

Platte County

Comprehensive Juvenile Services

Community Plan

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Introduction

Platte County is located in Northeast Nebraska with an estimated total population of 33,470 within 12,947 households (U.S. Census Bureau, July 1, 2019 population estimates). Although other minorities are not a high percentage of the County's population, the Hispanic population is slightly more than that of the State (20.4% versus 18.5%).

The County has an economy that is primarily based on agriculture and manufacturing. According to the 2017 Census of Agriculture, the County had 383,635 acres of farmland with 459 farms. The Nebraska Department of Labor reported that for October, 2020, 35% of all non-farm employment in the County was in manufacturing industries. The second highest category for employment was local government (2,468 employees). Platte County demonstrates a healthy economy with the unemployment rate at only 2.3% as noted in the October report; there were 16,892 people in the labor force.

The U.S. Census Bureau data has shown the homeownership rate for 2015-19 was 72.5% compared to 66.1% for Nebraska. The median household income for the same time period was \$62,305 – very close to that of the State (\$62,843). The Census recorded that residents aged 25+ in Platte County have a somewhat lesser level of educational attainment than the State as a whole with 88.9% having earned a high school diploma (Nebraska was at 91.4%). The educational gap is more pronounced with higher education as only 21.8% of the 25 years and older population has a Bachelor's degree or higher as compared to 31.9% for Nebraska.

Platte County is home to three public school districts. According to the Nebraska Department of Education, the largest K-12 system is Columbus Public Schools which had a student enrollment in 2019-20 of 4,204. The other two districts are Lakeview Community Schools with 896 students and Humphrey Public Schools with 274 students. The County also has ten elementary parochial schools as well two Catholic Junior-Senior High Schools. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, private schools in the County had enrollments of 1,025 students at the elementary level (K-8) and 334 at the high school level (2018 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates). It should be noted that the County-Seat and largest community, Columbus, is also home to a campus of Central Community College. The Columbus site offers a variety of degree and certificate options in 14 career and technical programs and is a strong partner with both local industry and schools for the career development of our youth.

Data Summary

In reviewing the Community Needs Assessment provided by the UNO Juvenile Justice Institute, the data that was of most concern to the Platte County Juvenile Services Planning Team indicates a further need to focus on services and supports for our Hispanic population. This demographic often faces many obstacles as newer residents to the country and our region. The data points that was of most interest which are also displayed in the tables below, are:

- Platte County has a much larger Hispanic student population as compared to the rest of the state.
- Platte County has much higher rates of limited English proficiency students.
- Hispanic youth enroll in schools at roughly 30-35%, but make up roughly 30-50% of students chronically absent.
- Although the childhood poverty rate in Platte County is below the state average (11.1% versus 14.8%, Census 2018 5-year average), the school Free & Reduced Lunch rate has been generally several percentage points higher over the last several years. Although the rates by race/ethnicity are not provided for this data point, it may be inferred that students of Hispanic origin are overrepresented in the program as the Census Bureau reports that 20% of the Hispanic population was at or below the poverty level versus 8.1% for the general population (2019 5-Year estimates).

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

Year	Geographic Area	Total Count	Hispanic	Asian	American Indian or Alaska Native	Black or African American	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific islander	White	Two or More Races
2014-2015	Platte	4,779	32.98%	0.65%	0.84%	0.82%	0.10%	63.15%	1.46%
	Nebraska	312,281	17.74%	2.43%	1.42%	6.70%	0.13%	68.20%	3.38%
2015-2016	Platte	4,945	34.20%	0.51%	0.89%	0.87%	0.10%	62.29%	1.15%
	Nebraska	315,542	18.08%	2.53%	1.38%	6.67%	0.14%	67.72%	3.47%
2016-2017	Platte	5,065	35.40%	0.51%	1.18%	0.91%	0.10%	60.61%	1.28%
	Nebraska	318,853	18.61%	2.66%	1.38%	6.69%	0.15%	66.92%	3.59%
2017-2018	Platte	5,072	35.82%	0.63%	0.75%	0.87%	0.12%	60.49%	1.32%
	Nebraska	323,391	18.80%	2.76%	1.35%	6.67%	0.14%	66.50%	3.78%
2018-2019	Platte	5,222	36.50%	0.59%	0.77%	0.90%	0.11%	59.77%	1.36%
	Nebraska	325,984	19.13%	2.83%	1.33%	6.63%	0.15%	66.02%	3.91%

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

Year	Geographic Area	Total Youth with Chronic Absenteeism	Hispanic	Asian	American Indian or Alaska Native	Black or African American	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific islander	White	Two or More Races
2014-2015	Platte	449	44.99%	*	*	*	*	55.01%	*
	Nebraska	35,638	24.54%	1.64%	4.42%	12.93%	0.19%	51.61%	4.68%
2015-2016	Platte	498	48.39%	*	2.41%	*	*	49.20%	*
	Nebraska	38,812	25.73%	1.55%	4.27%	13.68%	0.27%	49.68%	4.83%
2016-2017	Platte	544	51.84%	*	*	*	*	48.16%	*
	Nebraska	42,290	26.90%	1.66%	4.40%	14.22%	0.24%	47.66%	4.92%
2017-2018	Platte	467	56.96%	*	*	*	*	43.04%	*
	Nebraska	46,365	26.81%	1.77%	4.18%	14.49%	0.22%	47.37%	2389
2018-2019	Platte	484	55.17%	*	*	*	*	44.83%	*
	Nebraska	46,356	27.64%	1.76%	4.16%	14.71%	0.23%	46.27%	5.23%

Per the Nebraska Department of Education, the * represents masked data, which they define as 10 or fewer students, for the confidentiality of the students.

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Disabilities, English Proficiency, Eligibility for Free/Reduced Lunch and School Year (2014 – 2019)

Year	Geographic Area	Total Count	IDEA	504 Plan	Limited English Proficiency	Free/Reduced Lunch
2014-2015	Platte	4,779	13.02%	0.25%	10.48%	47.63%
	Nebraska	312,281	13.66%	0.76%	5.97%	44.53%
2015-2016	Platte	4,945	12.32%	0.42%	9.93%	48.61%
	Nebraska	315,542	13.64%	0.90%	5.90%	44.23%
2016-2017	Platte	5,065	11.98%	0.32%	11.49%	51.43%
	Nebraska	318,853	13.80%	0.93%	6.99%	44.76%
2017-2018	Platte	5,072	13.92%	0.34%	10.00%	53.51%
	Nebraska	323,391	15.87%	0.88%	6.59%	46.24%
2018-2019	Platte	5,222	14.94%	0.71%	10.70%	48.30%
	Nebraska	325,984	16.13%	0.85%	6.78%	45.42%

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Besides seeing a need to focus efforts to better serve our Hispanic and immigrant families, the Planning Team members also continue to be concerned about the number of youth mental health crisis contacts being recorded in the community. Local data that is reviewed on a quarterly basis is presented by both the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services and the Crisis Response service. Over the last several years, DHHS has recorded the number of mental health crisis contacts with youth in Platte County as well as the number of those youth who were hospitalized because of the crisis. This information is shown in the table below – note that a youth can appear as a crisis contact more than once in the data.

**Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services
Youth Mental Health Crisis Contacts in Platte County**

YEAR	CONTACTS	HOSPITALIZED
2017	42	23
2018	18	10
2019	39	23
2020	19	15

Additionally, the Crisis Response program funded by Region 4 Behavioral Health Systems and operated by Good Life Counseling for Platte County has also been tracking the contacts with youth it has had. The program has been housed within Good Life for approximately 2 ½ years and has been more focused on serving the needs of both adults and youth – for a period of time in the past, minimal services for youth were available. Reliable data on youth contacts within this service is only available for 2019 and 2020 and the information is displayed in the table on the next page. Again, note that a youth can appear as a crisis contact more than once in the data. Additionally, the DHHS or Crisis Response has not been able to capture data for youth that have been hospitalized by parents without contact with either entity or with law enforcement.

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**Crisis Response Line
Youth Mental Health Contacts in Platte County**

Year	Youth Calls Received *	Community Calls**	Crisis Plans	Hospitalized
2019	66	NA	42	24
2020	41	10	26	18

*This set of data includes youth that also had contact with Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services Staff and so is a duplicated count of the data contained in the table on the prior page.

*The 2020 number for Community Calls does not include any youth that would also have had contact with DHHS staff.

