

York County Juvenile Services Comprehensive Community Plan July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2021

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SECTION I

COMMUNITY TEAM

Description of Team:

The York County Drug Task Force/Juvenile Services Community Planning Team (Planning Team) was gathered to develop the first comprehensive plan in 2003. Since that time the Planning Team has met monthly to discuss the ongoing success of strategies, and any modifications needed to meet the goals and priorities of the county's Comprehensive Plan. To accomplish this the Planning Team meets as one collaborative body with no subcommittees currently standing. Over the years the membership has evolved as new agencies develop and individuals move to other positions or retire. The current Planning Team consists of the following members:

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Section II

Juvenile Justice System Analysis Tool

Risk and protective factor information is available through data collected in the 2016 Nebraska Risk and Protective Factor Student Survey (NRPFSS). The NRPFSS targets Nebraska students in grades 6, 8, 10, and 12 with a goal of providing schools and communities with local-level data. As a result, the NRPFSS is implemented as a census survey, meaning that every public and non-public school with an eligible grade can choose to participate. The survey is designed to assess adolescent substance use, delinquent behavior, and many of the risk and protective factors that predict adolescent problem behaviors. The Nebraska survey is adapted from a national, scientifically-validated, survey and contains information on the risk and protective factors that are locally actionable. These risk and protective factors are also highly correlated with substance abuse as well as delinquency, teen pregnancy, school dropout, and violence.

The 2016 NRPFSS containing York County data and relevant comparison data has been attached to this plan as Appendices A and B.

Section III

Community Socio-Economics

York County, located in southeast/southcentral Nebraska, has a population of 13,917 according to the 2016 Community Health Status Assessment conducted by Four Corners Health Department. The population is spread across the towns and villages of Benedict, Bradshaw, Gresham, Henderson, Lushton, McCool Junction, Thayer, Waco and York. While the city of York is the center of economic activity, with a thriving downtown area and many retail establishments, agriculture is the primary economic driver across the county. Being positioned just three miles north of the intersection of Interstate 80 and Highway 81, hospitality and other travel related amenities support the economy of the county as well. Current demographics of the county are shown below:

Population Demographics

Population by Age	Number of Persons
Under 5 years	923
5-14 years	1,724
15-24 years	1,879
25-44 years	3,113
45-64 years	3,697
65-84 years	2,117
85 and older	464

Population by Gender	Number of Persons
Female	7,142
Male	6,775

Population by Race (NH=Not Hispanic)	Number of Persons
White Alone, NH	12,745
Black/African American, NH	70
American Indian or Alaska Native, NH	55

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Asian, NH	32
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander, NH	37
Hispanic or Latino	603
Other, NH	0
Two or more races, NH	255

Community Socioeconomic Characteristics

Median household income (2009-2013)	\$49,633
Per Capita Income (2009-2013)	\$28,207
Unemployment (2013)	3.7%
Percent of population below 100% of poverty level (2009-2013)	8.9%
Percent of population <18 years old below 100% pervert level (2009-2013)	9.3%
Percent of children receiving free or reduced lunch (2011-2012)	36%
Number of WIC recipients (2011)	481
Medicaid eligible (2011)	1,539

Education:

