



COUNTY NEEDS ASSESSMENT FY 2020-2021

Butler County

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Appendix: Sealed Court Records by Year22



Youth Level

- 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.
 - Rate of Hispanic youth with chronic absenteeism is disproportionate to the rate of Hispanic youth in Seward County schools.
- Reported tobacco use for all grades is nearly double the state average; 12th graders report higher on alcohol and binge drinking than the state.
- Arrests for juveniles went down from 2018 to 2019.
- YLS domains that are the highest in Butler County are Family Circumstance/Parenting, Peer Relationships, and Personality/Behavior. There should be programs in the community to address these.
- Law enforcement data by race/ethnicity would be very beneficial to have a clearer picture of RED; however the percentage of black and Hispanic youth in diversion and probation is higher than reported in demographics
- Although the Census and school data indicate few Black youth, they are over-represented in probation intakes. Black youth are also disproportionately less successful on probation

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% |
| Butler | 486 | 95.5% | 3.5% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 1.0% |

Females

| Geographic Area | Total Count | Non-Hispanic White | Hispanic or Latino | Black | American Indian | Asian or Pacific Islander | 2+ Races |
|-----------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| Nebraska | 102,658 | 69.9% | 15.8% | 5.2% | 1.2% | 2.5% | 5.4% |
| Butler | 430 | 93.5% | 4.4% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.9% | 1.2% |

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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 | Butler | 994 | 6.04% | 1.11% | 0.30% | 0.40% | 0.00% | 91.45% | 0.70% |
| | Nebraska | 312,281 | 17.74% | 2.43% | 1.42% | 6.70% | 0.13% | 68.20% | 3.38% |
| 2015-2016 | Butler | 971 | 5.66% | 1.03% | 0.31% | 0.21% | 0.00% | 91.97% | 0.82% |
| | Nebraska | 315,542 | 18.08% | 2.53% | 1.38% | 6.67% | 0.14% | 67.72% | 3.47% |
| 2016-2017 | Butler | 936 | 5.45% | 0.75% | 0.21% | 0.21% | 0.00% | 92.31% | 1.07% |
| | Nebraska | 318,853 | 18.61% | 2.66% | 1.38% | 6.69% | 0.15% | 66.92% | 3.59% |
| 2017-2018 | Butler | 955 | 7.02% | 0.42% | 0.31% | 0.21% | 0.00% | 90.99% | 1.05% |
| | Nebraska | 323,391 | 18.80% | 2.76% | 1.35% | 6.67% | 0.14% | 66.50% | 3.78% |
| 2018-2019 | Butler | 938 | 8.32% | 0.21% | 0.11% | 0.21% | 0.00% | 89.98% | 1.17% |
| | 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 | Butler | 78 | * | * | * | * | * | 100.00% | * |
| | Nebraska | 35,638 | 24.54% | 1.64% | 4.42% | 12.93% | 0.19% | 51.61% | 4.68% |
| 2015-2016 | Butler | 56 | * | * | * | * | * | 100.00% | * |
| | Nebraska | 38,812 | 25.73% | 1.55% | 4.27% | 13.68% | 0.27% | 49.68% | 4.83% |
| 2016-2017 | Butler | 66 | * | * | * | * | * | 100.00% | * |
| | Nebraska | 42,290 | 26.90% | 1.66% | 4.40% | 14.22% | 0.24% | 47.66% | 4.92% |
| 2017-2018 | Butler | 70 | 18.57% | * | * | * | * | 81.43% | * |
| | Nebraska | 46,365 | 26.81% | 1.77% | 4.18% | 14.49% | 0.22% | 47.37% | 2389 |
| 2018-2019 | Butler | 80 | 27.50% | * | * | * | * | 72.50% | * |
| | 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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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 | Butler | 994 | 15.09% | 4.23% | * | 41.75% |
| | Nebraska | 312,281 | 13.66% | 0.76% | 5.97% | 44.53% |
| 2015-2016 | Butler | 971 | 14.11% | 5.77% | * | 38.11% |
| | Nebraska | 315,542 | 13.64% | 0.90% | 5.90% | 44.23% |
| 2016-2017 | Butler | 936 | 15.28% | 4.27% | * | 40.17% |
| | Nebraska | 318,853 | 13.80% | 0.93% | 6.99% | 44.76% |
| 2017-2018 | Butler | 955 | 18.74% | 3.77% | 1.57% | 40.42% |
| | Nebraska | 323,391 | 15.87% | 0.88% | 6.59% | 46.24% |
| 2018-2019 | Butler | 938 | 17.06% | * | 2.03% | 37.42% |
| | 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% | -- |
| Butler | 364 | 386 | 36.4 | 38.6 | 94.3% | 44 |