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The Planning Team’s Mental Health Committee has worked diligently for several years to put into place a more effective system for handling the mental health crisis situations. Approximately five years ago, it was identified that a high number of youth from Platte County were being taken into Emergency Protective Custody. The Mental Health Committee was put in place at that time with the objectives of:

- Encouraging community organizations (i.e. law enforcement, schools, County Attorney, Juvenile Services, Region 4 Behavioral Health with Professional Partners and Crisis Response, etc.) to have policies and protocols in place to: 1. Effectively handle the crisis situation and ensure youth are placed into Emergency Protective Custody only when necessary; and 2. Communicate with and make referrals to other organizations as appropriate. Team members feel that strategies put in place by the schools, DHHS and Crisis Response have greatly improved the situation and have helped to reduce the number of inappropriate EPCs.
- Identifying a process for proper response steps to a suicide threat based on who is able to intervene (parent, peer, school or service provider). A table/flow chart was created for this purpose and posted on several web sites in the community.
- Increasing the awareness of mental health services and lesson the stigma attached to seeking help for mental health issues. The main tool used in the last few years has been the “Your Life, Your Voice” service operated by Boystown.
- Increasing access to mental health services for youth. Both Platte County Juvenile Service and the Community and Family Partnership have committed grant funds that can be accessed by families who can’t afford either all or part of the cost of counseling for their child. Referrals mainly come through the school social workers and counselors.

Even though the data in the tables above may point to a decrease in youth mental health crisis contacts overall, the Mental Health Committee continues to be concerned about the situation in our community. With the pandemic crisis in 2020, the referrals for vouchers decreased when schools shut down, but there has been a dramatic increase in the requests for assistance since the schools reopened in late summer. The vouchers as well as participation in community efforts for awareness will continue to be a focus for the Committee for the duration of this Plan.

The entire Community Needs Assessment for Platte County can be viewed in Appendix A.

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The Platte County Juvenile Services Planning Team agreed upon these gaps in our community in regard to programming for youth that come into contact with law enforcement.

KNOWN GAPS IN SERVICES TABLE (include any programs that allow youth to remain in the community after any contact with law enforcement)		
Program/ Agency Name	Eligible age	Risk or need
Transportation to Community Programming	5-18	-Inappropriate Use of Time -Low Achievement
Bilingual Mental Health & Support Services	All Ages	-Mental Health Disorder -Lack of Discipline
Inpatient Youth Mental Health Services	11-18	-Mental Health Disorders -Anxiety/Depression
Substance Abuse Rehab Program for Youth	14-18	-Drug/Alcohol Use -Mental Health Disorder
School-Based Mental Health Services	5-18	-Anxiety/Depression -Mental Health Disorder
Attendance & Truancy Procedures for Organizations Clearly Defined	5-18	-Truancy -Low Achievement

COMMUNITY ANALYSIS & RESPONSE WORKSHEET

Identified Need	Existing Program, Agency or Resource	Eligible Age	Does this program accomplish the desired change? If no, what is missing?
Chronic absenteeism in school attendance and additional classroom settings for suspended youth	Attendance Monitors; school staff, Columbus Police Dept. School Resource Officer, YFFC Out-of-School Suspension	All elementary and secondary students in the public school districts in Columbus	Although improvements have occurred within the last several years, additional improvements need to be made with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services tailored to Hispanic youth who are experiencing truancy at a disproportionate rate • A more defined system within the community as a whole to address truancy; • Transportation assistance as it relates to truancy
Additional Mental Health Services for youth and families to adequately meet the demand for services	Counseling Agencies, Professional Partners & Region 4 and vouchers for youth from CFP and Juvenile Services	All eligible youth when deemed age appropriate	Strides have been made with accessibility for youth needing mental health services but improvements need to be made with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional availability of bilingual services • Available financial resources for counseling and therapy services for adults to adequately to meet the need • Additional psychiatric services, psych evaluations and medication management services to meet the demand
Youth with identified risk factors in need of positive adult role models and education/awareness to empower youth and their families	TeamMates, Big Pals/Little Pals, CPS ShipMates (40 Dev. Assets), Youth & Families for Christ Teen Parents, Time 4 Change Family Activities, Center for Survivors Revolution & Healthy Relationships class, Royal Family Kids	6-18	Current programming generally has good outcomes for participants, but more adult mentors are needed, primarily for male children and youth

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Identified Need	Existing Program, Agency or Resource	Eligible Age	Does this program accomplish the desired change? If no, what is missing?
Services for youth and their families who commit minor crimes in order to avoid repeat offenses	Diversion Program, Juvenile Probation, Adult Diversion Program	10-18	Although the current programming does have good outcomes for most participants, there is a need for bilingual family support workers as well as education and awareness for traffic offenses and operator's license requirements in order to avoid Diversion involvement for low level offenses. Also, the implementation of a warning letter for low level offenses should be instituted to avoid requiring Diversion for youth with other offenses that may not be appropriate for the program.
Positive Youth Development services to build resiliency and leadership skills	Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, YMCA, 4-H, YFFC Support Groups, Time 4 Change, After-School Programs, School Leadership Programs, Church Youth Groups, Victim Proof (40 Dev. Assets), Youth Summit sponsored by Centro Hispano	6-18	There are good outcomes for participants in these programs, but needs for further impact in our community are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation to programming for some youth • Additional financial support provided to families unable to pay fees • Additional promotional efforts to gain more youth buy-in to become involved in positive activities
Support for children and families who experience abuse/neglect or who are in danger of experiencing abuse/neglect due to risk factors	DHHS Child Protective Services Traditional and Alternative Response, CASA Connection, Community Response, Juvenile Services Family Support Assessment Center, Center for Survivors Advocacy & Support	0 – 18	There are good outcomes for participants in these programs, but needs for further impact in our community are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bilingual Family Support Services • Additional CASA Volunteers • Local Schools to once again participate in the Risk & Protective Factors survey to help determine what additional services are needed
Older youth who lack support from family or others in need of life skills training and support for independence	CNCAP KIDS Program, Nebraska VR, DHHS Bridge to Independence & Opportunity Passport, Central Plains Center for Services PALS and YDHP Programs	14-25	It is felt that the programs have a positive effect on participants, but feel that better awareness by other providers in the community would be beneficial.

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Identified Need	Existing Program, Agency or Resource	Eligible Age	Does this program accomplish the desired change? If no, what is missing?
Youth in need of developing positive social, relationship and decision-making skills	T4C Triumph Builders Club, Juvenile Services Upward Movement, , “Why Try” Class and Social Boundaries Class, Center for Survivors’ Revolution and Healthy Relationships, Youth & Families for Christ Victim Proof Curriculum	12-15	Programs are showing positive outcomes and no gaps are determined to exist at this time, although expansion of some programming to elementary age students may be warranted.
Support for youth dealing with the negative effects of substance use	GAPS, Local Counseling agencies, Back to Basics Coalition Educational and Awareness Activities, DARE Program in private schools, Good Life IOP Services	11-18	Although Platte County does have good availability of mental health and substance abuse counselors, there is a lack of inpatient services for youth, especially for those requiring bilingual services. Having the local school systems to once again participate in the Risk & Protective Factors survey to help determine what additional services are needed is important for addressing this issue as well.

