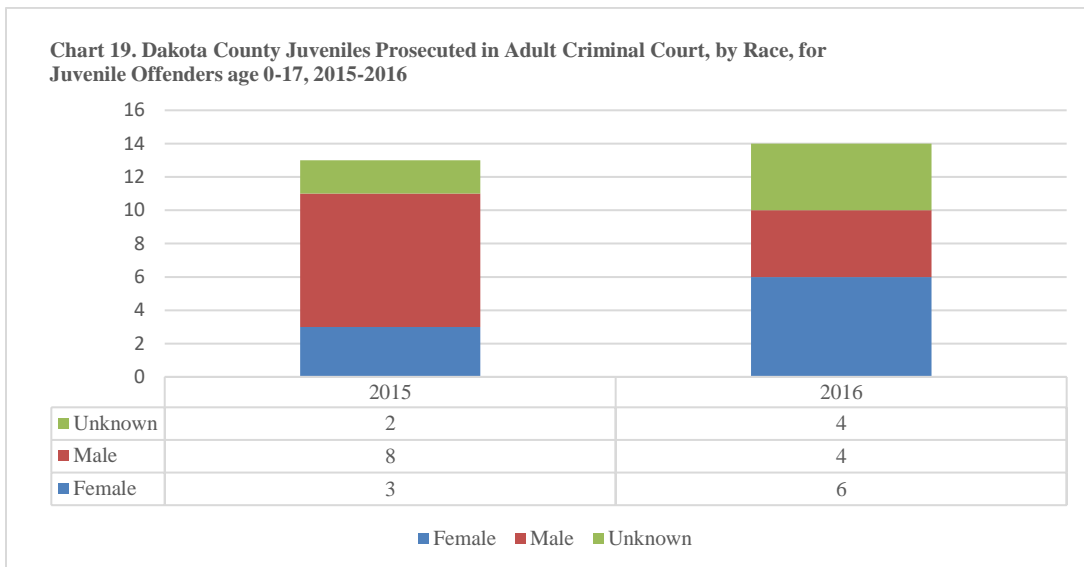
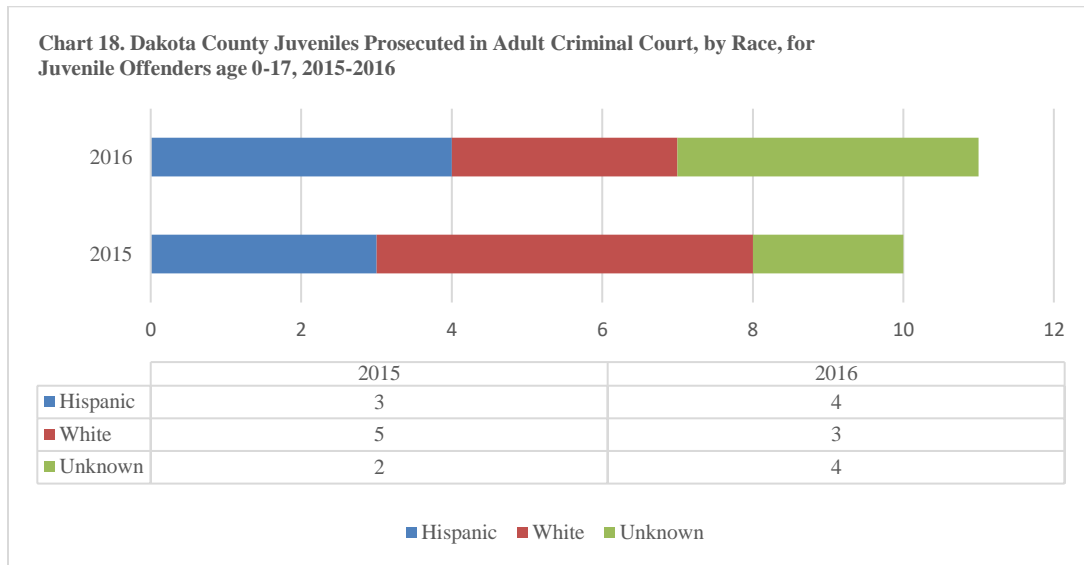


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**Adult Court-Juveniles prosecuted in adult criminal court, by Race and Sex**



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## **Section IV**

### **Community Socio-Economics**

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**Geographic Location**

Dakota County, located in the Northeast corner of the state of Nebraska, is situated at the crossroads where three states join -- Iowa, South Dakota, and Nebraska. The Missouri River forms the north and east natural boundaries of Dakota County as well as the boundary with the states of Iowa and South Dakota. This area is connected by two main bridges that cross the Missouri River connecting Nebraska and Iowa. These two main thoroughfares intersect with Interstate 29. Also, Highways #20, #35 and #77 in Nebraska intersect in Dakota County.

Dakota City is the county seat. The four other cities or towns are located within this county are South Sioux City, the villages of Homer, Jackson, and Hubbard and a portion of the village of Emerson (this community straddles the county line with Dixon and Thurston Counties). South Sioux City, NE along with Sioux City, IA, is known as the Siouxland metropolitan area. Dakota County is one of six metropolitan counties in the state along with Cass, Douglas, Lancaster, Sarpy and Washington counties. If South Sioux City was not in such close proximity to Sioux City, Iowa it would not be considered a metropolitan area.

**Surrounding area.** The metropolitan area is surrounded by small farming towns and isolated farmsteads in all directions for 100 miles. Due to this location, the Siouxland area serves as a regional location for a myriad of services including medical, emergency and disaster services, markets, business, education and social services for the tri-state area.