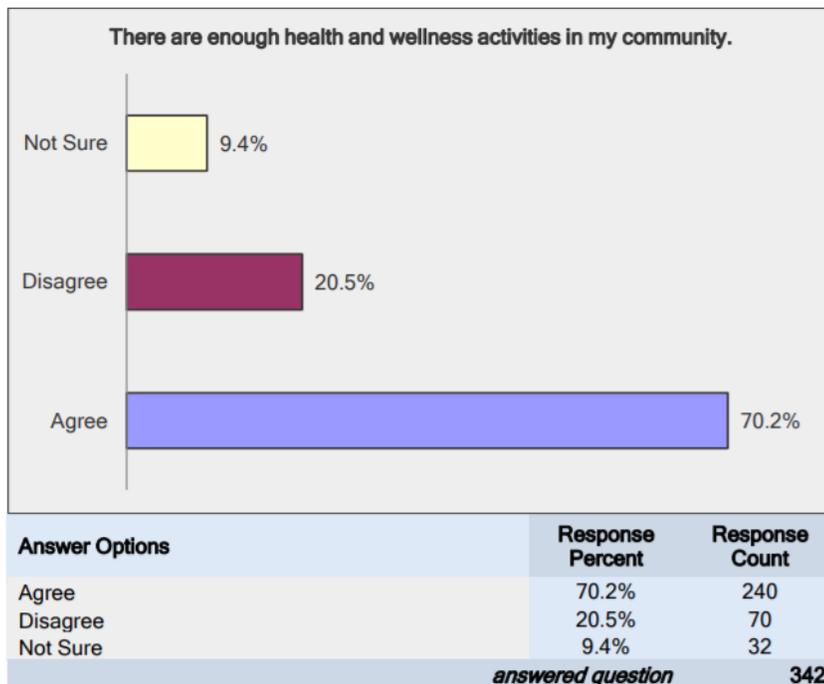
York County students attend the following school districts: Centennial Public School (K-12), Cross County Community School (K-12), Emmanuel-Faith Lutheran School (PreK-8), Heartland Community School (PreK-12), McCool Junction Public School (K-12), Nebraska Lutheran High School (9-12), St. Joseph Catholic School (PreK-8), York Public Schools (K-12), as well as multiple preschools. In addition, York County has two post-secondary institutions: York College, a private liberal