Gaps to be Filled Worksheet

GAPS TO BE FILLED			
Brief Data Snapshot	Existing Program, Agency or Resource	Eligible age	Does this program accomplish the desired charge? If no, what is missing?
<p>The Hispanic student population is overrepresented in the Chronic Absenteeism rate for Platte County. During the 2018-19 School Year, 55.17% of chronically absent students were Hispanic, but only 36.5% of the student population was Hispanic.</p> <p>Transportation is a more pronounced issue with the two large school districts in the County since only limited busing for students is available. Going forward, the Attendance Monitors serving these districts will be collecting data to be able to determine how much of a need transportation is in regard to truancy as well as other factors.</p>	<p>Platte County Juvenile Services employs an Attendance Monitor for middle and high school aged youth while Columbus Public Schools employs a Monitor for its elementary student population. School staff and School Resource officers also work to address attendance issues.</p>	<p>5-18</p>	<p>Local school staff have noted that truancy has become more prevalent. A focus on more family engagement with a specific truancy program, especially at the elementary levels, as has been done in other communities will be pursued. Providing bilingual services will need to be a focus.</p>
<p>The Platte County Juvenile Services Planning Team continues to be concerned with the high number of youth needing mental health services and in danger of potentially of harming themselves or others. In 2020, Crisis Response reported that they developed safety plans with 26 youth that they had contact with and that 18 youth required hospitalization.</p> <p>With the increase in the Hispanic student population and currently having only one bilingual counselor in town, adding at least one more Spanish speaking provider is crucial for access to services for this population.</p>	<p>The Community & Family Partnership and Platte Co. Juvenile Services provide vouchers, when needed, for youth mental health counseling.</p>	<p>5-18</p>	<p>These programs are able to ensure access for most youth identified by schools as needing assistance, but a lack of bilingual counselors makes it difficult to adequately provide youth and families with counseling services. Youth acceptance of counseling recommendations is often an issue and awareness to dispel the stigma of mental health should be further pursued as well as disseminating tools that can be helpful to youth in addressing their mental health needs.</p>

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Brief Data Snapshot	Existing Program, Agency or Resource	Eligible age	Does this program accomplish the desired charge? If no, what is missing?
<p>Platte County has a high number of Limited English Proficiency students in its school systems (For 2018-19, 10.7% versus 6.78% for the State). The vast majority of non-English proficient students are Hispanic.</p> <p>The percentage of youth referred to Diversion that are Hispanic (39.7% for 2015-19) is slightly higher than the Hispanic school population (35.82% in 2017-18).</p>	<p>The Diversion Program -services include the Juvenile Justice 101 class to specially address the information valuable to the Hispanic population. Upward Movement with Youth & Families for Christ also targets Hispanic youth and avoiding contact with the justice system.</p>	<p align="center">10-18</p>	<p>The Diversion Program is committed to addressing the needs of the Hispanic community and finding strategies to prevent involvement with the juvenile justice system. An area to improve upon is that many immigrant families do not adequately understand the need for learner’s permits and subsequent driver’s license as well as general traffic laws. Such information could help youth avoid a referral to Diversion with a low level offense.</p>

Planning Team Members

Description of Team (how formed, how long meeting, how often meet/met, structure, etc.)

The Platte County Juvenile Services Team has operated in some capacity for approximately 15 years. Representatives from numerous organizations serving youth have been invited to participate and those committed to the work of the Planning Team are asked to sign a Memorandum of Understanding each year. The stated purpose of the Planning Team in the MOU as a partner of the Nebraska Crime Commission is “to prevent youth from entering the juvenile justice system and to effectively rehabilitate juvenile offenders utilizing evidence-based, best practices”. Additionally, the role of the Planning Team “is to: develop and implement a Comprehensive Plan to direct the distribution of the Crime Commission funds allocated to Platte County; assist with evaluating the effectiveness of the programming supported by the funds; identify emerging community issues and needs related to the well-being of youth and families; and provide guidance to the Planning Team members responsible for the backbone organizational support.” Responsibilities for both funded and unfunded Team member organizations are outlined in the MOU as well. Several youth development organizations and school districts are represented on the Planning Team as are the County Attorney’s Office and local Police and Sheriff’s Departments.

Over the last few years, the Planning Team has moved to meeting on a quarterly basis, except during the current planning process which necessitated additional sessions being scheduled. Regular Planning Team business is held during the first hour of the meeting with a focus on mental health services for the second hour. The Juvenile Services Administrator has acted as the facilitator of the Planning Team and an Assistant Platte County Attorney facilitates discussion on mental health issues. A main focus for the latter has been to increase communication among partners to ensure that youth experiencing a mental health crisis are being provided the resources they need.

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Closing Comments

Platte County Juvenile Services has been able to develop a wide array of services since it was first established with the creation of the Diversion Program in 2001. The local Planning Team members are committed to continuing the activities and strategies currently funded through the Nebraska Crime Commission and/or the Platte County Board of Supervisors. This programming has been effective in addressing several of the needs identified in the CAR Worksheet.

Specifically, the current programming supported by the Crime Commission and/or Platte County and the main purpose of each is:

- Juvenile Diversion: The Program provides eligible first time offenders the opportunity to be held accountable for a low level crime, without entering the Juvenile Justice System. The end result of successfully completing the program is dismissal of the diverted case. The purpose of the program is to reduce recidivism, refer for services, reduce system costs, to increase successful outcomes for the youth, assure accountability, and reduce Disproportionate Minority Contacts. Over the years, Diversion has implemented additional programming and services to provide eligible first time offenders the opportunity to be held accountable for a low level crime, without entering the Juvenile Justice System. This includes:
 - The Why Try? Class: The goal of the Why Try? program is to help students answer the question “Why try in life?” when they are frustrated, confused, or angry with life’s pressures and challenges. It teaches the youth that trying hard in life and putting forth effort into challenges at home, at school, and with peers is worth the effort.
 - English Parenting Class: This class offers practical, relevant, and easy to apply strategies to incorporate into family life in pursuit of the development of successful young people. Class content focuses on the six strategies of powerful parenting: Prepare more than punish; Communicate more than you control; Encourage more than you criticize; Involve and individualize; Love more than you isolate; and Love enough to limit.
 - The Spanish Parenting Class (Juvenile Justice 101) This class is designed to benefit both Hispanic parents and child and offers practical, relevant, and easy to apply strategies to incorporate into family life in pursuit of the development of successful young people. Class content also focuses on the six strategies of powerful parenting as noted above. The Juvenile Justice 101 component is designed to educate parents and youth on how the juvenile justice system works and the importance of staying out of trouble.
 - Social Boundaries Class: This class is taught by a licensed therapist and participants are determined by the charge issued by law enforcement which includes assault and those that have social behavior issues. With a focus on learning social skills and boundaries, the workshop integrates dialectal behavior therapy with motivational interviewing to reduce bullying behavior.
 - Community Service: This is a requirement of the Platte Valley Diversion Program participants and projects that they may be involved in include clean-up projects, daycare, recycling, litter prevention, assistance to the elderly, Mobile Food Pantry, events set up, etc.
 - Substance Use Awareness Class: The substance use class is a time for individuals to learn about the dangers of alcohol, marijuana, prescription drugs, over the counter medications, cocaine, methamphetamines, vapors, etc. Participants learn the symptoms of a substance use disorder and how it affects a person.
 - Study Hall Program: Diversion Program Participants are required to attend the after school Study Hall if failing one or more classes which provides a supervised classroom learning

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environment with a certified teacher. The students must continue to participate until their grade becomes passing or completion of the Diversion Program.

- **Assessment Specialist:** The Assessment Center assists offenders and at-risk youth with mental health services, substance abuse services, and family support services. Those youth can be identified through the YLS/CMI assessment tool. The Assessment Specialist maintains services through the Platte County Juvenile Services Center to ensure that individual risks and needs are adequately identified and addressed.
- **Attendance Monitor:** The aim is to decrease the number of trancies in Platte County through a team effort provided by the Attendance Monitor staff person, school staff and support services addressing needs identified by the Assessment Center. When the youth and their family agree to the support of the Attendance Monitor, they often improve school attendance. A main focus of the Monitor is to problem-solve with the family and connect them with community resources that will help alleviate any issues they are having the affects their ability to take their child to school on a regular basis.
- **Alternative School:** Youth and Families for Christ (YFFC) has been an asset in providing an alternative educational site staffed by a certified teacher for at risk youth who have been suspended from their school as either a short-term solution with the goal of being readmitted or, if appropriate, earning their diploma with a longer placement in the program. The school offers students a safe and supervised option during school hours when a student has been suspended or expelled and is a positive intervention versus the youth remaining at home and losing credits. The program also serves those experiencing a family crisis or emotional instability.
- **Mental Health:** Platte County Juvenile Services provides mental health funds to be used at local contracted providers in order to assist youth in need of services whose families do not have the ability to pay for the services. The goal is to see changes for youth including an increased sense of well-being, increase self- worth, increased confidence, decreased anxious mood, decreased depressive symptoms, less impulsiveness, more self-regulation and more proactive and positive skill sets for youth to utilize at home, school, and community.
- **Family Support:** Family Support Services provide face to face assistance, coaching, teaching and role modeling to maintain and strengthen family functioning and alleviate stresses in the home. The support service goals are to achieve a healthy and safe home environment, prevent or remedy abuse and neglect, improve basic daily living and coping skills, better manage the home, income and resources, seek and utilize alternative concrete support systems, and to achieve self-sufficiency through enhancing protective factors.
- **40 Developmental Assets (Lakeview Community Schools):** The purpose of this program provided by YFFC (Youth and Families for Christ) is to teach a “Victim Proof,” evidence-based curriculum to 8th grade students at Lakeview Junior High for one full quarter during their Physical Education Class. The class focuses on promoting the 40 Developmental Assets, a research-based initiative of the Search Institute. The skills and knowledge to be gained by the message of Developmental Assets is that everyone has the power to help young people succeed. Youth who have high numbers of assets are less likely to be involved in risky behavior and much more likely to exhibit values such as leadership, good health, diversity and success in school.
- **40 Developmental Assets (Columbus Public Schools):** The Columbus Public Schools has developed a program called the “Shipmates” to utilize the 40 Developmental Assets for students in 5th, 6th, and 7th grades. School staff coordinate the program in which students (Sailors) meet with an adult (Captain) each week. Shipmates connects the employees of the Columbus Public Schools and the at risk kids at the middle school level with the hope of forming positive relationships, improving asset numbers, and informing the parents of the 40 Developmental Assets.

