

York County Juvenile Services Comprehensive Community Plan

Juvenile Services

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SECTION II

COMMUNITY TEAM

Description of Team

We gathered this team of members when the comprehensive plan began developing in 2003. We inquired among the different sectors, finding that many different service providers and other interested individuals believed in the importance of a coalition of this nature. We have met to discuss the modifications that need to be done to the current comprehensive plan, and everyone is in agreement to the goals and objectives that will be discussed in this plan. We currently meet on a quarterly basis. The team is called the Juvenile Services Community Planning Team. We serve as one committee; we have no sub-committees in place at this time.

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Section III

Juvenile Justice System Analysis Tool

See appendix A

Community Capacity Inventory

As part of York County's Community Planning process, the Community Capacity Inventory (CCI) survey was administered to programs and services available to youth in order to gain an understanding of how the 40 Developmental Assets and YLS risk-need factors are being addressed in your community. The CCI provides insight into the community's availability of juvenile services. Specifically, it helps the community understand how the 40 Developmental Assets and the YLS/CMI risk-need factors are addressed in York County.

17 programs working with youth in York County responded to the CCI survey. According to a community meeting discussion, there were some programs and services for youth that were not captured by the CCI survey. The following results, therefore, are based on those that responded, with full knowledge that a broader array of programs and services may be available to youth in the area.

The *highest* identified Assets being cultivated among youth in York County's programs and services responding to the survey include the following:

External Assets

#12 - SCHOOL BOUNDARIES—School provides clear rules and consequences. (10 programs)

#1 - FAMILY SUPPORT—Family life provides high levels of love and support. (9 programs)

#2 - POSITIVE FAMILY COMMUNICATION—Young person and her or his parent(s) communicate positively, and young person is willing to seek advice and counsel from parents. (9 programs)

#9 - SERVICE TO OTHERS—Young person serves in the community one hour or more per week. (9 programs)

Internal Assets

#30 – RESPONSIBILITY— Young person accepts and takes personal responsibility. (15 programs)

#29 - HONESTY—Young person “tells the truth even when it is not easy.” (11 programs)

The *lowest* identified Assets being cultivated by the responding programs are:

#17 - CREATIVE ACTIVITIES—Young person spends three or more hours per week in lessons or practice in music, theater, or other arts. (0 programs)

#13 – NEIGHBORHOOD BOUNDARIES—Neighbors take responsibility for monitoring young people’s behavior. (1 program)

#20 – TIME AT HOME— Young person is out with friends “with nothing special to do” two or fewer nights per week. (2 programs)

#27 - EQUALITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE—Young person places high value on promoting equality and reducing hunger and poverty. (2 programs)

YLS/CMI Risk-Need Factors Addressed

"The Youth Level of Service/Case Management Inventory is a combined and integrated risk/needs assessment instrument for use with general populations of young offenders. The YLS/CMI has shown to be a reliable predictor of recidivism for young males and females, and to also predict the risk of future violent conduct by male youths. It is also increasingly being used to provide data about risk and need to help inform decisions about the design and delivery of services to young offenders". (Hoge & Andrews, 2008)

The CCI asked each program to identify the YLS/CMI factors that are being addressed by their particular program or service.

According to the CCI findings, the *highest* identified YLS/CMI factors being addressed by York County’s responding programs and services are:

- Inconsistent parenting
(10 programs)

- Verbally aggressive/impudent
(9 programs)

On the opposite end, the YLS/CMI factors with the *fewest* responding programs/services addressing such are, at 0 programs/services, is:

- Not seeking employment
(0 programs)
- Unemployed
(1 program)
- Inflated Self-Esteem
(3 programs)

Section IV

Community Socio-Economics

York County, with a population of 13,665, is located in southeast Nebraska. It lies between Highway 81 and Interstate 80.