The population of the tri-state Siouxland metropolitan area is approximately 143,000.

**Population.** South Sioux City is the largest city in Dakota County with a population of 13,353 according to the 2010 U.S. Census. Dakota City is the second largest city with a population of 1,919. The other towns in the county all have populations of less than 1000. The table below provides a breakdown of the county population (total and under 18) by city and town. Dakota County's population has steadily grown since the 1970's. According to U.S. Census data, Dakota County's overall population grew from 20,253 in 2000 to 21,006 in 2010. As one of 93 counties in Nebraska, Dakota County ranks 15th in the state, based on population. The County is projected to continue to grow and, at the current rates, the population of Dakota County could easily reach 27,000 by 2030, doubling its population since 1970. Dakota County was one of several counties in Nebraska that continues to show both a net immigration and natural increase in population in the latest census.

City / Village	Total Population	Population under age 18
City of Dakota City (County Seat)	1,919	562
Village of Emerson (Dakota Co. portion)	840	209
Village of Homer	549	159
Village of Hubbard	236	71
Village of Jackson	223	63
City of South Sioux City	13,353	4,197
Balance of Dakota County	3,886	1,057
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,006</b>	<b>6,318</b>

US Census Bureau, 2010 Census

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**Diversity.** The diversity of the Dakota County population has changed significantly. Historically home to a homogeneous population of small farming communities, the location and expansion of meat and poultry packing plants in rural areas in the Midwest has attracted populations from Mexico, Central and South America, Africa (Somalia) and Southeast Asian countries over the past ten years. Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc., a subsidiary of Tyson Foods, Inc., is fresh meat processing plant located in Dakota County and is one of several major employers in the area.

<b>Table 2. Dakota County Demographic Comparison, 2000-2010-2013</b>						
<b>RACE</b>	<b>2000</b>		<b>2010</b>		<b>2013</b>	
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
White	15,968	78.8%	14,810	70.5%	14,759	70.5%
Black or African American	126	.6%	660	3.1%	857	4.1%
American Indian and Alaska Native	377	1.9%	566	2.7%	495	2.4%
Asian/Pacific Islander	636	3.1%	675	3.2%	702	3.4%
Some other race/Two or more races	3,146	12.9%	4,295	20.4%	4,107	19.6%
<b>Total population</b>	<b>20,253</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>21,006</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>20,920</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>ETHNICITY</b>	<b>2000</b>		<b>2010</b>		<b>2013</b>	
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Number</b>
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	4,581	22.6%	7,419	35.3%	7,480	35.8%
Not Hispanic or Latino	15,672	77.4%	13,587	64.7%	13,440	64.2%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>20,253</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>21,006</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>20,920</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>GENDER</b>	<b>2000</b>		<b>2010</b>		<b>2013</b>	
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Female	10,142	50.1%	10,517	50.1%	10,523	50.3%
Male	10,111	49.9%	10,489	49.9%	10,397	49.7%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>20,253</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>21,006</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>20,920</b>	<b>100%</b>

2000 and 2010 Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census; U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census.  
2013 Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009-2013 5-Year American Community Survey

**Geographic Mobility.** The population of Dakota County is remarkably mobile, with persons frequently moving between counties and states within the tri-state area. This is especially true of persons in their late teens and early twenties as they change jobs and residency. Given the tremendous amount of social and entertainment activities offered in Sioux City, Iowa many people are drawn to that area for that reason alone. Additionally, individuals may live in one state and work in another. Sioux City, Iowa, in particular, is home to an increasing population of persons who live in Nebraska or South Dakota yet work in Iowa. Many of the communities within a 30-mile radius of this area are considered to be bedroom communities given the fact many commute to the area for work purposes.

**Socioeconomic Characteristics.** There are about 7,309 households in Dakota County, NE, with 5,338 family households and 1,971 non-family households. The median and mean income estimates are significantly higher for family households as opposed to non-family households. Additionally, the median earnings for male, year-round workers (n=\$36,027) are about \$8,758 more per year than the median earnings for female, year-round workers (n=\$26,269).

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**Table 3. 2009-2013 Socioeconomic Characteristics for Dakota County, NE**

<b>Households</b>	
Total Number of Households	7,309
Average Household size	2.82
Average Family Size	3.35
<b>Income</b>	
Total Number of Households	7,309
# of Family Households	5,338
Median Income	\$54,721
Mean Income	\$63,459
# of Non-Family Households	1,971
Median Income	\$24,583
Mean Income	\$34,852
Median earnings for workers	\$24,133
Median earnings for male, year-round workers	\$36,027
Median earnings for female, year-round workers	\$26,269
<b>Industry</b>	
Civilian employed population 16 years and older	10,390
Manufacturing	2,837 (27.3%)
Educational Services, Healthcare, and Social Assistance	1,635 (15.7%)
Arts, Entertainment/Recreation, and Accommodations & Food Services	1,104 (10.6%)
Retail Trade	999 (9.6%)
Finance & Insurance, and Real estate/Leasing/Rental	677 (6.5%)
Professional, Scientific, & Management, and Administrative & Waste Management Services	547 (5.3%)
Construction	548 (5.3%)
Transportation & Warehousing, and Utilities	528 (5.1%)
Other Services, except Public Administration	521 (5.0%)
Public Administration	452 (4.4%)
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting, and Mining	281 (2.7%)
Wholesale Trade	190 (1.8%)
Information	71 (0.7%)
<b>Occupation</b>	
Civilian employed population 16 years and older	10,390
Management, Business, Science, and Arts occupations	2171 (20.9%)
Services occupation	1923 (18.5%)
Sales & Office occupation	2209 (21.3%)
Natural Resources, Construction, & Maintenance occupation	1166 (11.2%)
Production, Transportation, & Material Moving occupation	2921 (28.1%)