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- **Upward Movement:** Implemented in the Columbus Middle and High Schools, Movimiento Ascendente (Upward Movement) is an evidenced based program. It was originally started to address the increase in gang activity among the young Hispanic female population in Platte County with girls in grades 9-12. But since Platte has been identified as a DMC county, it is also addressing some of the same risky behaviors that minority juveniles in the Madison Detention Center and the state YRTC's. The topics that are covered by the Phoenix/New Freedom curriculum are: 1. What's going on in your life? 2. Key elements of change 3. What are you thinking? 4. Why take risks? 5. What are you missing in your life?

In continuing to move forward with addressing at least some of the gaps in services identified within the Community Analysis and Response, the Platte County Juvenile Services Planning Team will focus on these additional strategies for the 4-year time period of the Plan:

1. **Truancy** – Team members working with schools, the County Attorney's Office and school resource officers will investigate the creation of a standardized attendance monitoring system for local elementary schools. This system has already been established within the middle and high school grade levels. The goal will be to establish good attendance habits early and avoid on-going problems as students age, making it more likely that they will not complete their education. Planning Team members have already gathered initial information on programs in both Saunders and Lancaster Counties. A primary focus will be to meet the unique needs of the Hispanic population which experiences chronic absenteeism at a higher rate than the majority of students.
2. **Mental Health Awareness** - The Planning Team will continue to support mental health awareness efforts that work to dispel the stigma around accessing these services and to inform the community of what options are available. Members of the Planning Team will actively participate in a newly created task force that is sponsored by the Community & Family Partnership and United Way to implement an awareness campaign. A directed marketing approach will be developed by a marketing firm that the effort will be contracting with. It is anticipated that both youth and the general population will be targeted. The Planning Team will also promote the use of mental health tools for youth, such as Boystown's "Your Life, Your Voice" service. All options for accessing bilingual mental health services will also be researched (i.e. telehealth).
3. **Education for New Drivers** – An educational program for families not familiar with local driver's license/permit requirements as well as traffic laws will be pursued. A community partner that works closely with the Hispanic population will be contacted for interest in providing workshops/training on the subject, although all youth will be targeted. The objective of such a program will be to lower the number of youth referred to Diversion because of traffic and proper license/permit violations.

In addition to the activities being addressed within this Plan, the Platte County Juvenile Services Administrator as well as several other Planning Team members participate in the Community & Family Partnership (CFP), a local collaborative effort focused on improving child well-being indicators in Platte & Colfax Counties. As one of several local coalitions throughout the State funded by the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation, CFP provides a variety of services and networking opportunities that work to prevent families and youth from entering higher systems of care; programming is especially targeted toward families with young children. With members of both Platte County Juvenile Services and CFP working closely together, the activities of both organizations are seen as part of a community-wide system that supports children and families to create positive outcomes as youth become adults. Additional information on the CFP activities can be provided upon request.

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- Platte County has a larger Hispanic population as compared to the rest of the state. Census data reflects that less than 1% of the population are Black youth. Similarly, Black youth are less than 1% of youth enrolled in schools.
- While we could not get race/ethnicity data for chronic absenteeism in this community because the frequency was too low to report, Hispanic, Native American, and Black youth are over-represented statewide in chronic absenteeism.
- Platte County has much higher rates of limited English proficiency.
- Hispanic youth enroll in schools at roughly 30-35%, but make up roughly 30-50% of students chronically absent.
- Free and reduced lunch are slightly higher than the rest of the state. IDEA plans have risen slightly. High school graduation rates comparable to the overall state average.
- Platte County may want to participate in the Nebraska Risk and Protective Factors Survey (last time this county participated was 2014). This tool provides good information on binge drinking, drug use, depression, suicide ideation, etc. and often provides guidance for juvenile justice interventions.
- Data was not available about gang involvement.
- Overall juvenile crime was down 11% from 2018 to 2019. Crimes like larceny/ theft, assault, possession, disorderly conduct, went down. Driving under the influence went up by 1 incident, and all other offenses up 47%.
- Youth on diversion showing higher means in family circumstances and education/ employment on the risk assessment tool, as compared to the
- DMC/RED: law enforcement data by race and ethnicity would be very beneficial to have a clearer picture of which youth are processed through the system. It appears most racial groups are referred and enroll in diversion at equitable rates. Hispanic youth are more likely to have multiple charges and be filed in adult court.
- Black youth have a disproportionate override rate, while Hispanic youth seem to benefit from an underide rate, but also get overrides 40% of the time.

Table 1.

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

Males

Geographic Area	Total Count	Non-Hispanic White	Hispanic or Latino	Black	American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	2+ Races
Nebraska	108,494	70.4%	16.2%	5.7%	1.4%	2.0%	4.4%
Platte	2,095	71.3%	24.9%	0.0%	0.6%	1.4%	1.8%

Females

Geographic Area	Total Count	Non-Hispanic White	Hispanic or Latino	Black	American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	2+ Races
Nebraska	102,658	70.4%	16.2%	5.7%	1.4%	2.0%	4.4%
Platte	1,902	75.9%	21.8%	0.1%	0.0%	1.8%	0.4%



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

Year	Geographic Area	Total Count	Hispanic	Asian	American Indian or Alaska Native	Black or African American	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	White	Two or More Races
2014-2015	Platte	4,779	32.98%	0.65%	0.84%	0.82%	0.10%	63.15%	1.46%
	Nebraska	312,281	17.74%	2.43%	1.42%	6.70%	0.13%	68.20%	3.38%
2015-2016	Platte	4,945	34.20%	0.51%	0.89%	0.87%	0.10%	62.29%	1.15%
	Nebraska	315,542	18.08%	2.53%	1.38%	6.67%	0.14%	67.72%	3.47%
2016-2017	Platte	5,065	35.40%	0.51%	1.18%	0.91%	0.10%	60.61%	1.28%
	Nebraska	318,853	18.61%	2.66%	1.38%	6.69%	0.15%	66.92%	3.59%
2017-2018	Platte	5,072	35.82%	0.63%	0.75%	0.87%	0.12%	60.49%	1.32%
	Nebraska	323,391	18.80%	2.76%	1.35%	6.67%	0.14%	66.50%	3.78%
2018-2019	Platte	5,222	36.50%	0.59%	0.77%	0.90%	0.11%	59.77%	1.36%
	Nebraska	325,984	19.13%	2.83%	1.33%	6.63%	0.15%	66.02%	3.91%

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

Year	Geographic Area	Total Youth with Chronic Absenteeism	Hispanic	Asian	American Indian or Alaska Native	Black or African American	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	White	Two or More Races
2014-2015	Platte	449	44.99%	*	*	*	*	55.01%	*
	Nebraska	35,638	24.54%	1.64%	4.42%	12.93%	0.19%	51.61%	4.68%
2015-2016	Platte	498	48.39%	*	2.41%	*	*	49.20%	*
	Nebraska	38,812	25.73%	1.55%	4.27%	13.68%	0.27%	49.68%	4.83%
2016-2017	Platte	544	51.84%	*	*	*	*	48.16%	*
	Nebraska	42,290	26.90%	1.66%	4.40%	14.22%	0.24%	47.66%	4.92%
2017-2018	Platte	467	56.96%	*	*	*	*	43.04%	*
	Nebraska	46,365	26.81%	1.77%	4.18%	14.49%	0.22%	47.37%	2389
2018-2019	Platte	484	55.17%	*	*	*	*	44.83%	*
	Nebraska	46,356	27.64%	1.76%	4.16%	14.71%	0.23%	46.27%	5.23%

Per the Nebraska Department of Education, the * represents masked data, which they define as 10 or fewer students, for the confidentiality of the students.