York County, Nebraska: Sex by Race Population Estimates, 2011

Count	White	Black	American Indian	Asian	Total
Male	6,550	89	27	33	6,699
Female	6,812	120	46	49	7,027
Total	13,362	209	73	82	13,726

Puzzanchera, C., Sladky, A. and Kang, W. (2012). "Easy Access to Juvenile Populations: 1990-2011." Online. Available: <http://www.ojjdp.gov/ojstatbb/ezapop/>

Economics -

York County has a strong Agriculture base; followed by Hamilton-Sundstrand Aerospace- employment 230 - established 1982 - no unions - manufactures aerospace components; and Champion Home Builders Company - employment 237 - established 1960 - no union-manufactured housing.

Education -

York Public Schools, McCool Public Schools, Heartland Community Schools (Henderson and Bradshaw, Cross County Community School (Benedict), Centennial Public Schools, (Gresham, Waco and Thayer), St. Paul Lutheran School, Nebraska Lutheran High School, St. Joe Catholic School, Emmanuel Lutheran School, Larsen Christian Academy, numerous Pre-Schools, Head Start, Epworth Village, Home Schooling, distance learning for college credits from Southeast Community College and Univ. Of Nebraska-Lincoln, York College, Community Education and York Public

Alternative School. 90.6% of individuals age 25 or older are high school graduates. (U.S. Census Bureau 2010 census figures)

Recreation -

Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H, Youth Community Sports, (football, baseball, softball, soccer, swimming, basketball) dance lessons, karate classes, city parks, skate park, Recharge Lake (camping and fishing), York Community Center, Church Youth Group activities, York County Fair, trap shooting, bowling, movie and video game rentals, hiking and biking trails at Beaver Creek, Family Aquatic Center, Wessels Living History Farm and York Children's Museum.

Other variables -

York and Henderson Police Departments, York County Sheriff Department, York County Probation, HHS, Medical Clinics in York and Henderson, York General Hospital, Henderson Hospital, York County and District Court, Juvenile Holdover facility at Epworth Village, Team Mates Mentoring Program, CASA, Foster Care, counseling services, emergency shelter, Blue Valley Mental Health and Crisis Center, Foster Care Review Board, Grace Children's Home in Henderson and Living Water Rescue Mission.

York is located five miles North of I-80. Highway 81 runs directly (north/South) through the cities of McCool, York, and Benedict. Highway 34 access (East/West) to Bradshaw, Gresham, Thayer, Henderson, and Waco. There are a high number of interstate travelers utilizing the services of the city of York.

York County, Nebraska: Age by Race Population Estimates, 2011

Selecting:	
Age	0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17

Count	White	Black	American Indian	Asian	Total
0	156	6	2	2	166
1	160	4	1	0	165
2	179	7	2	3	191
3	187	4	1	3	195
4	169	5	4	1	179
5	179	0	0	0	179
6	150	4	2	3	159
7	158	3	2	1	164
8	160	4	0	0	164
9	138	2	2	1	143

10	157	5	3	2	167
11	165	1	1	0	167
12	149	2	2	2	155
13	160	7	3	3	173
14	160	2	0	1	163
15	171	2	1	1	175
16	186	5	2	1	194
17	180	4	0	4	188
Total	2,964	67	28	28	3,087

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Section V

Identified Priority Areas & Corresponding Strategies

ORGANIZATIONAL PRIORITY AREAS

Priority #1

Our community needs to strengthen coordination of juvenile service efforts.

General Description

The Community Planning Team needs to be increased to better reflect the needs and available services in York County. There has not been a lot of interest in participating in community planning for several years. This has led to a decrease in knowledge sharing among service providers and stakeholders. There is also a strong feeling among service providers that parents need to be a stronger influence in youth's lives. Youth feel that they are not an active contributing part of the community.

Strategy 1

Establish greater participation of youth service providers in community planning efforts.

This will be accomplished through regular quarterly meetings of the community planning team at a regular location. Planning meetings will be held in the Commissioners room in the basement of the courthouse in February, May, August and November on the second Friday of each month. If an alternate date is necessary it will be decided at the meeting prior.