arts school opened in 1890 and Southeast Community College Regional Learning Center, which opened in 2016. With strong educational offerings and options, the county's graduation remains above the state average since 2009, with a graduation rate of 95.7% in 2015.

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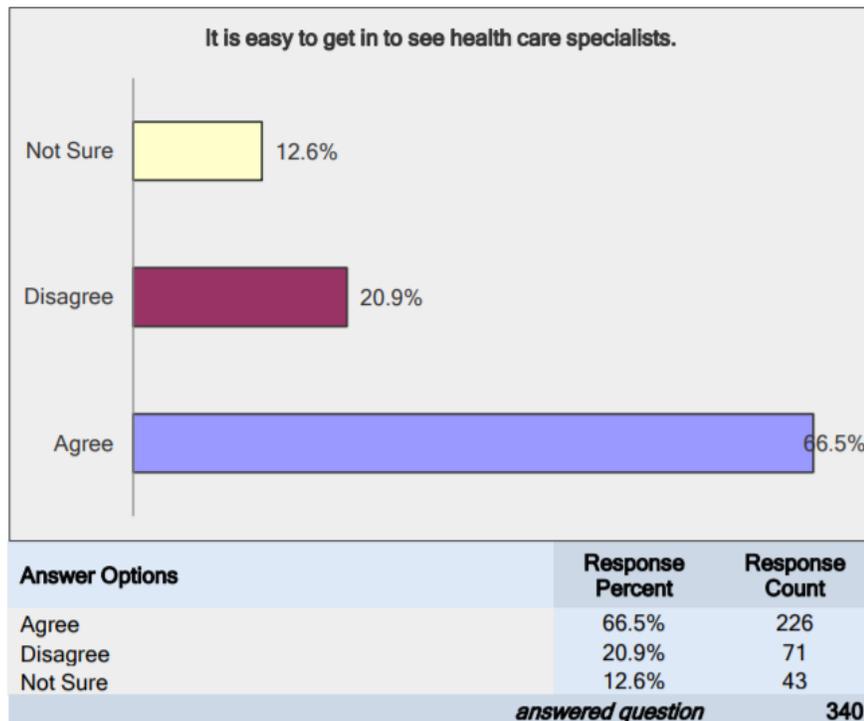
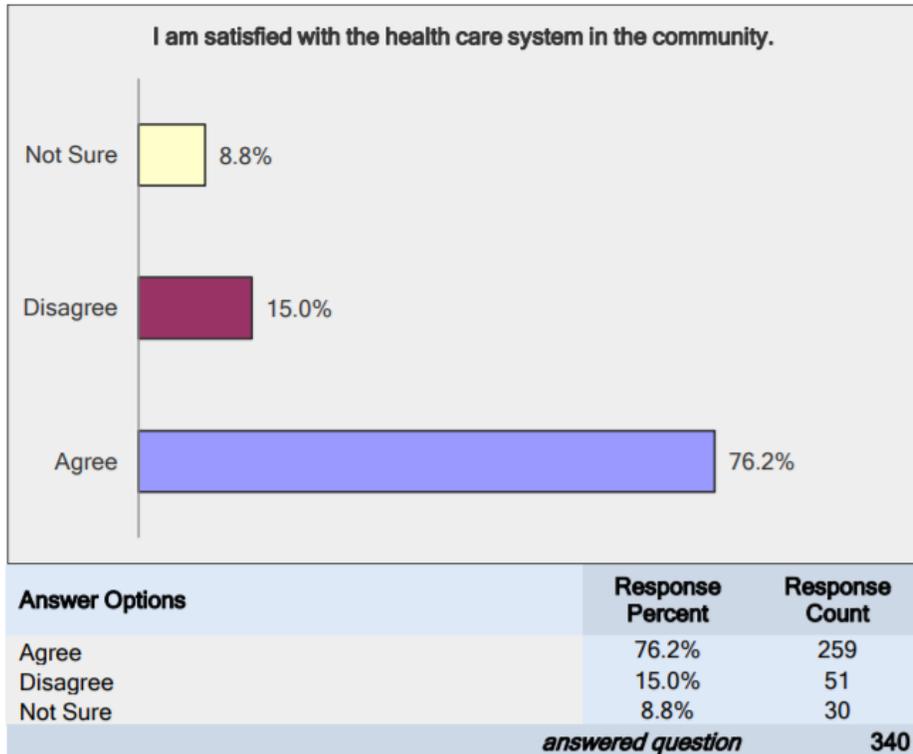
Education Levels	Percentage
H.S. or higher of persons 25yrs+	94.3%
Bachelor’s Degree or higher of persons 25yrs+	28.3%