Data are only for public school districts and their associated high schools. The figures are aggregated based on the location of the school, not the residential location of the student. The figures for Dawes County are impacted by a vocational school where graduation rates are less than 25%; in the rest of the county graduation rates equal 93%.

Table 6.

Youth Who Report Mental Health Symptoms and Substance Use by Grade (2016) ^d

| | Youth Report of MH Symptoms | 8 th | 10 th | 12 th |
|---------------|------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Butler | Loss of sleep from worry | 14.8% | 10.7% | 14.8% |
| Nebraska | | 18.0% | 20.6% | 21.6% |
| Butler | Depressed | 32.8% | 19.6% | 16.7% |
| Nebraska | | 31.1% | 34.8% | 35.3% |
| Butler | Considered/Attempted suicide | 8.2% | 17.9% | 16.7% |
| Nebraska | | 22.9% | 18.2% | 16.2% |
| Butler | Current alcohol | 6.8% | 21.4% | 38.2% |
| Nebraska | | 9.8% | 20.1% | 34.2% |



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|---------------|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Butler | Current binge drinking | 1.7% | 12.5% | 23.6% |
| Nebraska | | 1.3% | 6.2% | 15.0% |
| Butler | Current marijuana | 0.0% | 5.4% | 18.2% |
| Nebraska | | 3.0% | 7.3% | 13.9% |
| Butler | Current tobacco | 6.8% | 16.1% | 27.3% |
| Nebraska | | 3.7% | 8.0% | 15.3% |
| Butler | Current vaping | 3.4% | 12.5% | 29.1% |
| Nebraska | | 10.4% | 24.7% | 37.3% |
| Butler | Hopeful for future (past week) | 86.7% | 82.1% | 88.9% |
| Nebraska | | 78.0% | 76.1% | 77.6% |

****JJJ is currently waiting for the legal team at DHHS to approve providing this data**

Table 7.

Juveniles Referred to Services ^e

Table 8.

Juveniles Referred to Services by Race/Ethnicity, Gender, and Mental Health Diagnosis ^e

Table 9.

Juveniles Who Utilized Services ^e

Table 10.

Types of Services Utilized ^e

Table 11.

Youth Who Report Gang Involvement by Grade (2016) ^d

| | | 8th | 10th | 12th |
|---------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Butler | Youth Reported Gang Involvement | 3.3% | 1.8% | 5.6% |
| Nebraska | | 3.8% | 4.4% | 3.8% |



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Table 12.

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

| Arrestee Age | All Arrestee Ages | | | Under 18 | | |
|---|-------------------|------|-------------------------|----------|------|-------------------------|
| Summary Arrest Date | 2018 | 2019 | 2018 - 2019 Growth % | 2018 | 2019 | 2018 - 2019 Growth % |
| Jurisdiction by Geography | BUTLER COUNTY | | | | | |
| Arrest Offense | | | | | | |
| Total | 229 | 193 | -15.72 | 28 | 13 | -53.57 |
| Rape Total | - | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| Aggravated Assault Total | 3 | 2 | -33.33 | 1 | - | -100.00 |
| Burglary Total | - | 3 | - | - | - | - |
| Larceny-Theft Total | 6 | 2 | -66.67 | - | - | - |
| Motor Vehicle Theft Total | 2 | 2 | 0.00 | 1 | 2 | 100.00 |
| Other Assaults | 23 | 22 | -4.35 | 1 | - | -100.00 |
| Fraud | 1 | - | -100.00 | - | - | - |
| Stolen Property; Buying, Receiving, Possessing | 2 | 4 | 100.00 | - | 0 | - |
| Vandalism | 5 | 3 | -40.00 | 1 | | -100.00 |
| Weapons; Carrying, Possessing, etc. | 4 | 6 | 50.00 | 1 | 0 | -100.00 |
| Sex Offenses (Except Rape and Prostitution) | 2 | 2 | 0.00 | - | - | - |
| Drug Violations - Sale/Manufacturing | 10 | 5 | -50.00 | 2 | - | -100.00 |
| Drug Violations - Possession | 51 | 28 | -45.10 | 10 | 2 | -80.00 |
| Offenses Against Family and Children | 2 | 4 | 100.00 | - | - | - |
| Driving Under the Influence | 29 | 28 | -3.45 | 1 | 2 | 100.00 |
| Liquor Laws | 11 | 16 | 45.45 | 3 | 5 | 66.67 |
| Disorderly Conduct | 5 | 4 | -20.00 | - | - | - |
| All Other Offenses (Except Traffic) | 73 | 61 | -16.44 | 7 | 2 | -71.43 |

