Community Planning for Juvenile Justice:
Community-based Aid funding directly aligns with the priorities identified by the community planning team. The community team represents juvenile justice system stakeholders including government, law enforcement, the court, probation, education, and youth-serving organizations. The Operation Youth Success Steering Committee serves as the Douglas County community team.

Stakeholder Input:
The Juvenile Justice Provider Forum and work groups of the JDAI Collaborative and Operation Youth Success aid in the formation of the Douglas County community plan through the creation of issue-specific work plans. Each work plan contains strategies and action items that provide the foundation for achieving the priorities of the community team.


"High priority will be given to those grant applications funding programs and services that will divert juveniles from the juvenile justice system, impact and effectively treat juveniles within the system, and reduce the juvenile detention population or assist juveniles in transitioning from out-of-home placements to in-home treatments."

Neb. Rev. Stat. §43-2404.02

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Community-based Juvenile Services Aid
The Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Division is a separate and distinct budgetary program within the Nebraska Crime Commission. Funding acquired by communities through participation in this grant program is used to aid in the establishment and provision of community-based services for juveniles who come in contact with the Juvenile justice system.

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DC Priority Areas

DOUGLAS COUNTY PRIORITY AREAS

Identify and address behavioral health issues for youth at risk of coming to the attention of the formal justice system, and for those youth who present behavioral health needs within the juvenile justice system address these needs efficiently and through trauma informed practice.

Utilize evidence based strategies to restructure policy and practice to create strategic, collective system improvements and reform to most efficiently use resources to most effectively serve youth who become system-involved, while maintaining focus on preventing youth from entering the formal justice system.

Identify and develop strategies to address issues of Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) within the identified target populations.

Reduce the number of unstably housed youth in the Metro Area.

Reduce recidivism by eliminating barriers to success for youth re-entering following disruptions in home, school, and community as a result of formal legal actions.

Reduce incidences and exposure to youth violence through strategic, holistic community-wide efforts.
Impact Spotlight:

Trauma Training Series:
A series of professional development trainings were made possible through Community-based Juvenile Services Aid dollars. These trainings were well attended by professionals and community members representing various youth-serving sectors. Facilitated by Region 3 Behavioral Health Services, workshops included: Trauma 101 and Recovery, Train-the-Trainer Trauma 101 and Recovery, Calmer Classrooms: Working with Traumatized Students, and Effective Strategies for Working with Traumatized Youth.

Restorative Practices Training:
The Concord Mediation Center provided a thoughtful series of trainings to familiarize school, juvenile justice, and agency officials with both the concepts of Restorative Practices and the practical implementation tools and processes. This series, which concluded in September, was funded through a Community-based Aid award to Concord Mediation Center.

NASRO Basic Certification Course:
The National Association of School Resource Officers, Basic Certification Course was hosted in Omaha August 1st—5th. The Basic SRO Course is a forty-hour training block emphasizing three main areas of instruction: Functioning as a police officer in the school setting, working as a resource and problem solver, and developing teaching skills. Thirty-six officers from the Omaha Metro were able to obtain certification through a Community-based Aid grant award.

"Parts of the course had not been covered in my previous training. This increased my knowledge as an SRO."
- Class Participant

Youth Employment Skills

The Reentry Task Force secured Community-based Aid to build capacity for programs serving youth experiencing a disruption in home, school, or community due to legal actions. The result was an enhanced Youth Employment Skills Training Program, funded with Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid, and facilitated by Goodwill Industries. This free Youth Employment Skills Training Program served youth, ages 16-18, at-risk for not completing high school, or who may not have been considering postsecondary education.

In The Middle of Nowhere

The Rose Theater has teamed with renowned actor, writer, director and activist, Daniel Beaty, to create a one-of-a-kind performance piece that addresses issues of youth incarceration and the challenges faced by those who are part of the Juvenile Justice System.

Performance Dates: November 17th, 19th, and 20th.

To Reserve Tickets Contact: Lisa Winton 402-345-5401 (105) or lwinton@vgagroup.com
Resources:

Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act – Title II:

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) is the federal office designated to oversee grant funding related to the JJDPA. States must be in compliance with the four core requirements in order to receive the full Title II grant allocation. Title II is a formula grant, the allocation is based on the state’s population, juvenile population, and various other factors. States can expend these funds on issues relating to juvenile justice such as substance abuse, mental health, gangs, rural issues, education, and related topics identified in the state Three Year Plan.

The Act requires each state to have a State Advisory Group to facilitate a Three Year Plan for juvenile justice. The Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice (NCJJ) is Nebraska’s State Advisory Group and makes recommendations on funding to the Nebraska Crime Commission who grants final approval.

Office of Violence Prevention:

The Office of Violence Prevention was created to help develop, foster, promote and assess violence prevention programs in the State of Nebraska. The Office of Violence Prevention (OVP) aids privately funded organizations, local government subdivisions, and other community advocacy groups in developing proven and cutting-edge Prevention, Intervention, and Enforcement strategies and techniques. Through a competitive grants process the office of violence prevention awards $350,000 annually.

Data Reports:

The Nebraska Court Improvement Project produces annual data reports detailing important measures on child welfare and juvenile justice in Nebraska. Each report contains information specific to the Through the Eyes of the Child teams.


Many girls experience violence, trauma, poverty, and racial, ethnic and gender bias that can lead to their involvement in the juvenile justice system. OJJDP believes that the needs of girls must be addressed in a developmentally appropriate manner. As such, in October 2015, OJJDP released Girls and the Juvenile Justice System Policy Guidance.

Links of Interest


NE Crime Commission: [https://ncc.nebraska.gov/](https://ncc.nebraska.gov/)

NE Crime Commission Grants: [https://ncc.nebraska.gov/grant-apps](https://ncc.nebraska.gov/grant-apps)


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