Health Resource Availability:

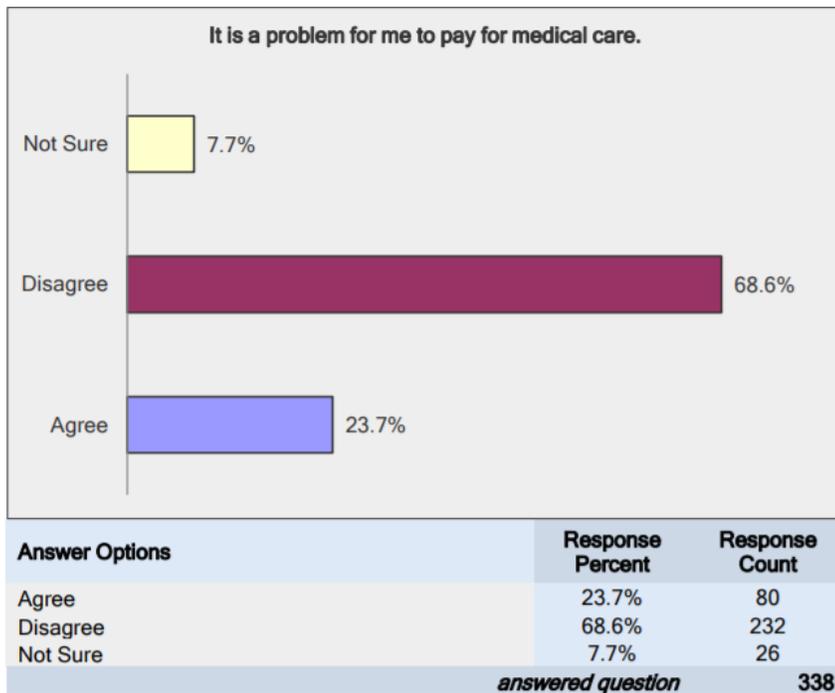
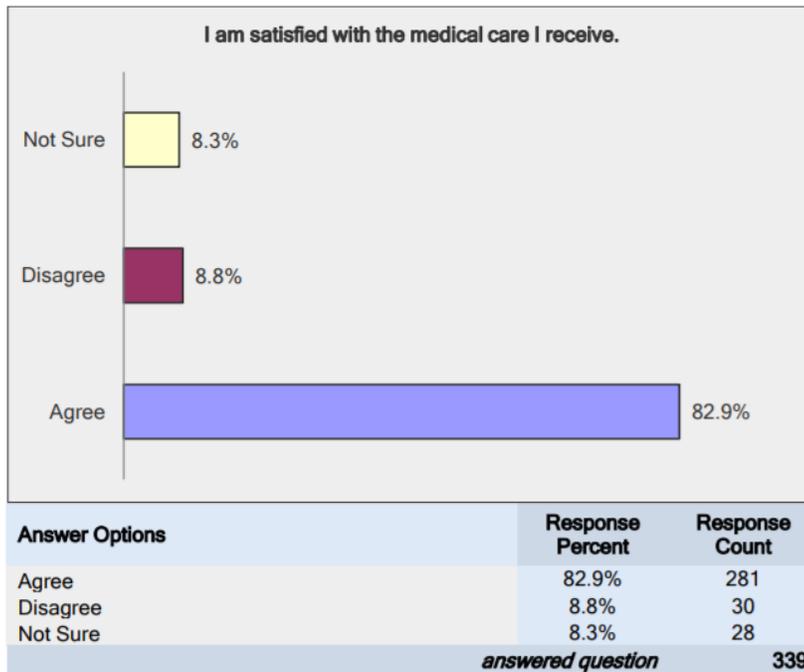
A 2015 Community Health Assessment (CHA) was done by the regional public health department, Four Corners Health Department. To complete the CHA, surveys were completed by 350 York County residents. The York County community responded:



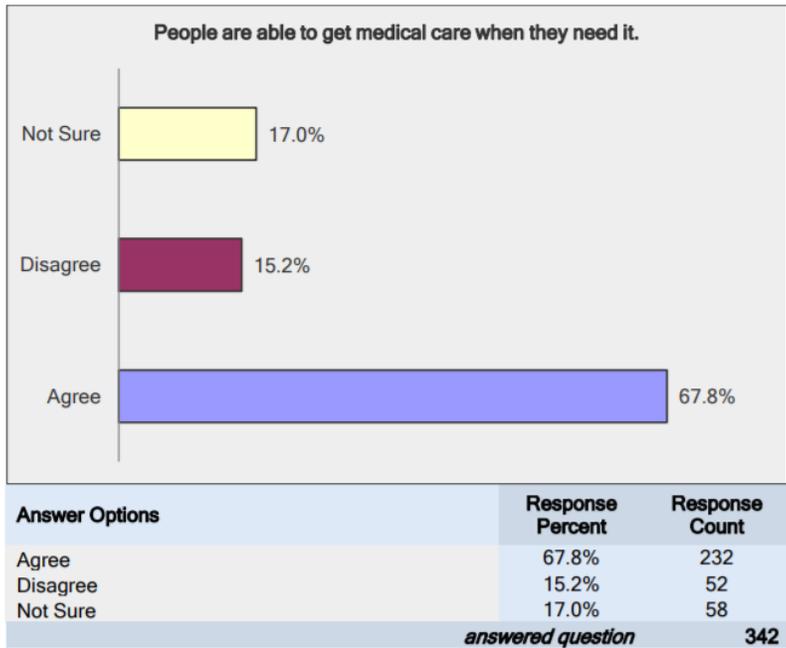
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Section IV

