



## COUNTY NEEDS ASSESSMENT FY 2020-2021

## Chase County

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## Youth Level

- Hispanic youth are over-represented in chronic absenteeism compared to the county population and school population. Other race/ethnicities are too small to include.
- The county had higher 504 plans in 2016-2017 school year – frequencies were too small in other years to report but the county may know if trends were present before or since. Limited English proficiency is higher than the state average across all years but shows a declining trend.
- 10<sup>th</sup> graders report the most mental health and substance use issues; 10<sup>th</sup> graders have greater loss of sleep from worry, alcohol use and binge drinking, and tobacco and vaping as compared to the state. 12<sup>th</sup> graders report greater alcohol use, binge drinking, and tobacco use as compared to the state average; vaping is high amongst seniors here and statewide. 12<sup>th</sup> graders report being very hopeful!
- There is a high proportion of 10<sup>th</sup> graders that report gang involvement.
- Crime has decreased in the county for all age groups and for juveniles from 2018 to 2019. The frequency for 2019 was 0 so it is difficult to make any conclusions for juvenile crime trends. Examining adult/all ages crime trends can assist in understanding crime trends generally.
- JJI did not have risk assessment scores for diversion from the 2015-2017 assessment evaluation to include. If the county is not using a validated assessment tool, then it should begin doing so (there will be a statewide tool coming in July 2021). If the county does have assessment data in digital format for JJI to analyze, we would be happy to update this table.
- More youth are put on probation (24) than referred to diversion. Best practices is to divert more youth than put youth on probation.
- Once referred to diversion, all racial/ethnic groups are enrolling and successfully completing diversion at an appropriate rate to the population of the county.
- Hispanic youth are under-represented in diversion referrals as compared to their representation in the population. Unfortunately, we do not have law enforcement data by race/ethnicity to assess whether this is proportional to the rate of law enforcement stops. Hispanic youth are over-represented in probation.
- Hispanic youth are over-represented in multiple charges at filing and being filed in adult court. There is missing data at diversion and the court, making the RED analysis less reliable than if data were completed.

Table 1.

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

### Males

Geographic Area Name	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%
<b>Chase</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>83.0%</b>	<b>13.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>3.9%</b>



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## Females

Geographic Area Name	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%
<b>Chase</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>76.9%</b>	<b>23.1%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

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Table 2.

School Membership by Race/ Ethnicity and School Year (2014-2019) <sup>b</sup>

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	<b>Chase</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>21.02%</b>	<b>0.12%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>0.12%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>78.62%</b>	<b>0.12%</b>
	Nebraska	312,281	17.74%	2.43%	1.42%	6.70%	0.13%	68.20%	3.38%
2015-2016	<b>Chase</b>	<b>862</b>	<b>20.30%</b>	<b>0.23%</b>	<b>0.12%</b>	<b>0.12%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>79.12%</b>	<b>0.12%</b>
	Nebraska	315,542	18.08%	2.53%	1.38%	6.67%	0.14%	67.72%	3.47%
2016-2017	<b>Chase</b>	<b>883</b>	<b>21.06%</b>	<b>0.23%</b>	<b>0.11%</b>	<b>0.23%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>78.37%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
	Nebraska	318,853	18.61%	2.66%	1.38%	6.69%	0.15%	66.92%	3.59%
2017-2018	<b>Chase</b>	<b>902</b>	<b>19.73%</b>	<b>0.22%</b>	<b>0.11%</b>	<b>0.33%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>79.49%</b>	<b>0.11%</b>
	Nebraska	323,391	18.80%	2.76%	1.35%	6.67%	0.14%	66.50%	3.78%
2018-2019	<b>Chase</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>20.14%</b>	<b>0.23%</b>	<b>0.12%</b>	<b>1.16%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>77.55%</b>	<b>0.81%</b>
	Nebraska	325,984	19.13%	2.83%	1.33%	6.63%	0.15%	66.02%	3.91%



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Table 3.