Email notifications will be sent out to current and prospective participants. Notifications will also be communicated by phone and in the newspaper when possible. Community planning participants are encouraged to invite other interested parties.

The Community Plan Chair will reserve the meeting room as far in advance as is possible to ensure that the meeting location will remain the same. This will be done in early 2013. No resources will be needed. The expected result is increased attendance at meetings due to knowledge of the time and location of the meetings well in advance.

Strategy 2

Increase the community's awareness of its responsibility towards youth, thereby broadening the distribution of responsibility better across the county.

Parents and youth will be invited to participate in the community planning process. If

attendance at the regular meetings is difficult or impossible, every attempt will be made to reach parents and youth through telephone or email to keep them up to date on community planning efforts and to incorporate their ideas.

community planning members will regularly seek the input of parents, youth and other community leaders. This will be accomplished through attendance at parent organization meetings, youth groups and activities, presentations to adult leadership groups, and any other appropriate groups. Community Plan members will report on any information they have gathered from the events attended at our regular meetings. This will occur on an ongoing basis. Necessary resources will include knowledge of community events and possibly transportation. These will be provided by the participating agency. The expected outcome is increased community involvement of concerns of youth.

Strategy 3

Use available community planning resources for assistance

Utilize Crime Commission webinars on community planning and grant writing.

Seek support from the Nebraska Juvenile Justice Association through its membership, yearly conferences and community planning support.

The Community Planning Chairperson will attend a minimum of one training event per year. This will occur on an ongoing basis. Resources needed will primarily be financial. Support will be sought through Region V prevention grants, County Aid grant and any other identified sources. The expected outcome will be greater knowledge of the planning process and issues related to juvenile justice.

ISSUE BASED PRIORITY AREAS

Priority #2

Reduce underage consumption of illegal substances

General Description

Alcohol remains a common recreational activity among teens. Alcohol related crimes such as Minor in Possession or Consumption of Alcohol, Driving Under the Influence, assault, domestic violence and others are a result of this use.

Students from schools in York County participated in the Nebraska Youth Risk Behavior Survey. Results show that alcohol use is down among teens, but is still a concern. In 2011 61% of respondents reported having drunk alcohol in their lifetime. 27% reported having drunk alcohol in the past 30 days and 16% had binge drunk in the last 30 days. There has been a decline in alcohol consumption among teens since 1991 which is the first year the Youth Risk Behavior Survey was implemented. The 2011 figures are the first that indicate Nebraska youth alcohol use lower than national averages. This is a milestone to be proud of and should not be taken as a sign to stop focusing on prevention of underage drinking.

The largest increase in underage drinking in the Student Risk Behavior Survey was reported by 10th graders 62%, up from 48%, reported by 9th graders. 17% of youth younger than 13 years old reported having tried alcohol for the first time.

This suggests that the early years of high school are a peak time for trying alcohol.

Student Risk Behavior Survey females scored higher in all three areas: ever drank alcohol drank within the past 30 days and binge drank within the past 30 days. Young ladies were 3% more likely to have drunk alcohol in their lifetime, 2% greater within the last 30 days and 1% greater binge drank in the last 30 days.

64% of Student Risk Behavior survey respondents who reported drinking in the last 30 days got their alcohol from someone else who either bought it for them 29% or gave it to them 35%. Among this group who reported drinking in the past 30 days, 60% reported drinking at another person's home, 22% in their own home, 8% in a vehicle and 10% in all other places combined.

According to the Student risk Behavior Survey Marijuana use among high school students is substantially lower than the national average. Nebraska youth reported 25% had ever tried marijuana, while 40% of youth nationwide reported having tried marijuana. Youth in Nebraska who had used marijuana in the past 30 days was 13%, while the national average was 23%.