US Census Bureau, 2009-2013 5-Year American Community Survey, *Selected Economic Characteristics*

## **Section V**

### **Identified Priority Areas & Corresponding Strategies**

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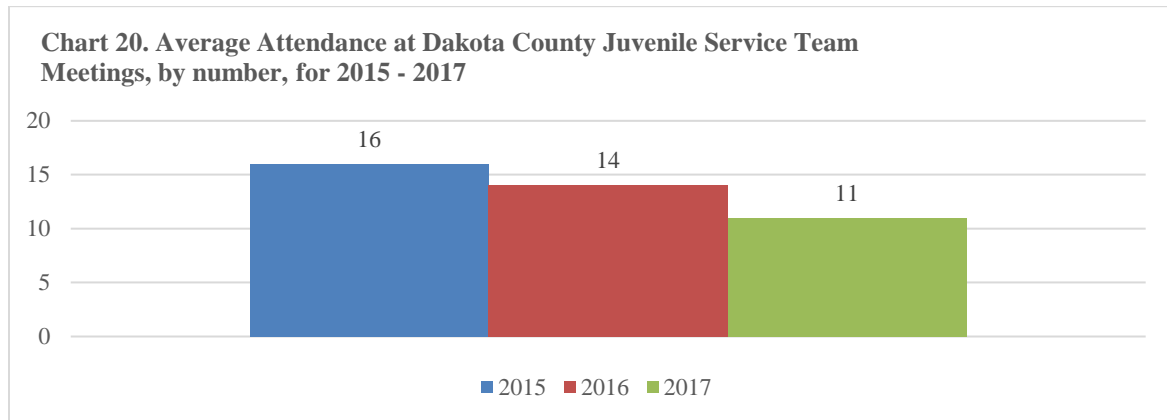
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**Organizational Priority #1: Increase community awareness and scope of Dakota County Juvenile Services Team to better serve the needs of youth in Dakota County.**

**General Description**

The Juvenile Services Team has been very pro-active but recognizes that more stakeholders could be involved. Dakota County residents are willing to help their communities especially in relationship to youth. While the Team has good representation, there is always a need to include other agencies or persons with knowledge concerning the needs of our young people. Because Dakota County is a border community, many Iowa agencies serve in partnership with the Dakota County Juvenile Service Team and provide services.

**Relevant Data**



The average number of people attending the Dakota County Juvenile Service Team meetings has declined. It is essential to re-engage the individuals & organizations who have stopped attending, to identify barriers to participation and possible solutions, and to encourage diverse community stakeholders to participate in the Juvenile Service Team.

**Contributing Factors**

- Schedule conflicts with community events.
- Scheduled meeting time conflicts/overlaps with Dakota County Connections meeting.
- Meet 4 times per year—school staff will miss meetings scheduled for summer months.
- Lack of awareness/knowledge about Dakota County Juvenile Services team.
- Lack of communication and collaboration among groups with similar goals.



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**Issue-based Priority #1: Reduce youth demand for and access to alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs.**

**General Description**

The availability and use of alcohol, tobacco, and illicit drugs by youth is viewed as a significant threat to their health and well-being. It contributes to youth involvement in other risk behaviors (violence, teen pregnancy, accidents, etc.) and is perceived as a factor in growing gang culture among youth in the community. Both availability and demand for these products must be addressed through a multi-faceted approach that includes prevention, intervention, and enforcement efforts.

**Relevant Data**

**Table 4. 2002-2013 Number of youth arrested for alcohol or drug related offense**  
[http://www.ncc.nebraska.gov/statistics/data\\_search/arrest/arrest\\_crosstab.phtml](http://www.ncc.nebraska.gov/statistics/data_search/arrest/arrest_crosstab.phtml)

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Liquor Law Violations	108	77	68	90	54	75	72	36	12	24	5
DUI	12	5	4	1	7	8	8	1	2	0	1
Drug Violations	11	16	9	21	22	18	30	16	26	26	14

**Youth Demand**

Tri-state Siouxland CARES youth survey data (which includes Dakota County) assesses availability and use of alcohol, tobacco, and other substances among youth.

- Survey suggests it has become more difficult to get alcohol or tobacco products than it has in the past. (Table 7)

**Table 5. Availability**

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2014	2016
Difficult to get alcohol	36%	37%	40%	39%	44%	45%
Difficult to get tobacco	47%	46%	50%	50%	56%	57%
Difficult to get marijuana	60%	61%	63%	62%	67%	66%

- Survey suggests the use of alcohol, and cigarettes have decreased among 12<sup>th</sup> graders in tri-state area; use of marijuana has fluctuated but has shown a recent down trend (Table 8).

**Table 6. Use (30-day prevalence among 12<sup>th</sup> graders)**

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2014	2016
Used alcohol in past 30 days	47%	40%	35%	39%	31%	26%
Binge drinking (5+) in last 30 days	36%	30%	24%	27%	19%	15%
Used cigarettes in last 30 days	26%	23%	21%	21%	14%	9%
Used marijuana in last 30 days	20%	16%	20%	17%	12%	12%

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**Compliance Checks**

	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
Number of alcohol checks	28	42	25	31	31
Number in compliance	25	34	23	29	29
Compliance Rate	89%	81%	92%	94%	94%

Data provided by Siouxland CARES

From January of 2012 to December of 2012, 28 compliance checks were completed. Twenty-five (25) establishments were in compliance and 3 establishments were out of compliance. South Sioux City ordinance requires that any vendor selling to underage youth two or more times within 2 years to complete responsible beverage service training.