Chronic Absenteeism by Race/Ethnicity and School Year (2014 - 2019)<sup>b</sup>

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	<b>Chase</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>30.00%</b>	*	*	*	*	<b>70.00%</b>	*
	Nebraska	35,638	24.54%	1.64%	4.42%	12.93%	0.19%	51.61%	4.68%
2015-2016	<b>Chase</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>24.51%</b>	*	*	*	*	<b>75.49%</b>	*
	Nebraska	38,812	25.73%	1.55%	4.27%	13.68%	0.27%	49.68%	4.83%
2016-2017	<b>Chase</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>34.75%</b>	*	*	*	*	<b>65.25%</b>	*
	Nebraska	42,290	26.90%	1.66%	4.40%	14.22%	0.24%	47.66%	4.92%
2017-2018	<b>Chase</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>32.43%</b>	*	*	*	*	<b>67.57%</b>	*
	Nebraska	46,365	26.81%	1.77%	4.18%	14.49%	0.22%	47.37%	2389
2018-2019	<b>Chase</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>32.32%</b>	*	*	*	*	<b>67.68%</b>	*
	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)<sup>b</sup>

Year	Geographic Area	Total Count	IDEA	504 Plan	Limited English Proficiency	Free/Reduced Lunch
2014-2015	<b>Chase</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>10.69%</b>	*	<b>11.28%</b>	<b>38.60%</b>
	Nebraska	312,281	13.66%	0.76%	5.97%	44.53%
2015-2016	<b>Chase</b>	<b>862</b>	<b>11.37%</b>	*	<b>10.79%</b>	<b>37.94%</b>
	Nebraska	315,542	13.64%	0.90%	5.90%	44.23%
2016-2017	<b>Chase</b>	<b>883</b>	<b>11.10%</b>	<b>4.19%</b>	<b>11.10%</b>	<b>42.58%</b>
	Nebraska	318,853	13.80%	0.93%	6.99%	44.76%
2017-2018	<b>Chase</b>	<b>902</b>	<b>12.64%</b>	*	<b>7.98%</b>	<b>43.57%</b>
	Nebraska	323,391	15.87%	0.88%	6.59%	46.24%
2018-2019	<b>Chase</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>12.96%</b>	*	<b>8.80%</b>	<b>43.17%</b>
	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) <sup>c</sup>

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%	n/a
<b>Chase</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>26.6</b>	<b>29.0</b>	<b>91.7%</b>	<b>69</b>

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 (2018) <sup>d</sup>

		8 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Chase</b>	Loss of sleep from worry	<b>14.5%</b>	<b>28.3%</b>	<b>10.9%</b>
Nebraska		18.0%	20.6%	21.6%
<b>Chase</b>	Depressed	<b>21.7%</b>	<b>28.3%</b>	<b>19.6%</b>
Nebraska		31.1%	34.8%	35.3%
<b>Chase</b>	Considered/Attempted suicide	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>15.4%</b>	<b>10.9%</b>
Nebraska		22.9%	18.2%	16.2%
<b>Chase</b>	Current alcohol	<b>7.5%</b>	<b>32.1%</b>	<b>44.4%</b>
Nebraska		9.8%	20.1%	34.2%
<b>Chase</b>	Current binge drinking	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>11.5%</b>	<b>19.1%</b>
Nebraska		1.3%	6.2%	15.0%
<b>Chase</b>	Current marijuana	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>7.5%</b>	<b>2.2%</b>
Nebraska		3.0%	7.3%	13.9%
<b>Chase</b>	Current tobacco	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>13.5%</b>	<b>31.9%</b>
Nebraska		3.7%	8.0%	15.3%
<b>Chase</b>	Current vaping	<b>2.9%</b>	<b>35.8%</b>	<b>36.2%</b>
Nebraska		10.4%	24.7%	37.3%
<b>Chase</b>	Hopeful for future (past week)	<b>79.7%</b>	<b>75.5%</b>	<b>93.6%</b>
Nebraska		78.0%	76.1%	77.6%

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

Table 7.

Juveniles Referred to Services <sup>e</sup>

Table 8.



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Juveniles Referred to Services by Race/Ethnicity, Gender, and Mental Health Diagnosis <sup>e</sup>

Table 9.

Juveniles Who Utilized Services <sup>e</sup>

Table 10.

Types of Services Utilized <sup>e</sup>

Table 11.

Youth Who Report Gang Involvement by Grade (2018) <sup>d</sup>

		8 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Chase</b>	Youth Reported Gang Involvement	<b>4.5%</b>	<b>17.3%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Nebraska</b>		3.8%	4.4%	3.8%

Table 12.