From November 2011 to November 2012 there were nine Juvenile Diversion program referrals. Seven of those individuals had citations related to alcohol or drugs. Since the beginning of the Juvenile Diversion program in 1999, there have been 162 with a Minor in Possession or Consumption of Alcohol citation and 12 citations for possession of drugs or drug paraphernalia out of a total of 355 diversion participants. Half of the drug related citations among diversion participants occurred in the past 4 years.

According to the Student Risk Behavior Survey Marijuana use among teens peaked in 2003 at 35%, but has decreased to 25% in 2011. Still it is higher than in 1991 19%. This shows that prevention efforts are having an impact, but that marijuana use is still common among teens.

Prescription drug use, not for its intended purpose, was 12% among teens in 2011 as reported in the Student Risk Behavior Survey. There is no data provided by SHARPS from previous years as a comparison. Observations from Health Department and the County Attorney suggest that illegal prescription drug use is on the rise.

Strategy 1

Public awareness of dangers and consequences of illegal substance use

The Drug Task Force will fund commercial size billboards with an alcohol, tobacco, and other drug prevention message. Billboards will be present at multiple sites for at least one month each year. This will be paid for through grant money received by the Drug Task Force.

The Drug Task Force will send letters to parents of older high school students during each spring semester. The letters are a joint effort between schools, the Drug Task Force and local law enforcement. The letter reminds parents of the dangers and consequences of underage drinking, especially common during prom and graduation events.

Local radio stations will air public service announcements on alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention topics. This is a free service.

Local alcohol retailers will post signage clearly stating the consequences for purchasing alcohol for those under 21. Each retail establishment will maintain its signage at its own expense.

The Drug Task Force will provide bracelets for area youth for Red Ribbon Week, in October of each year. Each school will plan events for its students on the theme of staying healthy, avoiding drug use and refusal skills. Grant funds will pay for the bracelets. Area schools will be responsible for planning all other events.

Individuals will know the dangers and consequences of underage drinking or providing alcohol to minors

Strategy 2

Provide diversion programming to youth

First time youth offenders with an alcohol or illegal substance citation who meet diversion requirements will be given the opportunity to participate in the diversion program. The youth will receive targeted, individualized intervention programming to reduce or eliminate repeat offenses. The youth will participate in community service, learn skills to assist them in making better future decisions, write a letter of apology to those affected by the situation, complete a life skills workbook and attend regular program meetings. This will occur on an ongoing basis.

The York County Diversion coordinator will provide all diversion programming. County Aid grant funds will be used to fund the diversion program.

Youth participating in diversion programming will not have a repeat offense of an alcohol or drug related crime within 1 year of completion of the program.

Strategy 3

Direct prevention efforts

The Diversion Services Coordinator will provide two 10 week sessions of the Why try program at the York Middle School. Once a week for 10 weeks each fall and spring the Coordinator will present one lesson on decision making, labels, defense mechanisms, peer pressure, motivation, problem solving, support systems, following rules, working hard and staying on track. The lessons will include a visual analogy, music, activities and group discussions to help students learn valuable skills that will help them be successful in all areas of their lives.

No additional resources will be necessary since the diversion program already has the Why Try curriculum and the Diversion Coordinator has attended relevant training. The York Middle School will maintain the after school program.

York Public Schools 6th grade students will participate in the DARE program. They will learn about the dangers of drug use and skills to assist them in making healthy choices.

York Middle School will provide all necessary resources. This program will be offered each school year.

The York County Extension Office will offer Health Rocks each spring semester at an area elementary school. Third to fifth grade students will learn about making healthy choices about physical activity, nutrition and not using alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. Health Rocks is taught by high school students and is supervised by an Extension Educator. This program is funded by Drug Taskforce grant funds with youth volunteers. An Extension Educator will administer the program.

Project Northland will be provided by Drug Task Force funds in cooperation with Blue Valley Behavioral Services. A counselor from Blue Valley will present Project Northland to junior high youth at the McCool Junction public school. Project Northland is an alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention program. It will be offered each school year.