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

Year	Geographic Area	Total Count	IDEA	504 Plan	Limited English Proficiency	Free/Reduced Lunch
2014-2015	Platte	4,779	13.02%	0.25%	10.48%	47.63%
	Nebraska	312,281	13.66%	0.76%	5.97%	44.53%
2015-2016	Platte	4,945	12.32%	0.42%	9.93%	48.61%
	Nebraska	315,542	13.64%	0.90%	5.90%	44.23%
2016-2017	Platte	5,065	11.98%	0.32%	11.49%	51.43%
	Nebraska	318,853	13.80%	0.93%	6.99%	44.76%
2017-2018	Platte	5,072	13.92%	0.34%	10.00%	53.51%
	Nebraska	323,391	15.87%	0.88%	6.59%	46.24%
2018-2019	Platte	5,222	14.94%	0.71%	10.70%	48.30%
	Nebraska	325,984	16.13%	0.85%	6.78%	45.42%

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Table 5.

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

County	Total in Last 5 Years		Yearly Averages		Graduation Rate	Rank
	Graduates	Students	Graduates	Students		
Nebraska	100,111	112,857	20,022.2	22,571.4	88.7%	-
Platte	1,717	1,950	114.5	130.0	88.1%	86

Table 6.

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

		8 th	10 th	12 th
Platte	Loss of sleep from worry	--	--	--
Nebraska		18.0%	20.6%	21.6%
Platte	Depressed	--	--	--
Nebraska		31.1%	34.8%	35.3%
Platte	Considered/Attempted suicide	--	--	--
Nebraska		22.9%	18.2%	16.2%
Platte	Current alcohol	--	--	--
Nebraska		9.8%	20.1%	34.2%
Platte	Current binge drinking	--	--	--
Nebraska		9.8%	20.1%	34.2%
Platte	Current marijuana	--	--	--
Nebraska		3.0%	7.3%	13.9%
Platte	Current tobacco	--	--	--
Nebraska		3.7%	8.0%	15.3%
Platte	Current vaping	--	--	--
Nebraska		10.4%	24.7%	37.3%
Platte	Hopeful for future (past week)	--	--	--
Nebraska		72.1%	74.7%	78.4%

*Platte County did not participate in the Nebraska Risk and Protective Factors Survey (last was 2014).

**** JJI is currently waiting for the legal team at DHHS to approve providing this data**Table 7. Juveniles Referred to Services ^eTable 8. Juveniles Referred to Services by Race/Ethnicity, Gender, and Mental Health Diagnosis ^eTable 9. Juveniles Who Utilized Services ^eTable 10. Types of Services Utilized ^eTable 11. Youth Who Report Gang Involvement by Grade (2018) ^d

		8 th	10 th	12 th
Platte	Youth Reported Gang Involvement	--	--	--
Nebraska		3.8%	4.4%	3.8%

*Platte County did not participate in the Nebraska Risk and Protective Factors Survey (last was 2014).



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Table 11b. Estimated Gang Involvement by Local Law Enforcement

Per Kim Olsufka with the Columbus Police Department via phone on August 26, 2020, they don't track gang information and would not have it readily available. The department used to have a gang specialist office, but he has left the department and hasn't been replaced. As this officer has been gone for a few year, Kim Olsufka was not sure how updated the information they would have would be. A written request for this data went unanswered.

Table 12.

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

Arrestee Age	All Arrestee Ages			Under 18		
	2018	2019	2018 - 2019 Growth %	2018	2019	2018 - 2019 Growth %
Summary Arrest Date						
Jurisdiction by Geography	PLATTE COUNTY					
Arrest Offense						
Total	1,145	1,118	-2.36	209	185	-11.48
Rape Total	4	6	50.00	1	-	-100.00
Robbery Total	2	1	-50.00	2	-	-100.00
Aggravated Assault Total	11	16	45.45	1	-	-100.00
Burglary Total	1	4	300.00	-	-	-
Larceny-Theft Total	117	115	-1.71	20	15	-25.00
Motor Vehicle Theft Total	9	5	-44.44	1	1	0.00
Other Assaults	106	96	-9.43	24	22	-8.33
Forgery and Counterfeiting	1	12	1100.00	-	1	-
Fraud	12	12	0.00	2		-100.00
Stolen Property; Buying, Receiving, Possessing	5	8	60.00	2	1	-50.00
Vandalism	70	48	-31.43	20	16	-20.00
Weapons; Carrying, Possessing, etc.	12	8	-33.33	1	1	0.00
Purchasing Prostitution	5	3	-40.00	-	-	-
Sex Offenses (Except Rape and Prostitution)	4	9	125.00	2	1	-50.00
Drug Violations - Sale/Manufacturing	12	13	8.33	2	1	-50.00
Drug Violations - Possession	175	214	22.29	31	27	-12.90
Offenses Against Family and Children	4	8	100.00	0	-	-
Driving Under the Influence	159	128	-19.50	3	4	33.33
Liquor Laws	111	77	-30.63	33	28	-15.15
Disorderly Conduct	21	12	-42.86	11	5	-54.55
All Other Offenses (Except Traffic)	293	323	10.24	42	62	47.62
Runaways	11	-	-100.00	11	-	-100.00

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Table 13.

 Risk Assessment Domains for Youth Assessed on Diversion (2015 - 2017) ⁹

Score	Platte		All YLS Counties	
	M	SD	M	SD
Family Circumstance/Parenting	2.14	146	1.20	1.32
Education/Employment	2.00	1.16	1.27	1.35
Peer Relationships	1.71	0.76	1.78	1.08
Substance Use	1.29	1.11	1.29	1.40
Leisure/Recreation	1.86	1.07	0.88	0.95
Personality/Behavior	1.43	.79	1.34	1.52
Attitudes/Orientation	1.00	0.58	0.45	0.79
Mean Score	M = 11.43, SD = 4.54, 5-17		M = 8.23, SD = 5.22, 0-31	

 Platte County $n = 7$; Statewide $n = 2124$

Table 14.

 Racial and Ethnic Disparities Descriptives (2015-2019) ¹

System Point	N	Amer. Indian/ Alaskan Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic/ Latino	Multiple/ Other	Unspec/ Missing	White
Law enforcement contact	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth taken to temporary custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth issued citation/referral	1226	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	517	0.40%	0.80%	1.20%	39.70%	1.40%	2.30%	54.40%
Youth enrolled in diversion	436	0.50%	0.90%	0.90%	38.30%	1.60%	2.80%	55%
Successful completion diversion	386	0.50%	1%	1%	39.40%	1.30%	2.80%	53.90%
Youth with multiple charges	59	1.70%	0%	0%	40.70%	0%	3.40%	54.20%
Filed on in adult court	2	0%	0%	0%	50%	0%	50%	0%
RAI Override: More Severe	48	2.10%	0%	4.20%	39.60%	2.10%	0%	52.10%
RAI Override: Less Severe	12	0%	0%	0%	66.70%	0%	0%	33.30%
Probation intake	169	3%	0%	3.60%	41.40%	0.60%	0%	51.50%
Successful probation	317	2.80%	0.30%	0.90%	42.30%	0.60%	0%	53%
Revocation of probation	80	2.50%	0%	2.50%	38.80%	1.20%	0%	55%
Youth in OJS custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OJS custody: placed in detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention more than once	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--



Family Level

- Table 15: Platte County has fewer youth in poverty, as compared to state percentages, but also has fewer adult (25 and older) with a bachelors degree.)
- 97% of your youth have a computer at home and have access to internet, which is very relevant in 2020.
- Slightly higher homeownership compared to the entire state.

Table 15.