From January to December 2013, 42 compliance checks were completed. Thirty-four (34) establishments were in compliance and 8 establishments were out of compliance. Beginning in 2013, compliance checks were conducted at bars and restaurants in addition to convenience stores.

From January to December 2014, 25 compliance checks were completed. Twenty-three (23) establishments were in compliance and 2 establishments were out of compliance. The compliance check scheduled for December of 2014 was cancelled due to inclement weather.

From January to December 2015, 31 compliance checks were completed. Twenty-nine (29) establishments were in compliance and 2 establishments were out of compliance.

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**Teen Court**

Siouxland CARES is the parent organization for Teen Court. Siouxland CARES utilizes the Communities that Care (CTC) framework to reduce problem behaviors and promote healthy youth development. The mission of Siouxland CARES is “to improve the quality of life in Siouxland by eliminating the abuse of alcohol and other drugs and related violence.” All youth who participate in Teen Court are required to abstain from the use of alcohol and other drugs for the duration of their participation. Teen Court outlines clear expectations of prosocial behavior and values for all participants and provides at-risk youth with an opportunity to interact with a supportive peer group, in the form of youth volunteers. The Teen Court Coordinator serves as a reliable adult role model for youth participants by providing an environment that is high in both warmth and accountability.

Surveys of parents and youth who have gone through the program are conducted 90 days after the case is finalized. 100% are satisfied with the program and felt it was beneficial. All trainings are also evaluated for increase in knowledge and skills.

**Other Contributing Factors**

- Tolerant attitudes toward the use of alcohol and other substances by youth among some segments of the population
- Abdication of parental responsibility in the failure to adequately supervise and monitor the behavior of their children – actually enabling behavior in some cases

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- Prevalence of gang culture and related behaviors among some segments of the youth population
- Youth disregard for the law, authority, and community standards generally.

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**Issued-based Priority #2 Promote positive youth development by reducing problem behaviors among youth.**

**General Description**

Problem behaviors include gang-culture/involvement, violence, alcohol and illicit drug use, school refusal/truancy, delinquency, teen pregnancy, and related high-risk behaviors. The community has expressed concern that these types of behaviors have escalated among youth in recent years as evidenced by problems with graffiti and related signs of gang culture, alcohol and drug use, disregard for curfew requirements, and increased violence among youth. Stronger enforcement has resulted in a number of convictions in adult court where youth have received sentences to jail for this type of behavior. Reducing these types of behaviors involves both a prevention track to prevent enticement of younger youth into these types of behaviors and an intervention track to interrupt patterns of escalating delinquent behavior among youth who come in contact with the juvenile justice system.

Gang culture, as used here, refers to the collective attitudes and behaviors of youth involved in activities generally associated with gangs. The culture influences many segments of the youth community ranging from vulnerable younger children, to “wannabes”, to a small group affiliated with known gangs. Ongoing strategies and interventions to reduce the prevalence of gang culture have primarily been targeted toward probationers. Probation communicating with parents about how children are dress and associate with gangs in an effort to keep parents informed. Youth on probation are required to participate in community service projects such as graffiti removal. Youth groups are also involved in the removal of graffiti. Youth on probation also participate in a cognitive-based program designed to discourage anti-social thinking and behavior and also receive social skill training. Probation conducts home visits to ensure probationers are not in possession of contraband, including gang-related items. Home visits are used to enhance identification of gang members and curb illegal activity of gang members on probation. Probation can also indicate in their database if an individual is a known gang member.

Environmental strategies to address gang culture include educational efforts by the South Sioux City Police Department and South Sioux City School District, installation of cameras to monitor graffiti-prone areas and a City Ordinance which restricts the sale of spray paint to minors. Additionally, law enforcement maintains a record of known gang members in the Siouxland area.

**Relevant Data**

Community-wide data is gathered annually by Comprehensive Strategy, a tri-state team whose mission is to facilitate the creation of resource tools for positive youth development. Comprehensive Strategy utilizes the Communities That Care© model that focuses on the reduction of problem behaviors including Substance Abuse, Delinquency, Violence, Teen Pregnancy and School Drop-Out. Priority community risk factors identified to address are the Availability of Drugs, Extreme Economic Deprivation, Family History of the Problem Behavior/Family Conflict, Academic Failure Beginning in Early Elementary School and Early Initiation of the Problem Behavior. Table 11 was compiled by Comprehensive Strategy and highlights the risk factor data for Dakota County.

**Moral Reconciliation Therapy**

Probation conducted Juvenile MRT (Moral Reconciliation Therapy) cognitive classes for youth on probation. Pre-adjudicated and adjudicated youth were referred for substance abuse programming, therapeutic and skill-based services on an as-needed basis.

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**Alternatives to Detention**

Juvenile Detention expenses paid by Dakota County have decreased dramatically. In 2014-2015 budget year (July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015), Dakota County spent \$121,050.50 on detention costs for juveniles. In the 2017-2018 budget year (July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018), Dakota County spent \$14,100.00 on detention costs for juveniles. This decrease is related to a decrease in the number of youths being detained.

In the 2014-15 budget year (July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015), there were 40 occurrences when a Dakota County youth were detained; with a total of 27 unduplicated youth being held in detention. The mean number of days that a youth was detained was 18.1 days (724.25 days of detention/40 occurrences), with the longest period of detention being 132 days and the shortest period of detention being 0.5 days.