Strategy 4:

Parent seminar on brain development, decision making and dangers of alcohol done by York County Extension and MADD

The York County Extension Office will provide a presentation for parents, educators and the public on youth brain development as it relates to decision making and risky behaviors. The workshop is planned for the fall of 2013 and will continue each fall. Participants will learn about the differences in the ways that children and adults think. Participants will learn why youth engage in risky behaviors more frequently than other age groups.

Following this presentation will be a short presentation by Mothers Against Drunk Driving on alcohol in adolescence. There will be a booklet given to all parents.

Resources needed will be space for the workshop, advertising of the event and funding for the booklets. It is expected that free space will be available in cooperation of one of the area schools. The event can be listed for free in the newspaper and in the school newsletters. A representative from MADD will assist with information about funding options for the booklets. The expected results are parents understanding why teens think the way they do. Parents will also have the information they need to begin talking to their teens about alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

Priority #3

Reduce violence in relationships and peer groups

General Description

Our county faces a current need to reduce violence in interpersonal relationships among teens.

Children and youth who are witness to domestic violence are more likely to exhibit behavioral and physical health problems including depression, anxiety, violence towards peers, attempts at suicide, abuse drugs and alcohol, run away from home, and engage in teenage prostitution.

Youth who participated in the Nebraska Youth Risk Behavior Survey reported 11% had been physically abused by a boyfriend/girlfriend. This is 2% higher than the national average of 9%. Males and females were equally likely to report having been abused by a boyfriend/girlfriend.

Both Nebraska youth and youth nationwide reported 8% having been forced to have sex. Females reported that 11% had been forced to have sex, while 5% of males reported having been forced to have sex.

The Community Team participants feel that the underlying issue of self esteem may be the cause of the increase in many issues facing young people. It is felt that programs intended to promote a positive self view and enhance refusal skills will benefit youth in regard to domestic violence as well as in many other areas of life.

Strategy 1

Identify a subcommittee of organizations willing to work together to provide violence prevention program instruction to youth.

Partnerships with schools, after school programs, church youth groups and other youth organizations will need to be made in order to have groups of youth to which this material could be presented. This will occur throughout 2013. No resources are needed. The Community Planning Chairperson will begin the organization of this strategy. The expected outcome is greater cooperation of interested parties in the common goal of nonviolence.

Strategy 2

The subcommittee will locate and secure funding to provide a research based, proven program to teens on violence in regard to dating with emphasis on self esteem.

The subcommittee will research possible programs to find the one that best meets the needs of youth in York County. This will occur during 2013-14.

All necessary resources will be identified and obtained throughout the implementation of this strategy.

Strategy 3

A person or persons willing to attend training and commit to the time necessary to present the program to youth will be needed. This person or persons will attend necessary training and begin presenting the chosen program. This will occur in 2014. Resources necessary will be the individual to present the program and funding for this person.

These resource needs are addressed in strategy two. The expected outcome is a reduction in the number of reported domestic violence related incidents.

Priority 4:

York County has a current and pressing need to address poor school attendance that is legally defined as truancy.

General Description:

There is an increasing problem with truancy in our community. Truancy is starting with children in elementary schools and spreads throughout High school. The problem is that children who are truant from school often go on to have problems in their adult life. Children

who do not attend school regularly often start taking drugs, alcohol, using tobacco and develop other high risk behaviors.

Truancy is the first red flag that a youth will be entering the juvenile justice system.

If left unaddressed truancy during the preteen and teenage years will have a devastating effect on the student, schools and society.

In the 2010/2011 school year, the first of the York County Truancy Diversion program, 12 students were referred. The next school year, 2011/2012, 16 students were referred. In the 2012/2013 school year 5 students have been referred as of November 14, 2012. Generally students will have 20 absences when a referral is made. Occasionally a referral will be made sooner if the student has a history of excessive absences or if the student is excessively tardy.