Table 13.

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

| | Butler | | All YLS Counties | |
|-------------------------------|--------|------|------------------|------|
| Score | M | SD | M | SD |
| Family Circumstance/Parenting | 1.55 | 1.13 | 1.20 | 1.32 |
| Education/Employment | 0.73 | 0.91 | 1.27 | 1.35 |
| Peer Relationships | 1.73 | 1.35 | 1.78 | 1.08 |
| Substance Use | 0.18 | 0.41 | 1.29 | 1.40 |
| Leisure/Recreation | 0.09 | 0.31 | 0.88 | 0.95 |



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|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------|-----------------------------|------|
| Personality/Behavior | 1.45 | 0.93 | 1.34 | 1.52 |
| Attitudes/Orientation | 1.00 | 0.78 | 0.45 | 0.79 |
| Mean Score | $M = 6.73, SD = 2.57, 3-11$ | | $M = 8.23, SD = 5.22, 0-31$ | |

Butler County $n = 119$; Statewide $n = 2124$

Table 14.
Racial and Ethnic Disparities Descriptives (2015-2019) ¹

[Click here to see Census and School Population Data](#)

*Data were not separated by year because there were too few cases

| 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 | 107 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Youth referred to diversion | 55 | 0% | 0% | 0% | 7.30% | 1.80% | 0% | 90.90% |
| Youth enrolled in diversion | 47 | 0% | 0% | 0% | 8.50% | 2.10% | 0% | 89.40% |
| Successful completion diversion | 40 | 0% | 0% | 0% | 10.0% | 2.50% | 0% | 87.50% |
| Youth with multiple charges | 6 | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 50% | 50% |
| Filed on in adult court | 1 | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 100% | 0% |
| RAI Override: More Severe | 3 | 0% | 0% | 33.30% | 33.30% | 0% | 0% | 33.30% |
| RAI Override: Less Severe | 2 | 0% | 0% | 0% | 50.0% | 0% | 0% | 50% |
| Probation intake | 12 | 0% | 0% | 8.30% | 33.30% | 0% | 0% | 58.30% |
| Successful probation | 81 | 0% | 0% | 1.20% | 16.0% | 0% | 0% | 82.70% |
| Revocation of probation | 9 | 0% | 0% | 11.10% | 22.20% | 0% | 0% | 66.70% |
| Youth in OJS custody | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| OJS custody: placed in detention | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |



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|--|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Youth booked into detention | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Youth booked into detention more than once | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |



Family Level

- Number of adults with bachelor's degrees is lower than the state average; it may be possible that residents who go to college outside of Butler County find employment where they go to school and do not return to Butler County.
- 8th and 10th graders report lower than state on adult at home who listens, 12th graders report lower than state average of adults at school who listen.

Table 15.