In the 2017 calendar (1/1/2017-12/31/2017), there were 16 occurrences when a Dakota County youth was detained; with a total of 15 unduplicated youth being held in detention. The mean number of days that a youth was detained was 3.8 days (61 total days of detention/16 occurrences), with the longest period of detention being 16 days and the shortest period of detention being 1 day<sup>8</sup>.

Dakota County/Probation contracted with a Community Monitoring Service to provide prompt, full service case management and ensure proper communication with trackers, field workers and case supervisors as requested by the county using electronic monitoring for pre-adjudicated youth. The tables below provide a breakdown of youth who have utilized tracking and/or electronic monitoring services by sex and race/ethnicity.

<b>Table 8. Youth Utilizing Tracking Services, by Sex, for 2016-2017<sup>9</sup></b>		
	2016	2017
Female	4	5
Male	6	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>

<b>Table 9. Youth Utilizing Tracking Services, by Race/Ethnicity, for 2016-2017<sup>10</sup></b>		
	2016	2017
American Indian/Native American	6	3
Asian	1	0
Black, African American	1	2
Hispanic	0	3
White	2	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>

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<sup>8</sup> Dakota County Nebraska Claims, for years 2014, 2015, 2017

<sup>9</sup> NCJIS, Juvenile Case Management System

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**Table 10. Youth Utilizing Electronic Monitoring Services, by Sex, for 2016-2017<sup>11</sup>**

	2016	2017
Female	4	5
Male	9	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>

**Table 11. Youth Utilizing Electronic Monitoring Services, by Race/Ethnicity, for 2016-2017<sup>12</sup>**

	2016	2017
American Indian/Native American	6	4
Asian	1	0
Black, African American	1	2
Hispanic	2	3
White	3	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>

**Juvenile Diversion**

In 2014, the County made an application for Crime Commission Community-Based Aid grant monies to fund a part-time (3 days per week) Diversion Coordinator position. The Diversion Coordinator was hired and started working in August of 2015. The Dakota County Juvenile Diversion program has served approximately 221 unduplicated youth from January 1, 2015-December 31, 2017.

Table 12. provides information on the number of youth referred to juvenile diversion from 2013 – 2017. In 2017 the most common offense types for youth referred to juvenile diversion included: traffic offense (n=23), shoplifting (n=19), minor in possession (n=18), assault (n= 17), and disturbing the peace (n=13)<sup>13</sup>.

**Table 12. Referrals to Juvenile Diversion by Calendar Year for 2013 -2017<sup>14</sup>**

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
# youth referred from Jan 1-December 31	36	14	80	47	111

**Other Contributing Factors**

- Abdication of parental responsibility in the failure to adequately supervise and monitor the behavior of their children, actually enabling behavior in some cases.
- Latchkey children of single parent families and families where both parents work are often left unsupervised after school and during the evenings. Children of parents working evening and nights shifts are particularly at-risk.

<sup>11</sup> NCJIS, Juvenile Case Management System

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- Economic deprivation affects the ability to afford adequate child care and meet other basic family needs.
- Family conflict (Child Abuse/Neglect; Domestic Violence; Family member substance abuse/criminal behavior)
- Language/cultural barrier – Parents of many youth of diverse backgrounds do not speak English well nor do they understand community standards and norms. Their children are integrating with the community much more quickly but are being influenced negatively by others involved in the gang culture.
- Youth disregard for the law, authority, and community standards.

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<b>Table 11. Comprehensive Strategy Risk Factor Data for Dakota County, NE</b>								
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>Availability of Drugs</b>								
# Compliance Checks - Tobacco & Alcohol	18	36	31	28	42	25	31	31
Compliance Rate - Tobacco & Alcohol	72%	83%	84%	89%	81%	92%	94%	94%
Siouxland CARES Compliance Check Data								
<b>Early Initiation of the Problem Behavior</b>								
Juvenile Arrests-Total #	336	251	312	266	228	155	156	129
Nebraska Crime Commission								
<b>Economic Deprivation</b>								
Unemployment Rate (percent)	6.0%	7.3%	5.9%	5.8%	4.7%	3.7%	3.5%	n/a
USDA Economic Research Service								
All ages in poverty	14.6%	15.5%	12.9%	12.9%	14.4%	14.8%	14.6%	n/a
Under age 18 in poverty	20.5%	23.6%	19.7%	22.3%	22.3%	22.1%	20.7%	n/a
Median Household Income	42,192	43,729	47,273	46,582	45,631	50,289	49,093	n/a
US Census Bureau- SAIPE (Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates)								
% Students Enrolled in the South Sioux City School District Eligible for Free/Reduced Meals	63.2%	67.6%	68.3%	72.22%	66.5%	66.3%	64.6%	n/a
Nebraska Dept. of Education, (State of the Schools Report Card)								
% Students Eligible for Free/Reduced Meals-Dakota County	53%	53%	64%	65%	68.9%	69.5%	68.5%	n/a
Families Receiving Aid-Dependent Child Assistance	102	132	126	n/a	94	88	89	n/a
Nebraska Kids Count								
<b>Family History/Family Conflict</b>								
# Arrests for Simple Domestic Assaults	47	34	23	45	33	40	29	50
# Arrests for Aggravated Domestic Assaults	5	4	5	10	8	6	3	21
Nebraska Crime Commission								
# Teen Births, < 20 years old	53	44	34	39	29	33	34	n/a
# Births Total	408	391	333	399	355	367	360	n/a
Nebraska Vital Statistics								
<b>Academic Indicators for South Sioux City Community School District</b>								
% of English Language Learners	22.12%	23.33%	21.80%	18.46%	13.98%	12.15%	13.44%	n/a
% of Students Receiving Special Ed Services	13.30%	14.05%	12.42%	12.58%	14.22%	12.66%	13.17%	n/a
School Mobility Rate - %	16.35%	15.76%	13.42%	13.48%	16.58%	15.41%	17.23%	n/a
Nebraska Dept. of Education, (State of the Schools Report Card)								