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

Measurement		Platte	Nebraska
Poverty/SES	Children <18 in Poverty	11.1%	14.8%
	Number of children 12-17 below 185% poverty	779	43,814
	Percent of children 12-17 below 185% poverty	26.5%	28.9%
Educational attainment	Age 25+ with B.D.	22.2%	31.3%
	County Rank	37	-
	Age 25+ with some college, no degree	22.1%	23.0%
	County Rank	73	-
	Age 25+ with HS degree	88.7%	91.1%
	County Rank	76	-
Technology and computers in the home	% under 18 with a computer at home	97.2%	96.9%
	County Rank	67	-
	% under 18 with an internet subscription at home	91.8%	91.0%
	County Rank	42	-
	% under 18 with broadband internet access at home	91.8%	90.8%
	County Rank	39	-
Housing	Owner-occupied households	9,360	498,567
	Total households	13,000	754,063
	Owner %	72.0%	66.1%
	Renters	3,640	255,496
	Renter %	28.0%	33.9%
Transportation	Households with no vehicle available	558	40,465
	Total households	13,000	754,063
	No vehicle %	4.3%	5.4%



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Table 16.

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

		8 th	10 th	12 th
Platte	Adult at home who listens	--	--	--
Nebraska		87.3%	85.0%	85.6%
Platte	Adult at school who listens	--	--	--
Nebraska		85.2%	85.0%	87.4%

*Platte County did not participate in the Nebraska Risk and Protective Factors Survey (last was 2014).

Table 17.

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

	Aggravated Domestic Assaults Reported	Aggravated Domestic Assaults Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means	Simple Domestic Assaults Reported	Simple Domestic Assaults Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means
Platte	8	7	33	29
Nebraska	562	402	2512	2019

Table 18.

Child Abuse and Neglect Reports ⁱ

	Abuse/Neglect Calls	Reports Assessed	Substantiated	Unfounded
Platte	465	41%	14%	65%
Nebraska	36,480	33.4%	16.0%	68.3%

Community Level

- Table 21: Juvenile record sealing is not “automatic” even if statute requires it to seal. Sealing a record requires administrative staff to initiate the process. Dismissed or dropped cases should be sealed at a rate of 100%. All others should be sealed at the rate to which youth successfully complete their court requirements (completion of diversion, probation, restorative practice, or other treatment). Diversion appears to have an in-depth policy for sealing records.
- Data for race and ethnicity at each juvenile justice system point is imperative for an accurate Racial and Ethnic Disparities (RED) analysis.



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Table 19.

Community Violence Measured by Arrests for Violent Crime (2019) ^j

Type of Violence	Platte	Nebraska
Murder and Non-negligent manslaughter	0	34
Rape	6	264
Robbery	1	367
Aggravated Assault	16	1,639
Other Assaults	96	8,782

Table 20.

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

		8 th	10 th	12 th
Platte	Wrong/very wrong – Marijuana	--	--	--
Nebraska		94.4%	89.8%	85.2%
Platte	Wrong/very wrong – alcohol	--	--	--
Nebraska		89.1%	80.4%	68.7%
Platte	Wrong/very wrong – cigarettes	--	--	--
Nebraska		92.9%	89.0%	78.7%

*Platte County did not participate in the Nebraska Risk and Protective Factors Survey (last was 2014)

Table 21.

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

see Appendix for yearly data

	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	668	756	88.4%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	0	3	0.0%
Filed in Juv. Court	774	1225	63.2%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	8	12	66.7%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	1450	1996	72.6%

* All cases filed in adult court and transferred to juvenile court overlapped with cases that were filed in adult court as a misdemeanor or infraction; as such, they were omitted from analysis



Policy, Legal and System Level

Table 22: “No juvenile court cases” as reported by Kids Count. However, since it is clear that cases are filed in juvenile court each year, team members may want to look into whether youth received court appointed counsel.

Table 24: Absenteeism and truancy are lower level cases that could be diverted from court system, (52 filing overall, declining since 2017).

Table 25: With respect to diversion practices, the community may want to consider a few things:

- Not filing all unsuccessful cases, if the youth completed most of the diversion plan
- Allowing warning letters for the lowest risk youth
- Comparing diversion fees to court costs so they are comparable. With a higher proportion of children <18 in poverty, perhaps offering scholarships.

Table 22.

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

	Platte	Nebraska
Access to Counsel	No Juvenile Court Cases	73.5%

Neb. Rev. 43-272. Right to counsel; appointment; payment; guardian ad litem; appointment; when; duties; standards for guardians ad litem; standards for attorneys who practice in juvenile court.

(1)(a) In counties having a population of less than one hundred fifty thousand inhabitants, when any juvenile shall be brought without counsel before a juvenile court, the court shall advise such juvenile and his or her parent or guardian of their right to retain counsel and shall inquire of such juvenile and his or her parent or guardian as to whether they desire to retain counsel.

(b) In counties having a population of one hundred fifty thousand or more inhabitants, when any juvenile court petition is filed alleging jurisdiction of a juvenile pursuant to subdivision (1), (2), (3)(b), or (4) of section 43-247, counsel shall be appointed for such juvenile.

Table 23.

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

	Platte	Nebraska
Curfew Court Filing	1	352

Table 24.

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

Filed Subtype	Platte					Total
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	
3A - Homeless/Neglect	0	0	0	0	0	0
3B – Absenteeism/Truancy	4	18	14	8	8	52
3B - Uncontrollable	0	0	1	0	1	2
3C – Mentally Ill and Dangerous	0	2	1	0	5	8



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

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

	Platte	Nebraska *
Refer ALL juveniles who are first time offenders to diversion	Yes	Yes: 27.3% No: 63.6% Not sure: 9.1%
File a juvenile's charges at the time of the referral to diversion	No	Yes: 18.2% No: 70.5% Not sure: 11.4%
File a juvenile's charges if they are unsuccessful on diversion	Sometimes	Always: 47.7% Sometimes: 47.7% Not sure: 4.5%
Allow a juvenile to complete diversion more than once	Yes	Yes: 61.4% No: 34.1% Not sure: 4.5%
Charges/offenses that make a juvenile ineligible for diversion	Yes; felony charges	Yes: 86.4% No: 9.1% Not sure: 4.5%
Warning letters instead of intervention	No	Yes: 27.3% No: 61.4% Not sure: 11.4%
Currently drug test	No	Yes: 31.8% No: 65.9% Not sure: 2.3%
Fees beyond restitution	Yes; Tier I (lowest level of supervision) \$50.00, Tier II \$100.00, Tier III (Highest level of supervision) \$ 120.00 fees may be reduced for free and reduced lunch or when a financial affidavit is completed	Yes: 86.4% No: 13.6% Not sure: 0.0%
Use of graduated responses prior to discharge	Yes; incentives, time limits, individualized depending on the situation.	Yes: 47.7% No: 25.0% Not sure: 27.3%
Sealing diversion records	Yes; The sealing of records form is explained and given to the responsible adult in each case. Once the client has completed diversion a letter is sent and a sealed form and sticker is placed on the file. Each sealed file is place in a locked room. All juveniles who successfully complete diversion records are sealed. The unsuccessful clients that the county attorney chooses to file on are sealed once the case is closed by the court. The court will send me the order to seal letter which is stapled on the file and placed with the other sealed files.	Yes: 59.1% No: 22.7% Not sure: 18.2%

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



Community Team Level

- Table 26. A community lead should be able to get roughly a 75% response, to ensure active participation on planning issues: Platte County’s response rate was 45%. But your respondents reported high collective impact (Table 27).
- Table 28: The community team should be representative of the population of that community, Platte County’s is. It is important to get feedback from your team on why we see particular RED patterns (probation override and underide.)
- On the survey –no county attorney or defense counsel in your team – but perhaps they did not respond to the survey.
- Good representation of persons formerly involved in the system.
- Only three team members did not feel heard, but it is important to pay attention to this and explore other methods of collecting input.

Table 26. Collective Impact Survey Response Rates ^P

Year of survey	Platte		Nebraska	
	2019	2020	2019	2020
Number of surveys sent	32	40	1407	780
Number of completed surveys	17	18	221	345
Response rate	53.1%	45.0%	28.3%	24.5%

Table 27. Collective Impact Survey Scores ^P

Year of survey	Platte		Nebraska	
	2019	2020	2019	2020
	Mean Score		Mean Score	
Common agenda	5.80	6.06	5.29	5.69
Mutually reinforcing	5.93	6.00	5.37	5.50
Shared measurement	5.73	6.00	5.21	5.45
Continuous communication	5.86	6.11	5.49	5.55
Backbone agency	5.87	6.00	5.52	5.78

The five elements of Collective Impact are:

- **Common agenda:** Participants have a shared vision and common understanding of both the problem and potential solutions to that problem.
- **Mutually reinforcing activities:** Participant activities must be differentiated while still being coordinated through a mutually reinforcing plan of action.
- **Shared measurement:** Collecting data and measuring results consistently across all participants ensures efforts remain aligned and participants hold each other accountable.
- **Continuous communication:** Consistent and open communication is needed across stakeholders to build trust, assure mutual objectives, and create common motivation.