Identified Priority Areas & Corresponding Strategies

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Organizational Priorities

<p>Organizational Priority 1: Build Capacity for Cross Sector Collaboration and Alignment Duplication of representation and goals across several loosely linked workgroups/task groups within the county have resulted in disjointed efforts to improve preventative and crisis-intervention juvenile services. Building capacity for cross sector collaboration and alignment will reduce duplication; increase representation more reflective of the county demographic composition and resources available; and increase the impact/effectiveness of the Comprehensive planning.</p>		
Strategy	Resource Partners/established programming and room for new/innovated responsive programming and engagement	Expected outcomes
1. Increase collaboration resources and education for community partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -York County Health Coalition -Topical Task Group/Task Force/Workgroup Leaders -Agency Leaders 	Increase development of common agendas, shared measurements, mutually reinforcing activities and continuous communication across community partners that increase continued participation of and partnership with community members. Increased coordination of community planning meetings, ease in keeping the community plan updated and greater knowledge of the planning process and juvenile justice issues.
2. Increase knowledge of available resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Four Corners Health Department -York County Health Coalition -Agency leaders & officials -York County Prevention Network -Blue Valley Behavioral Health 	Increased knowledge base for individuals in search of services, service providers and the community at large.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services -Area School Districts -Law Enforcement Agencies. 	
<p>3. Establish collaborative infrastructure within the Planning Team</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Community Planning Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Formalize commitments, evaluate and make room for equity of voices serving on the planning team -Establish regular meeting times -Elect/assign Planning Team leader(s) to work with the County Attorney -Streamline efficiently of organization operation

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Issue Based Priorities

<p>Issue Based Priority 1: Promote Healthy Youth Development & Community Engagement</p> <p>Operating models are needed that are responsive to, and knowledgeable of, current family strengths, cultures, socioeconomics, barriers and other realities of family life in York County. Increasing community engagement makes space for greater equity of story and knowledge sharing, allowing the Planning Team to better understand the day-to-day needs of parents and enabling York County service providers to build responsive programs that increase consistent messaging on healthy youth development throughout the community.</p>		
Strategy	Resource Partners/established programming and room for new/innovated responsive programming and engagement	Expected outcomes
1. Increase family engagement/collaboration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -York County Health Coalition -Topical Task Group/Task Force/Workgroup Leaders -Agency Leaders -Families -Schools/Educational - Cross-sector community collaborations - Juvenile Support Worker 	Increase consistent messaging for youth throughout community, shared value of positive, healthy youth behaviors; increased empowerments, supports and resources for families; increased family driven community planning; increased equity; hire a Juvenile Support Worker to provide outreach to at-risk families
2. Increase cross-sector community collaboration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Schools/Educational -Business -Youth and family centered organizations, services and programming -Policy makers - Cross-sector community collaborations 	Increase consistent formal and informal supports for families and youth; increased family-driven policy development and revision; shared value of positive healthy youth behaviors; increased equity; increased progress toward greater health and well-being knowledge, support and culture of promotion.

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3. Increase availability and accessibility of environments that promote and support positive youth behaviors and healthy development	- Cross-sector community collaborations	Greater efficient use of community resources that promote and support positive youth behavior and healthy development, and increased normalization of resources usage; develop a diversion program to keep juveniles out of the juvenile justice system, where appropriate.
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Issue Based Priority 2: Promote Mental Health Wellness
 The Planning Team has identified a gap in mental health wellness services available to juveniles residing in York County, as well as a need to eliminate barriers (including socio-economic, lack of awareness) to accessing the limited services that are available.

Strategy	Resource Partners/established programming and room for new/innovated responsive programming and engagement	Expected outcomes
1. Increase public education, awareness and knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Community businesses/organizations and agencies both mental health related and not -Topical Task Group/Task Force/Workgroup Leaders -Agency Leaders -Families -Schools/Educational -Policymakers -Local colleges and mental health practitioners - Cross-sector community collaborations 	Increase consistent positive informed mental health wellness messaging throughout community; increased shared value of mental health wellness; increased empowerments, supports and resources for residents for mental health wellness; increased equity and participation in community life; policy revision and development.