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<b>Organizational Priority #1: Increase community awareness and scope of Dakota County Juvenile Services Team to ensure representation of diverse community stakeholders.</b>				
<b>Organizational Strategy 1: Increase participation on the Juvenile Services Team.</b>				
<b>Action Steps</b>	<b>Responsible Stakeholder</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Resources needed</b>	<b>Expected Results</b>
Identify individuals and organizations in Dakota County that provide relevant youth services.	Juvenile Service Team	Sept 2018/2019/2020	Meeting time & space.	-Increase communication about other youth-focused entities in Dakota County.
Develop a list of potential team members annually.	Juvenile Service Team	Jan 2019/2020/2021	Meeting time & space.	-Create a list.
Extend invitation to potential members.	Juvenile Service Team Leader; Team Members for follow-up calls.	March 2019/2020/2021	-Staff time -Invitations (paper or electronic) -Phone for follow-up.	-Invitations sent. -Follow-up by phone calls made.
Measure change(s) in team membership annually.	Juvenile Service Team Leader	December 2019/2020/2021	-Staff time -Documentation -Computer/software calculator	-Increase # of new individuals/organizations participating by 10%. -Increase attendance rate of individuals/organizations currently participating by 25%.
<b>Organizational Priority 1-2: Increase awareness of programs, services, etc. that are available in our community.</b>				
<b>Action Step</b>	<b>Responsible Stakeholder</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Resources Needed</b>	<b>Expected Results</b>
Invite local organizations and service providers to make a short presentation/training at quarterly Juvenile Service Team meetings.	Juvenile Services Team	Ongoing, quarterly	-Meeting space -Staff time to schedule presenters.	-Increased knowledge about community organizations and service providers. -Increase youth access to existing community resources and programs.

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<b>Issue-Based Priority #1: Reduce youth demand for and access to alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs.</b>				
<b>Strategy 1-1: Utilize evidence-based interventions/consequences for youth using alcohol, tobacco, and/or other drugs.</b>				
<b>Action Steps</b>	<b>Responsible Stakeholder</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Required Resources</b>	<b>Expected Results</b>
Identify and refer appropriate youth offenders to Teen Court.	Siouxland CARES/Teen Court Coordinator, Dakota County Attorney Office, Adult Volunteers, City of South Sioux City, Youth, South Sioux City Attorney	Ongoing; Monthly Teen Court hearings	-Coordinator, -Youth volunteers, -Adult judges, -Adult volunteers	-High rates of satisfaction from youth and family member(s) -Youth are assigned tasks that address the factors that led to the alleged offense -Reduce recidivism
The Diversion Coordinator will be an active member of on South Sioux City School Substance Abuse/Prevention Committee.	South Sioux City Senior High School, Diversion Coordinator	Ongoing	-Staff time	-Coordinated prevention efforts. -Increase school input on Juvenile Services Plan.
Heartland Counseling will be providing an evidence-based prevention curriculum to students enrolled at Emerson-Hubbard Schools, Homer Schools, and South Sioux City Schools.	Heartland Counseling, South Sioux City Community Schools	2018-2019 school year	-Curriculum -Facilitator -Students -Meeting time/space	-School-based prevention curriculum is implemented in South Sioux City Schools.
<b>Strategy 1-2: Target commercial and social access to alcohol, tobacco and illicit drugs by minors.</b>				
<b>Action Steps</b>	<b>Responsible Stakeholder</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Required Resources</b>	<b>Expected Results</b>
Conduct compliance checks of convenience stores, bars, and restaurants.	Siouxland CARES, Law Enforcement, Youth, City of South Sioux City	Quarterly 2018-2021	-Officers -Youth -"buy" money -Siouxland CARES staff	-Reduce number of out-of-compliance vendors. -Out-of-compliance vendors receive training per City of South Sioux City Ordinance.
<b>Strategy 1-3: Implement awareness and social marketing initiatives that reinforce community standards and norms that discourage use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs by youth.</b>				
<b>Action Steps</b>	<b>Responsible Stakeholder</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Required Resources</b>	<b>Expected Results</b>
Siouxland CARES continues to implement the "Be Somebody" campaign.	Siouxland CARES	Ongoing 2018-2021	-Media access and support	-Increase anti-tobacco, alcohol, and drug use attitudes among youth

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Utilize multi-level campaign, presentations, and community action initiatives to establish community standards related to the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs for both youth and for those of legal age.	Media (TV, Radio, Paper), Schools, Parents, Faith Community, Youth, Law enforcement/Justice agencies, Siouxland CARES, Service Providers, PTA's/PTO's, Cultural Groups	Attend School Substance Abuse/Prevention Committee Meeting quarterly 2018-2021	-Prevention resource materials -Media materials (PSA's, posters, brochures, etc.), Social marketing training for key participants	-Increase social resistance skills of youth -Increase awareness of prevention as a community responsibility -Adult modeling of accepted community tobacco and alcohol use standards and behaviors -Increase awareness of prevention as a community responsibility
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**Issue-Based Priority #2 Promote positive youth development by reducing problem behaviors among youth.**