Strategy 1

County schools, Diversion and the County Attorney will share information about truancy definitions, needs and possible solutions. A greater understanding of the recent changes to laws regarding truancy will assist in implementing a more consistent approach to truancy in York County. This will occur before the beginning of the 2013/14 school year. Resources needed may include legal guidance on legal issues related to recent changes to truancy laws. The expected outcome is a common understand of laws, reporting requirements, what each agency is responsible for and other legal issues.

Strategy 2

Develop a systematic approach to counteracting truancy starting with the least amount of intervention, progressing through specific steps that will lead to the case being filed in court if the attendance problem cannot be addressed throughout the outlined process. This process will be a cooperative effort between schools, diversion and the County Attorney as well as any other agencies that may be able to provide needed services to the student. This will be accomplished before the beginning of the 2013/14 school year. No additional resources will be necessary. The expected outcome is an agreement on specific steps to be taken to improve the school attendance of any youth identified as being at risk of truancy.

Strategy 3

Provide opportunities for parents to be involved in their child's education.

The Diversion program in consultation with the County Attorney and area schools will establish a parent and student education workshop that will provide information about attendance laws, school policies, the ongoing effects of truancy, and health issues pertaining to school attendance. Resources needed will be addressed through previous strategies- understanding of relevant laws and an established truancy intervention protocol. A place to have the parent workshop and the cooperation of area schools will also be necessary. The expected outcome is the number of students referred to the County Attorney due to truancy will decrease.

Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid

(LB 561)

ADDENDUM

Lead County:	<u>York County</u>
List of Partnering Counties:	<u>NA</u>
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Which funds did you apply?	<input type="checkbox"/> CA <input type="checkbox"/> EG <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both
	<u>Reason for Change:</u>
New Priority [Can include Probation Office Space]	<u>Description of New Priority:</u>
	<u>Supporting Data:</u>
	<u>List Priority: Priority 4</u>
	<p>York has a current and pressing need to address poor school attendance that is legally defined as truancy.</p>
	<p>Reason for Change in Strategy: Additional funding available to provide services to truancy cases.</p>
Existing Priority with New Strategy	<p>Description of New Strategy: Provide Family Support to those cases referred to the County Attorney's office for truancy issues. Often, the truancy issue with a youth is a systemic issue within the family, and not just an individual problem that needs resolved. Therefore, Family Support services would be available for those youth and families who may need extra skill building and education to assist in the success of the youth. The diversion coordinator will assess the needs of each youth referred to the Truancy Program and make appropriate referrals to Boys Town for services. It is expected that the barriers to the youth attending school will be absolved, preventing the youth from entering the juvenile justice system for further intervention.</p>
	<p>Supporting Data: In the 2010/2011 school year, the first of the York County Truancy Diversion program, 12 students were referred. The next school year, 2011/2012, 16 students were referred. For the calendar year of 2013, there were 15 youth in the truancy program. Two additional youth were placed on probation. Generally students will have 20 absences when a referral is made. Occasionally a referral will be made sooner if the student has a history of</p>

excessive absences or if the student is excessively tardy.

According to Aaron Plas, Assistant Principal, York High School, there are roughly 200 students each year that exceed the 20 day mark for absences. He indicates there is confusion as to the necessary requirements for notifying the York County Attorney about the students who exceed the 20 day mark, and is taking steps to alleviate the confusion. As a result, it is expected that the number of youth referred to the York County Attorney will increase.

Reason for Change:

Other Change

Description of Change:

Supporting Data:

Other Comments

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Due Date: Friday, January 10th, 2014 by 5:00 p.m. CST

Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid

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ADDENDUM

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Which funds did you apply? CA EG Both

Reason for Change:

New Priority Description of New Priority:
[Can include Probation Office Space]

Supporting Data:

List Priority: Priority 5

Probation Office Expansion

LB561 mandates the expansion of probation services offered throughout Nebraska. This impacts York County directly, as three (3) new positions have been created to meet the demands of the expansion. This includes one (1) supervisor, one (1) high risk juvenile officer and one (1) Predisposition Investigation (PDI) officer.