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<p>2. Increase availability of coordinated resources and environments promoting mental health wellness</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Schools/Educational -Business -Youth and family centered organizations, services and programing -Policy makers -Mental health practitioners -Cross-sector community collaborations 	<p>Increased availability of services, funds, and practitioners in needed mental health wellness areas within York County. Increased access/decreased barriers for providers to provide services. Increase consistent formal and informal supports for families and youth; increased family-driven policy development and revision; shared value of positive healthy youth behaviors; increased equity; increased progress toward greater health and well-being knowledge, support and culture of promotion; decreased stigma and increased normalization of offerings; increased active progress toward offering mental health wellness supports; employment of a Juvenile Support Worker to assist in mental health comprehensive care.</p>
<p>3. Increase equitable accessibility to coordinated resources and environments promoting mental health wellness</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Mental Health practitioners -Policy Makers -Cross-sector community collaborations -Local School districts/Higher Education - Cross-sector community collaborations 	<p>(Infrastructure needs, Funding, Knowledge, Policy, in crisis needs, and prevention) Increased accessibility of services, funds, practitioners in needed mental health wellness areas within York County. Decreased barriers to access and availability, And decreased stigma/increased normalization of use, increased active participation in mental health wellness promotions/activities.</p>

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Issue Based Priority 3: Promote Substance Abuse Deterrence and Recovery		
York County, like many areas of the country, experiences a significant amount of substance abuse throughout the population, much of which affects juveniles in the County. Many resources exist within York County to address substance abuse deterrence and recovery, but public awareness of such resources is minimal and insufficient. Further, such resources are available to wide segments of the population, including juveniles, but such resources target only certain types of needs as it relates to substance abuse. Further programming directed specifically to juveniles is required, and awareness, knowledge, and accessibility to such services needs to be addressed.		
Strategy	Resource Partners/established programming and room for new/innovated responsive programming and engagement	Expected outcomes
1. Increase public education, awareness and knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Community businesses/organizations and agencies both mental health related and not -Topical Task Group/Task Force/Workgroup Leaders -Agency Leaders -Families -Schools/Educational -Policy makers -Local colleges and mental health practitioners 	Increase consistent positive, informed mental health wellness messaging throughout community; increased shared value of mental health wellness; increased empowerments, supports and resources for residents for mental health wellness; increased equity and participation in community life; policy revision and development.
2. Increase availability of coordinated resource offerings and environments promoting substance abuse deterrence and recovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Schools/Educational -Business -Youth and family centered organizations, services and programing -Policy makers -Mental health practitioners -Cross-sector community collaborations -Juvenile oriented services (JUVIOP, AANA, etc.) 	Increase consistent formal and informal supports for families and youth; increased family-driven policy development and revision; shared value of positive healthy youth behaviors; increased equity; increased progress toward greater health and well-being knowledge, support and culture of prevention.

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<p>3. Increase equitable accessibility to coordinated resources and environments promoting substance abuse recovery and deterrence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Mental health practitioners -Policy makers -Cross-sector community collaborations -Local school districts/higher education -Blue Valley Behavioral Health -Living Water Mission 	<p>(Infrastructure needs, funding, knowledge, policy, in crisis needs, and prevention) Increased access and availability of services, funds, practitioners in needed substance abuse deterrence and recovery within York County. Decreased barriers to access and availability, and decreased stigma/increased normalization of use; increased active participation in substance abuse deterrence and recovery promotions/activities; utilize Juvenile Support Worker as a first-responder in the school system, a diversion worker to the courts, and a liaison between the student and services/probation/the school.</p>
<p>4. Employ a Juvenile Support Worker to handle truancy, diversion, and other issues related to at-risk youth.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - County Attorney - Juvenile Support Worker - Public School Systems - Other community resources 	<p>Increased services provided directly to youth and families; qualifying juveniles diverted away from the juvenile justice system; increased school attendance; Improved youth behaviors at school, home, and in the community; Decreased barriers between the at-risk youth and services needed for the youth and the family.</p>

Appendix

- A. Juvenile Systems Analysis Tool
- B. Juvenile Systems Analysis Tool
- C. Approval Letter/Minutes from County Board