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

| Measurement | | Butler | Nebraska |
|---|---|--------|----------|
| Poverty/SES | Children <18 in Poverty | 9.1% | 14.8% |
| | Number of children 12-17 below 185% poverty | 152 | 43,814 |
| | Percent of children 12-17 below 185% poverty | 21.3% | 28.9% |
| Educational attainment | Age 25+ with B.D. | 19.9% | 31.3% |
| | County rank | 58 | - |
| | Age 25+ with some college, no degree | 22.2% | 23.0% |
| | County rank | 71 | - |
| | Age 25+ with HS degree | 92.1% | 91.1% |
| | County Rank | 52 | - |
| Technology and computers in the home | % under 18 with a computer at home | 95.6% | 96.9% |
| | County rank | 77 | - |
| | % under 18 with an internet subscription at home | 86.7% | 91.0% |
| | County rank | 71 | - |
| | % under 18 with broadband internet access at home | 86.2% | 90.8% |
| | County Rank | 72 | - |
| Housing | Owner-occupied households | 2,643 | 498,567 |
| | Total households | 3,377 | 754,063 |



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|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|-------|---------|
| | Owner % | 78.3% | 66.1% |
| | Renters | 734 | 255,496 |
| | Renter % | 21.7% | 33.9% |
| Transportation | Households with no vehicle available | 86 | 40,465 |
| | Total households | 3,377 | 754,063 |
| | No vehicle % | 2.5% | 5.4% |
| | | | |

Table 16.
Youth Who Report Supportive Adults by Grade (2016) ^d

| | | 8 th | 10 th | 12 th |
|---------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Butler | Adult at home who listens | 84.5% | 80.4% | 85.5% |
| Nebraska | | 87.3% | 85.0% | 85.6% |
| Butler | Adult at school who listens | 87.1% | 89.5% | 77.8% |
| Nebraska | | 85.2% | 85.0% | 87.4% |

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 |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---|
| Butler | 0 | 0 | 14 | 12 |
| Nebraska | 562 | 402 | 2512 | 2019 |

Table 18.
Child Abuse and Neglect Reports ⁱ

| | Abuse/Neglect Calls | Reports Assessed | Substantiated | Unfounded |
|---------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------|------------|
| Butler | 86 | 38% | 21% | 70% |
| Nebraska | 36,480 | 33.4% | 16.0% | 68.3% |



Community Level

- 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).
- Data for race and ethnicity at each juvenile justice system point is imperative for an accurate Racial and Ethnic Disparities (RED) analysis.

Table 19.

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

| Type of Violence | Butler | Nebraska |
|--------------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Murder and Nonnegligent manslaughter | 0 | 34 |
| Rape | 1 | 264 |
| Robbery | 0 | 367 |
| Aggravated Assault | 2 | 1,639 |
| Other Assaults | 22 | 8,782 |

Table 20.

Youth Perceptions of Community Attitudes on Substance Use by Grade (2016) ^d

| | | 8 th | 10 th | 12 th |
|---------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Butler | Wrong/very wrong – Marijuana | 93.0% | 91.1% | 88.9% |
| Nebraska | | 94.4% | 89.8% | 85.2% |
| Butler | Wrong/very wrong – alcohol | 86.0% | 75.0% | 58.2% |
| Nebraska | | 89.1% | 80.4% | 68.7% |
| Butler | Wrong/very wrong – cigarettes | 93.0% | 83.9% | 76.4% |
| Nebraska | | 92.9% | 89.0% | 78.7% |



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Table 21.

Juvenile Court Record Sealing Analysis (2015 – 2019) ^msee [Appendix for yearly data](#)

| | Number of charges Sealed | Total Number of charges | Sealed (%) |
|---|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| Dismissed or Dropped | 21 | 32 | 65.6% |
| Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ | -- | -- | -- |
| Filed in Juv. Court | 281 | 368 | 76.4% |
| Filed in Adult Court (M or I) | 10 | 10 | 100% |
| Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court | -- | -- | -- |
| Total | 312 | 410 | 76.1% |

*Cases offered diversion, mediation or RJ are not available data points in in JUSTICE. 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

- This county is not a county required to provide counsel under statute; notably, access to counsel is very low in this community.
- There are few curfew and 3A, 3B, and 3C filings in court so the community is diverting appropriately.
- It is not clear why all first-time offenders are not referred to diversion but perhaps this is due to the ineligible offenses.
- With respect to diversion practices, the community may want to consider allowing warning letters for the lowest risk youth
- If drug testing is needed, it should only be used on cases where the youth demonstrates a substance use issue.