Reason for Change in Strategy: Additional staff has been hired to work with high risk youth in York County, requiring an expansion of resources. New funding is available to provide resources for officers.

Existing Priority with New Strategy Description of New Strategy:

Strategy #2

Each officer maintains a caseload and is required to complete fieldwork and/or intake screens on a very frequent basis. Equipment and additional training needs, outside of New Probation Officer Training provided by the Probation Administration are needed. Resources needed include financial. Expected outcome is increased visibility and resourcefulness in the community and homes of probation youth, as well as a decrease in probation violations, due to the completion of the Why Try curriculum.

Supporting Data:

Why Try is an approved curriculum through the Nebraska Probation Administration. Probation would like to facilitate this program with high risk probation youth, in an effort to increase accountability and reduce recidivism.

Currently, probation in York County serves 10 high risk youth. It is anticipated that due to the changes with LB561, that this number will increase greatly by July 1, 2014.

Reason for Change:

Other Change

Description of Change:

Supporting Data:

Other Comments

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Which funds did you apply? CA EG Both

Reason for Change: Detention alternatives are not currently available in York County. Additional funds are now available to aid with this.

Description of New Priority:

Priority 6:

Utilize detention alternatives when appropriate and available.

General Description

Youth who are detained are more likely to use drugs or alcohol, drop out of school, reoffend, and are more than three times more likely to be found guilty and incarcerated than similarly situated peers¹. Often, at the time of intake, placement of the youth may be necessary, but not to the point of placing the youth at an actual detention facility. This scenario may occur when a responsible adult is not available for the youth to be released, or the youth and/or their parent/guardian are unwilling to have the youth in the home, but the youth is not necessarily a danger to the community. Shelter Care and GPS electronic monitoring offer an alternative which is not a lock down facility.

New Priority

[Can include Probation Office Space]

Strategy 1

- Contract with Owens and Associates, to provide GPS Electronic Monitoring/Tracking services as an alternative to detention. The contract will be finalized by July 1, 2014, and the services utilized as needed. Resources needed are primarily financial. Expected outcome is reduced detention rates of juveniles in York County, as is deemed appropriate by the Probation Office.

Strategy 2

- Contract with Boys Town Shelter of Grand Island, Nebraska for Shelter Care beds as available and appropriate. The contract will be finalized by July 1, 2014, and the services utilized as needed. Resources needed are primarily financial. Expected outcome is reduced detention rates of juveniles in York County, as is deemed appropriate by the Probation Office.

Strategy 3

- Law Enforcement will participate in Intake Screening trainings offered by the Probation Office as requested. Law enforcement will receive updated information as to changes in procedure, protocol and legislation. Probation will have the opportunity to build relationships and offer guidance in the area of intake screening. Training opportunities will be ongoing, as requested. Resources needed are time commitment and ample conference space. Expected outcome is a strong relationship between local law enforcement and probation, as well as appropriate use of the intake screening process.

Supporting Data: According to the York County Clerk, York County spent a total of \$47,344.50 for services rendered at Northeast Nebraska Juvenile Services in Madison, Nebraska and Lancaster Youth Services Center, in Lincoln, Nebraska from 2010 to 2012. Eight (8) youth were detained during this time. In 2013 alone, York County paid \$45,222.75 in claims to the entities for detention services. Four (4) youth were detained during this time.

List Priority:

**Existing Priority
with New Strategy**

Reason for Change in Strategy:
Description of New Strategy:

Supporting Data:

Other Change

Reason for Change:
Description of Change:
Supporting Data:

Other Comments

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Due Date: Friday, January 10th, 2014 by 5:00 p.m. CST