**Strategy 2-1: Build community and parental awareness/recognition of gang-related behavior.**

Action Steps	Responsible Stakeholder	Timeline	Required Resources	Expected Results
Assess the patterns of gang-culture/activity among Dakota County residents.	Juvenile Service Team, Probation, Law Enforcement, Youth & Parents, Schools, Service Providers	Ongoing, quarterly	-Data -Participation /collaboration of community stakeholders -Law Enforcement input/participation	-Communicate findings with community stakeholders. -Increase knowledge of gang-culture/activity in Dakota County.
Monitor gang-related graffiti in the City of South Sioux City.	Juvenile Service Team	Quarterly review	-Police Department/Law Enforcement reports	-Increased knowledge of gang-related activity occurring in South Sioux City.
iHeart Radio Parent's Guide provided to parents through collaboration between iHeart Radio and schools.	Siouxland CARES, Schools	Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2020	-Supplies -Staff time	-Guide is provided to parents.

**Strategy 2-2: Continue to utilize alternatives to detention, such as electronic monitoring, tracking services, and family support services.**

Action Steps	Responsible Stakeholder	Timeline	Required Resources	Expected Results
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<p>Probation will continue to utilize the appropriate alternatives to detention, including electronic monitoring, tracking, and family support, as indicated by risk screening/assessment for pre-adjudicated youth.</p>	<p>Dakota Juvenile Services Team, State Probation, County Commissioners, Service Providers, Social Service Agencies</p>	<p>Ongoing, collect data per fiscal year and review annually.</p>	<p>-Service providers -Electronic device with internet-anywhere capabilities so data is kept continually updated for all parties concerned.</p>	<p>-Data about # of intake screenings completed, results of intake screenings, # of youth referred to detention alternative, &amp; outcomes for youth referred to detention alternative. -Reduce number of pre-adjudicated youth held in detention. -Reduce other problem behaviors related to alleged offense. -Youth and family receive therapeutic and/or skill-based support as needed</p>
<p>The Juvenile Diversion program will utilize electronic monitoring, tracking, and family support services as indicated by risk screening/assessment for pre-adjudicated youth referred to diversion for an alleged law violation &amp;/or school refusal/truancy.</p>	<p>Dakota County Attorney, Diversion Coordinator, Dakota Juvenile Services Team, State Probation, County Commissioners, Service Providers, Social Service Agencies</p>	<p>Ongoing, collect data per fiscal year and review annually.</p>	<p>-Service providers -Electronic device with internet-anywhere capabilities so data is kept continually updated for all parties concerned.</p>	<p>-Data about the # of youth on diversion who utilized electronic monitoring, tracking, and/or family support. -Improve school attendance. -Youth and family receive therapeutic and/or skill-based support as needed.</p>
<p><b>Strategy 2-3: Continue the Dakota County Juvenile Diversion program.</b></p>				
<p><b>Action Steps</b></p>	<p><b>Responsible Stakeholder</b></p>	<p><b>Timeline</b></p>	<p><b>Required Resources</b></p>	<p><b>Expected Results</b></p>
<p>Utilize evidence-based programming that addresses risk and protective factors.</p>	<p>Dakota County Attorney, Diversion Coordinator, Juvenile Services Team, Community Action Agency, Mental Health, Substance Abuse, Psychiatric/Psychological Service Providers,</p>	<p>Ongoing, data entered into JCMS</p>	<p>-Tool to determine needed services. -Information about existing assistance programs. -Collaborative relationships between</p>	<p>-Measurement tool administered. -Existing programs contacted. -Data collected &amp; analyzed. -Diversion plan addresses identified risk/protective factors. -Reduce recidivism.</p>

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	County Schools, Siouxland CARES/Teen Court		agencies, organizations, & service providers. -Incentives for youth enrolled in diversion. -Computer & computer software to track & monitor referrals, services provided, etc.	
Develop and implement programming to intervene effectively with youth referred to diversion for truancy/school refusal.	County Attorney Diversion Coordinator	Ongoing; data entered in JCMS	-Training. -Staff time. -Collaboration between school & diversion program. -Computer & computer software.	-Evidence-based/informed programming is developed and implemented. -Data is collected and analyzed. -Outcomes are measured and reported. -Improved attendance and academic performance for youth who participate in programming.
Develop a list of meaningful community service opportunities.	Diversion Coordinator, Teen Court Coordinator	2018-Develop list, update quarterly	-Staff time -Phone/email -Collaboration with community organizations	-List is created. -Youth have opportunity to choose from variety of community service projects. -# of hours community service completed is recorded in JCMS.
<b>Strategy 2-4: Develop and implement programming for at-risk youth, youth assigned to diversion, and/or or youth on probation to address risk factors including: violence issues, anger management, and decision-making skills.</b>				
<b>Action Steps</b>	<b>Responsible Stakeholder</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Required Resources</b>	<b>Expected Results</b>
Continue to offer Juvenile MRT (Moral Reconciliation Therapy) to at-risk youth and youth on probation.	Dakota Juvenile Services Team State Probation County Commissioners	Ongoing, Probation will monitor.	-Facilitator -Classroom space -Treatment materials including videos, workbooks, treatment outlines	-Number of classes offered. -Number of youth attending.