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- **Backbone support:** Creating and managing Collective Impact often requires a separate organization(s) with staff and a specific set of skills to serve as the backbone for the entire initiative and to coordinate participating organizations ⁹

Table 28. Community Planning Team Diversity ^P

	Platte		Nebraska	
	N = 18	(%)	N = 345	(%)
Gender				
Male	4	22.2%	101	29.3%
Female	14	77.8%	229	66.4%
Missing	--	--	15	4.3%
Age				
Under 30	1	5.6%	19	5.6%
30-39	5	27.8%	68	19.6%
40-49	6	33.3%	88	25.4%
50-59	1	5.6%	90	25.8%
60 and over	4	22.2%	44	13%
Missing	1	5.6%	36	10.4%
Race/Ethnicity				
White	15	83.3%	230	66.7%
Black	--	--	10	2.9%
Hispanic	2	11.1%	13	3.8%
Native American	--	--	6	1.7%
Asian	--	--	1	0.3%
Other	--	--	2	0.6%
Provided town name	1	5.6%	63	18.3%
Missing	--	--	19	5.5%
Previous System Involvement				
Yes	2	11.1%	98	28.4%
No	16	88.9%	242	70.1%
Missing	--	--	5	1.4%
System Point*				
Law enforcement	1	5.3%	34	7.8%
County attorney/ juvenile court	--	--	32	7.3%
K-12 or secondary education	4	21.1%	65	14.9%
Ministry/faith based	1	5.3%	10	2.3%
Diversion	3	15.8%	55	12.6%
Probation	2	10.5%	31	7.1%
Public defender/ defense counsel/ guardian ad litem	--	--	8	1.8%
DHHS or Child Welfare	1	5.3%	13	3.0%
Treatment provider	3	15.8%	40	9.2%
Post adjudication or detention	--	--	8	1.8%
Community based program	3	15.8%	109	25.0%
Elected official or government	--	--	6	1.4%
Restorative practices	--	--	6	1.4%
Backbone or system improvement	--	--	3	0.7%
Other	1	5.3%	16	3.7%
Voice on Team				
Feel heard	15	83.3%	270	78.3%
Do not feel heard	3	16.7%	75	21.7%

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



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Appendix: RED Descriptives

2015

System Point	N	Amer. Indian/ Alaskan Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic/ Latino	Multiple/ Other	Unspec/ Missing	White
Law enforcement contact	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth taken to temporary custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth issued citation/referral	237	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	104	0%	0%	0%	28.80%	1%	0%	70.20%
Youth enrolled in diversion	87	0%	0%	0%	26.40%	1.10%	0%	72.40%
Successful completion diversion	75	0%	0%	0%	26.70%	1.30%	0%	72%
Youth with multiple charges	1	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Filed on in adult court	0	NA%	NA%	NA%	NA%	0%	NA%	NA%
RAI Override: More Severe	1	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
RAI Override: Less Severe	2	0%	0%	0%	50%	0%	0%	50%
Probation intake	22	0%	0%	0%	36.40%	0%	0%	63.60%
Successful probation	69	4.30%	0%	0%	33.30%	2.90%	0%	59.40%
Revocation of probation	19	0%	0%	0%	57.90%	5.30%	0%	36.80%
Youth in OJS custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OJS custody: placed in detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention more than once	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--



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2016

System Point	N	Amer. Indian/ Alaskan Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic/ Latino	Multiple/ Other	Unspec/ Missing	White
Law enforcement contact	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth taken to temporary custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth issued citation/referral	296	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	110	0.90%	0%	0.90%	44.50%	2.70%	1.80%	49.10%
Youth enrolled in diversion	97	1%	0%	1%	43.30%	3.10%	2.10%	49.50%
Successful completion diversion	88	1.10%	0%	1.10%	45.50%	3.40%	2.30%	46.60%
Youth with multiple charges	12	0%	0%	0%	33.30%	0%	8.30%	58.30%
Filed on in adult court	0	NA%	NA%	NA%	NA%	0%	NA%	NA%
RAI Override: More Severe	20	5%	0%	5%	45%	0%	0%	45%
RAI Override: Less Severe	5	0%	0%	0%	60%	0%	0%	40%
Probation intake	46	2.20%	0%	2.20%	47.80%	0%	0%	47.80%
Successful probation	39	2.60%	0%	0%	56.40%	0%	0%	41%
Revocation of probation	18	0%	0%	0%	22.20%	0%	0%	77.80%
Youth in OJS custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OJS custody: placed in detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention more than once	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--



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2017

System Point	N	Amer. Indian/ Alaskan Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic/ Latino	Multiple/ Other	Unspec/ Missing	White
Law enforcement contact	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth taken to temporary custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth issued citation/referral	299	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	98	1%	2%	1%	41.80%	1%	6.10%	46.90%
Youth enrolled in diversion	88	1.10%	2.30%	1.10%	43.20%	1.10%	6.80%	44.30%
Successful completion diversion	76	1.30%	2.60%	1.30%	43.40%	0%	6.60%	44.70%
Youth with multiple charges	25	4%	0%	0%	56%	0%	0%	40%
Filed on in adult court	0	NA%	NA%	NA%	NA%	0%	NA%	NA%
RAI Override: More Severe	12	0%	0%	0%	41.70%	0%	0%	58.30%
RAI Override: Less Severe	3	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%
Probation intake	43	4.70%	0%	4.70%	46.50%	0%	0%	44.20%
Successful probation	59	1.70%	0%	0%	32.20%	0%	0%	66.10%
Revocation of probation	19	0%	0%	0%	21.10%	0%	0%	78.90%
Youth in OJS custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OJS custody: placed in detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention more than once	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--



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2018

System Point	N	Amer. Indian/ Alaskan Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic/ Latino	Multiple/ Other	Unspec/ Missing	White
Law enforcement contact	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth taken to temporary custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth issued citation/referral	209	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	77	0%	0%	2.60%	41.60%	0%	3.90%	51.90%
Youth enrolled in diversion	63	0%	0%	0%	39.70%	0%	4.80%	55.60%
Successful completion diversion	56	0%	0%	0%	42.90%	0%	5.40%	51.80%
Youth with multiple charges	14	0%	0%	0%	28.60%	0%	0%	71.40%
Filed on in adult court	1	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%
RAI Override: More Severe	8	0%	0%	12.50%	50%	0%	0%	37.50%
RAI Override: Less Severe	2	0%	0%	0%	50%	0%	0%	50%
Probation intake	34	5.90%	0%	8.80%	41.20%	0%	0%	44.10%
Successful probation	65	3.10%	0%	0%	40%	0%	0%	56.90%
Revocation of probation	16	0%	0%	0%	62.50%	0%	0%	37.50%
Youth in OJS custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OJS custody: placed in detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention more than once	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--



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2019

System Point	N	Amer. Indian/ Alaskan Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic/ Latino	Multiple/ Other	Unspec/ Missing	White
Law enforcement contact	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth taken to temporary custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth issued citation/referral	185	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	128	0%	1.60%	1.60%	41.40%	1.60%	0.80%	53.10%
Youth enrolled in diversion	101	0%	2%	2%	38.60%	2%	1%	54.50%
Successful completion diversion	91	0%	2.20%	2.20%	38.50%	1.10%	1.10%	54.90%
Youth with multiple charges	7	0%	0%	0%	28.60%	0%	14.30%	57.10%
Filed on in adult court	1	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%
RAI Override: More Severe	7	0%	0%	0%	14.30%	14.30%	0%	71.40%
RAI Override: Less Severe	0	NA%	NA%	NA%	NA%	NA%	0%	NA%
Probation intake	24	0%	0%	0%	25%	4.20%	0%	70.80%
Successful probation	85	2.40%	1.20%	3.50%	51.80%	0%	0%	41.20%
Revocation of probation	8	25%	0%	25%	25%	0%	0%	25%
Youth in OJS custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OJS custody: placed in detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention more than once	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

**Appendix: Sealed Court Records by Year**

* All cases filed in adult court and transferred to juvenile court overlapped with cases that were filed in adult court as a misdemeanor or infraction; as such, they were omitted from analysis

2015	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	150	158	94.9%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	175	255	68.6%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	3	6	50.0%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	328	419	78.3%

2016	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	177	187	94.7%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	202	298	67.8%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	0	1	0.0%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	379	486	78.0%

2017	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	191	217	88.0%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	238	352	67.6%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	1	1	100%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	430	570	75.4%

2018	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	107	131	81.7%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	114	174	65.5%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	1	1	100%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	222	306	72.5%



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2019	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	43	63	68.3%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	0	3	0.0%
Filed in Juv. Court	45	146	30.8%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	3	3	100%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	91	215	42.3%

Appendix B

Platte County Juvenile Services Planning Team Approval

On February 17, 2021, the Platte County Juvenile Services Planning Team held a final planning meeting to review a draft of the completed Comprehensive Four-Year Plan. At the end of the meeting, a vote was taken of those in attendance as to whether they approved or did not approve of the Plan as it was currently developed. Several members were able to vote at the meeting and then a follow-up email message was also sent to give others the opportunity to vote electronically.