Table 22.
Percent of Youth in Juvenile Court Who Had Access to Counsel (2018) ⁿ

| | Butler | Nebraska |
|-------------------|----------------|----------|
| Access to Counsel | 20.0% -- 39.9% | 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

| | Butler | Nebraska |
|---------------------|--------|----------|
| Curfew Court Filing | 0 | 352 |



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Table 24.

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

| | Butler | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Filed Subtype | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | Total |
| 3A- Homeless/Neglect | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3B – Absenteeism/Truancy | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3B - Uncontrollable | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| 3C – Mentally Ill and Dangerous | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| | Nebraska | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Filed Subtype | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | Total |
| 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) ^o

| | Butler | Nebraska * |
|--|---------------------------|---|
| Refer ALL juveniles who are first time offenders to diversion | No | Yes: 27.3% No: 63.6% Not sure: 9.1% |
| File a juvenile's charges at the time of the referral to diversion | Not sure | 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; murder, manslaughter | 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 | Yes | Yes: 31.8% No: 65.9% Not sure: 2.3% |



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| Fees beyond restitution | Yes; \$25 enrollment fee and \$15 a month | Yes: 86.4% No: 13.6% Not sure: 0.0% |
| Use of graduated responses prior to discharge | Yes; when a violation occurs, a response is given to address the specific violation | Yes: 47.7% No: 25.0% Not sure: 27.3% |
| Sealing diversion records | Yes; Upon enrollment a motion to dismiss will be provided to the court unless charges are never filed. Once the order of dismissal is processed the court seals the record. Upon completion a case completion form is completed and sent | 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

- A community lead should be able to get roughly a 75% response, to ensure active participation on planning issues, your response rate was 12.2%.
- The community team should be representative of the population of that community but should also include diversity. It might be beneficial to add diverse member to your team (especially because of the patterns of over and under representation.)
- On the survey –no probation, law enforcement, prosecution, or defense counsel in your team – but perhaps they did not respond to the survey.
- Only two people did not feel heard, but that is likely not representative – due to low response rate.

Table 26.
Collective Impact Survey Response Rates ^P

| | Seward/Butler | | Nebraska | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|-------|----------|-------|
| Year of survey | 2019 | 2020 | 2019 | 2020 |
| Number of surveys sent | 29 | 41 | 1407 | 780 |
| Number of completed surveys | 9 | 5 | 221 | 345 |
| Response rate | 31.0% | 12.2% | 28.3% | 24.5% |

Table 27.
Collective Impact Survey Scores ^P

| | Seward/Butler | | Nebraska | |
|--------------------------|---------------|------|------------|------|
| Year of survey | 2019 | 2020 | 2019 | 2020 |
| | Mean Score | | Mean Score | |
| Common agenda | 5.00 | 5.80 | 5.29 | 5.69 |
| Mutually reinforcing | 4.36 | 5.80 | 5.37 | 5.50 |
| Shared measurement | 3.78 | 5.80 | 5.21 | 5.45 |
| Continuous communication | 4.32 | 6.00 | 5.49 | 5.55 |
| Backbone agency | 5.10 | 5.80 | 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.



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- **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.
- **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 ^q

Table 28.
Community Planning Team Diversity ^p

| | Seward/Butler | | Nebraska | |
|------------------------------------|---------------|-------|----------|-------|
| | N = 5 | (%) | N = 345 | (%) |
| Gender | | | | |
| Male | -- | -- | 101 | 29.3% |
| Female | 4 | 80.0% | 229 | 66.4% |
| Missing | 1 | 20.0% | 15 | 4.3% |
| Age | | | | |
| Under 30 | -- | -- | 19 | 5.6% |
| 30-39 | 1 | 20.0% | 68 | 19.6% |
| 40-49 | 2 | 40.0% | 88 | 25.4% |
| 50-59 | 1 | 20.0% | 90 | 25.8% |
| 60 and over | -- | -- | 44 | 13% |
| Missing | 1 | 20.0% | 36 | 10.4% |
| Race/Ethnicity | | | | |
| White | 3 | 60.0% | 230 | 66.7% |
| Black | -- | -- | 10 | 2.9% |
| Hispanic | -- | -- | 13 | 3.8% |
| Native American | -- | -- | 6 | 1.7% |
| Asian | -- | -- | 1 | 0.3% |
| Other | -- | -- | 2 | 0.6% |
| Provided town name | 1 | 20.0% | 63 | 18.3% |
| Missing | 1 | 20.0% | 19 | 5.5% |
| Previous System Involvement | | | | |
| Yes | 1 | 20.0% | 98 | 28.4% |
| No | 4 | 80.0% | 242 | 70.1% |
| Missing | -- | -- | 5 | 1.4% |