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Develop and implement community-based wrap around services for pre-adjudicated youth to reduce accessibility barriers (examples: language, transportation, finances, recreation, education, etc.) to programming, services, and other youth-related activities.	Probation Officers, Diversion Coordinator Substance Use Treatment providers, Mental Health Treatment providers, Psychological & Psychiatric Treatment Providers, Prevention Specialists	2018-2021; Update information on programming available and fees on an annual basis	-Information about program/class fees. -Information about funding streams. -Information about other forms of reimbursement (i.e. private insurance) Collaboration among providers and agencies.	-Increased communication and information sharing between services providers, juvenile justice workers, and community stakeholders. -Improved accessibility to therapeutic programming, educational classes, etc.
Heartland Counseling will employ two full-time, school-based therapists who will serve students enrolled in the South Sioux City elementary, middle, and high schools.	Heartland Counseling, South Sioux City Schools	Begins 2018-2019 school year	-therapists -office space	-Students will have increased access to mental health services
Offer a victim empathy class for at-risk youth.		2018-research need, curriculum, & costs 2019-implement 2020-evaluate	-Facilitator -Classroom space -Treatment materials including videos, workbooks, treatment outlines	-Number of classes offered. -Number of youth attending.
Utilize Youth Crisis Response Team for appropriate youth.	Heartland Counseling	Ongoing	-referral form	-Youth in crisis receive the services they need. -Most youth remain in community-based settings.
Work collaboratively with Dakota County Connections to address issues facing at-risk youth and families in our community.	Dakota County Connections, Dakota County Juvenile Service Team	Ongoing	Collaboration	-Increase resources available to at-risk youth and families. -Decrease in problem behaviors.
<b>Strategy 2-5: Research the need for a Truancy Court in Dakota County.</b>				
<b>Action Steps</b>	<b>Responsible Stakeholder</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Required Resources</b>	<b>Expected Results</b>
Conduct a needs assessment for a Truancy Court in Dakota County, including need to fund County Attorney position and/or Social Worker position related to this project.	County Attorney, Law Enforcement, Probation, South Sioux City Senior High School, Diversion Coordinator	2018-initial planning 2019-Analyze data/funding	-Meeting time & space -Data collection plan -Staff time to collect/analyze data	-Data is collected and analyzed. -Data report is compiled and presented to community stakeholders.

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		opportunities/com municate findings 2020-implement findings.	-Participation/ collaboration of community stakeholders.	
<b>Strategy 2-6: Identify and develop indigenous community resources to support and facilitate integration of new families in the community (with special emphasis on those families who may experience significant difficulties in bridging cultural and language barriers).</b>				
<b>Action Steps</b>	<b>Responsible Stakeholder</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Required Resources</b>	<b>Expected Results</b>
Identify organizations that provide relevant services. Discuss community resources/gaps during quarterly Juvenile Service Team meetings.	One Siouxland, Mary Treglia Community, Dakota County Connections, Juvenile Service Team	Ongoing, quarterly	-Staff time -Meeting space	-Increase knowledge about community resources and gaps in those resources.
Develop presentation for diverse caregivers on identifying mental health issues in adolescents, how to seek help, and overcoming stigma/barriers related to mental health issues	Heartland Counseling, South Sioux City Schools, SSC United Methodist Church	Presentation in Fall of 2018-2019 school year	-speaker -meeting space -caregivers	-Increase knowledge about mental health issues that impact adolescents -Normalize process of seeking professional help for mental health issues -Caregivers more likely to notice and seek treatment if their child appears to be experiencing a mental health problem
<b>Strategy 2-7: Develop and implement programming that informs youth about responsible social media use.</b>				
<b>Action Steps</b>	<b>Responsible Stakeholder</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Required Resources</b>	<b>Expected Results</b>
South Sioux City Schools will provide annual training to students on responsible social media use.	South Sioux City Schools	Ongoing, annual	-speaker -meeting space -students	-Increase knowledge about responsible social media use, including educational, personal, and legal consequences of irresponsible use
<b>Strategy 2-8: Support School Resource Officer programs that exist in Dakota County Schools</b>				

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Action Steps	Responsible Stakeholder	Timeline	Required Resources	Expected Results
Continue School Resource Officer position in Homer Community School District	Dakota County Sheriff's Office, Homer Community Schools	2018-2021	-staff -office space	-Students & staff build positive relationship with law enforcement -Criminal issues that occur at school are addressed
Identify training opportunities for SRO staff members	Dakota County Sheriff's Office, SSC Police Department, SRO staff members, Juvenile Service Team	Ongoing	-staff time -funding	-SRO staff members receive ongoing training related to SRO position



## Appendix

### A. Approval Letter/minutes from County Board

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**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
DAKOTA COUNTY**

**RESOLUTION 18C-006**

**RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION AND APPROVAL OF THE  
DAKOTA COUNTY JUVENILE SERVICES COMPREHENSIVE PLAN  
JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2021**


Whereas, the Dakota County Juvenile Services Comprehensive Plan recognizes the priorities and specific strategies for juvenile services within Dakota County; and

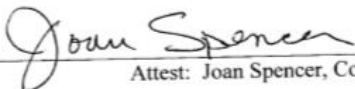
Whereas, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners supports the legislatures intent to encourage communities to develop a continuum of non-secure detention services for the purpose of enhancing, developing and expanding the availability of services available for pre-adjudicated youth; and

Whereas, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners supports programs and services that will divert juveniles from the juvenile justice system, impact and effectively treat juveniles within the system and reduce the juvenile detention population by deterring involvement in the formal system.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts and approves the Dakota County Juvenile Services Comprehensive Plan dated July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution was approved and executed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2018

  
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Scott Love, Board Chair

  
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Attest: Joan Spencer, County Clerk