Of the 37 representatives of various youth-serving organizations that were contacted for their vote, 24 responded. All voted in favor of approving the Plan.

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Dear Teri:

This is to inform you that the following motion was made and passed by the Platte County Board of Supervisors at their meeting held on March 2, 2021 regarding the four year Community Plan:

Motion, Supervisor Kwapnioski, seconded Supervisor Engdahl, to approve the four year Community Plan for 2021 through 2025 as presented by Teri Schuller, Platte Valley Diversion Program/Juvenile Service Administrator.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please feel free to contact me at anytime.

Sincerely,

PLATTE COUNTY, NEBRASKA

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane C. Pinger".

Diane C. Pinger
Clerk of the County Board

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Appendix C

SYSTEM POINT PROGRAMMING

SYSTEM POINT: PREVENTION		
(includes programs that aim to intervene before and after problematic behaviors are identified)		
Program/ Agency Name	Eligible age	Risk or need
TeamMates Mentoring Program	Grades 5 - 12	-Inappropriate Use of Time -Antisocial Attitudes
Big Pals/Little Pals Mentoring	6 – 16 yrs.	-Inappropriate Use of Time -Antisocial Attitudes
Youth & Families for Christ Teen Parents	13-18 yrs.	-Poor Prenatal & Early Childhood Health -Abusive Parent
Columbus Community Hospital Healthy Families Nebraska	Teen Parents	-Poor Prenatal & Early Childhood Health -Abusive Parent
Central Nebraska Community Action Early Head Start	Teen Parents	-Poor Prenatal & Early Childhood Health -Abusive Parent
Columbus Public Schools Six Pence	Teen Parents	-Poor Prenatal & Early Childhood Health -Abusive Parent
YFFC Support Groups (Several types of groups including GAPS and Anger Management)	Middle & High Schoolers	-Antisocial Attitudes -Defiance of Authority -Drug/Alcohol Use
YFFC Out-of-School Suspension	10-17	-Truancy -Antisocial Attitudes -Mental Health/Depression
Time 4 Change Triumph Builders Club	10 – 14	-Antisocial Attitudes -Inappropriate Use of Time
Time 4 Change Family Activities	8 – 17	-Inappropriate Use of Time -Disenfranchised Neighborhood
Time 4 Change Youth Activities (Scholarships and Summer Parks)	4-18	- Inappropriate Use of Time - Antisocial Activities
Community & Family Partnership Community Response	All Parents from Prenatal to 18 & Young Adults to 25	-Low Parental Warmth -Anxiety/Depression
Professional Partners Program	Youth up to Age 26	-Mental Health Disorder -Lack of Discipline
Boy Scouts	6-18	-Inappropriate Use of Time -Low Achievement
Girl Scouts	6-18	-Inappropriate Use of Time -Low Achievement
Platte County Extension 4-H	8-18	-Inappropriate Use of Time -Antisocial Attitudes
Juvenile Services Upward Movement	15-18	-Inappropriate Use of Time -High Crime Neighborhood
Juvenile Services 40 Developmental Assets	10-14	-Inappropriate Use of Time -Antisocial Attitudes

Program/ Agency Name	Eligible age	Risk or need
Juvenile Services Attendance Monitor	Middle & High School Aged Youth	-Truancy -Lack of Supervision
Juvenile Services Assessment Center	10-17	-Low Parental Warmth -Low Achievement
Mental Health Counseling Agencies (Primary Agencies Serving Youth: Good Life Counseling, Colegrove Counseling Center, Columbus Psychiatric Center, Discovery Counseling, Good Neighbor Center, Embark Counseling, Mental & Behavioral Health, Professional Mental Health and Elissa Olson) Includes Parent – Child Interaction Therapy, Mental Health Vouchers and Crisis Response, Child-Parent Psychotherapy	2-19	-Anxiety/Depression -Mental Health Disorders -Drug/Alcohol Use
Center for Survivors Revolution/Healthy Relationships Programming	14-18	-Lack of concern for others -Antisocial attitudes
Central Nebraska Community Action KIDS (Keeping Independent Directives in Society) Program	16-18	-Lack of Supervision -Inappropriate Use of Time
Central Plains Center for Services PALS Program	14-19	-Lack of Supervision -Inappropriate Use of Time
Central Plains Center for Services Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program	14-24	-Inappropriate Use of Time -Previous Victimization
YMCA Youth Development	5-17	-Lack of Supervision -Inappropriate Use of Time
After-School Programming through schools	5-13	- Lack of Supervision -Inappropriate Use of Time
Local Schools' Student Leadership Programs	10-18	-Antisocial Attitudes -Lack of Concern for Others
Youth Groups at Local Churches	10-18	-Antisocial Attitudes -Lack of Concern for Others
CASA Connection	All Ages	-Abusive Parent -Low Parental Warmth
Nebraska VR	14-18	-Learning Disability -Low Achievement
Nebraska Mediation Services	14-19	-Defiance of Authority -Lack of Concern for Others
Good Life Parenting Class	0-18	-Lack of Discipline -Low parental warmth
Nebr. Dept. of Health & Human Services Child Protective Services (including Alternative Response)	All Ages	-Low Parental Warmth -Abusive Parent
DHHS Bridge to Independence (19 -21)	19-21	-Previous Victimization -Lack of Supervision
Back to Basics Coalition Activities	10-21	-Drug/Alcohol Use -Sensation Seeking

SYSTEM POINT: DIVERSION SERVICES (diversion and services available to youth on diversion)		
Program/ Agency Name	Eligible age	Risk or need
Diversion	11-18	-Drug/Alcohol Use -Lack of Supervision
Community Service Projects	11-18	-Inappropriate Use of Time -Defiance of Authority
Substance Abuse Class	11-18	-Drug/Alcohol Use -Anxiety/Depression
"Why Try" Decision Making Class	11-18	-Anti-Social Behaviors -Appropriate Use of Time
Social Boundaries Class	11-18	-Anti-Social Attitudes -Lack of Concern for Others
Parenting Class	11 – 18 (parents of youth)	-Lack of Supervision -Parental Hostility
Mental Health Services	11-18	-Anxiety/Depression -Mental Health Disorders
Family Support Services	11-18	-Lack of Supervision -Low Parental Warmth
Referral Services to Community Partners	11-18	-Anti-Social Attitudes -Low Parental Warmth
JJ 101 Class	11-18 (and parents)	-Lack of Supervision -Parental Hostility

SYSTEM POINT: ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION FOR PRE-ADJUDICATED YOUTH ONLY (include any programs that allow youth to remain in the community after any contact with law enforcement)		
Program/ Agency Name	Eligible age	Risk or need
Prejudicated, Voluntary Probation	12-18	-Drug/Alcohol Use -Defiance of Authority
Predisposition Probation Services	12-18	-Drug/Alcohol Use -Defiance of Authority
Adult Diversion Program	18	-Drug/Alcohol Use -Defiance of Authority
Referral Services to Community Partners for tracking, electronic monitoring, Family Support, Intensive Family Therapy, Mental Health Counseling, Substance Use Services, MST, Out-of-Home Placements (not including detention)	12-18	-Defiance of Authority -Substance Use Services