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| System Point* | | | | |
|--|----|-------|-----|-------|
| Law enforcement | -- | -- | 34 | 7.8% |
| County attorney/ juvenile court | -- | -- | 32 | 7.3% |
| K-12 or secondary education | 1 | 20.0% | 65 | 14.9% |
| Ministry/faith based | | | 10 | 2.3% |
| Diversion | 1 | 20.0% | 55 | 12.6% |
| Probation | -- | -- | 31 | 7.1% |
| Public defender/ defense counsel/ guardian ad litem | -- | -- | 8 | 1.8% |
| DHHS or Child Welfare | -- | -- | 13 | 3.0% |
| Treatment provider | 1 | 20.0% | 40 | 9.2% |
| Post adjudication or detention | -- | -- | 8 | 1.8% |
| Community based program | 2 | 40.0% | 109 | 25.0% |
| Elected official or government | -- | -- | 6 | 1.4% |
| Restorative practices | -- | -- | 6 | 1.4% |
| Backbone or system improvement | -- | -- | 3 | 0.7% |
| Other | -- | -- | 16 | 3.7% |
| | | | | |
| Voice on Team | | | | |
| Feel heard | 3 | 60.0% | 270 | 78.3% |
| Do not feel heard | 2 | 40.0% | 75 | 21.7% |

Seward $n = 4$ (one person named more than one county they represent, but they were outside this multi-county group).

*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: Sealed Court Records by Year**

*Cases offered diversion, mediation or RJ are not available data points in in JUSTICE. 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 | 7 | 7 | 100% |
| Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ | -- | -- | -- |
| Filed in Juv. Court | 95 | 100 | 95.0% |
| Filed in Adult Court (M or I) | 2 | 2 | 100% |
| Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court | -- | -- | -- |
| Total | 104 | 109 | 95.4% |

| 2016 | Number of charges Sealed | Total Number of charges | Sealed (%) |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Dismissed or Dropped | 3 | 8 | 37.5% |
| Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ | -- | -- | -- |
| Filed in Juv. Court | 34 | 37 | 91.9% |
| Filed in Adult Court (M or I) | 1 | 1 | 100% |
| Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court | -- | -- | -- |
| Total | 38 | 46 | 82.6% |

| 2017 | Number of charges Sealed | Total Number of charges | Sealed (%) |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Dismissed or Dropped | 6 | 9 | 66.7% |
| Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ | -- | -- | -- |
| Filed in Juv. Court | 82 | 100 | 82.0% |
| Filed in Adult Court (M or I) | 5 | 5 | 100% |
| Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court | -- | -- | -- |
| Total | 93 | 114 | 81.6% |



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| 2018 | Number of charges Sealed | Total Number of charges | Sealed (%) |
|---|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| Dismissed or Dropped | 3 | 3 | 100% |
| Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ | -- | -- | -- |
| Filed in Juv. Court | 38 | 62 | 61.3% |
| Filed in Adult Court (M or I) | 2 | 2 | 100% |
| Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court | -- | -- | -- |
| Total | 43 | 67 | 64.2% |

| 2019 | Number of charges Sealed | Total Number of charges | Sealed (%) |
|---|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| Dismissed or Dropped | 2 | 5 | 40.0% |
| Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ | -- | -- | -- |
| Filed in Juv. Court | 32 | 69 | 46.4% |
| Filed in Adult Court (M or I) | -- | -- | -- |
| Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court | -- | -- | -- |
| Total | 34 | 74 | 45.9% |