Arrest Rates for Adults and Juveniles for 2018 and 2019 with Percent Change <sup>f</sup>

Arrestee Age	All Arrestee Ages			Under 18		
Summary Arrest Date	2018	2019	2018 - 2019 Growth %	2018	2019	2018 - 2019 Growth %
Jurisdiction by Geography	CHASE COUNTY					
Arrest Offense						
Total	39	10	-74.36	6		-100.00
Aggravated Assault Total	1	-	-100.00	0	-	-
Larceny-Theft Total	2	-	-100.00	0	-	-
Motor Vehicle Theft Total	1	-	-100.00	1	-	-100.00
Other Assaults	5	-	-100.00	0	-	-
Forgery and Counterfeiting	1	-	-100.00	-	-	-
Fraud	1	1	0.00	-	-	-
Stolen Property; Buying, Receiving, Possessing	-	1	-	-	-	-
Weapons; Carrying, Possessing, etc.	1	-	-100.00	0	-	-
Drug Violations - Possession	5	-	-100.00	1	-	-100.00
Offenses Against Family and Children	1	-	-100.00	-	-	-
Driving Under the Influence	5	4	-20.00	0	-	-
Liquor Laws	12	1	-91.67	4	-	-100.00
All Other Offenses (Except Traffic)	4	3	-25.00	0	-	-



Table 13.

Risk Assessment Domains for Youth Assessed on Diversion (2015 - 2017) <sup>g</sup>

Score	Chase			All NYS Counties		
	0	1	2	0	1	2
Family Circumstance/Parenting	--	--	--	60.1%	26.7%	13.1%
Education/Employment	--	--	--	43.0%	44.0%	13.1%
Peer Relationships	--	--	--	44.7%	46.6%	8.6%
Substance Use	--	--	--	61.4%	30.3%	8.3%
Leisure/Recreation	--	--	--	50.6%	33.0%	16.5%
Personality/Behavior	--	--	--	50.1%	39.4%	10.4%
Attitudes/Orientation	--	--	--	61.3%	33.7%	5.0%
Mean Score	$M = --, SD = --, --$			$M = 5.64, SD = 3.65, 0-17$		

Could not compute because county did not have any risk assessments completed

Table 14.

Racial and Ethnic Disparities Descriptives (2015-2019) <sup>l</sup>[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	32	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	21	0%	0%	0%	4.80%	0%	9.50%	85.70%
Youth enrolled in diversion	19	0%	0%	0%	5.30%	0%	10.50%	84.20%
Successful completion diversion	16	0%	0%	0%	6.20%	0%	6.20%	87.50%
Youth with multiple charges	3	0%	0%	0%	33.30%	0%	0%	66.70%
Filed on in adult court	5	0%	0%	0%	20%	0%	20%	60%
RAI Override: More Severe	0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%





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RAI Override: Less Severe	0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Probation intake	5	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Successful probation	22	0%	0%	0%	72.70%	0%	0%	27.30%
Revocation of probation	2	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%
Youth in OJS custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OJS custody: placed in detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention more than once	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--



## Family Level

- Poverty and other measures related to socioeconomic status and poverty do not appear to be an issue in this county, as compared to the state averages. Fewer residents aged 25 and older have a bachelor's degree, but this is not uncommon in rural areas.
- 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders report not having a supportive adult at school, as compared to the state data.
- Domestic violence reports are not an issue in the county. Child abuse reports are unfounded at a higher rate than the state, and more are assessed.

Table 15.

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

Measurement		Chase	Nebraska
<b>Poverty/SES</b>	Children <18 in Poverty	<b>8.1%</b>	14.8%
	Number of children 12-17 below 185% poverty	<b>80</b>	43,814
	Percent of children 12-17 below 185% poverty	<b>26.7%</b>	28.9%
<b>Educational attainment</b>	Age 25+ with B.D.	<b>20.8%</b>	<b>31.3%</b>
	County rank	<b>49</b>	-
	Age 25+ with some college, no degree	<b>31.0%</b>	23.0%
	County rank	<b>3</b>	-
	Age 25+ with HS degree	<b>88.6%</b>	91.1%
	County Rank	<b>77</b>	-
<b>Technology and computers in the home</b>	% under 18 with a computer at home	<b>100.0%</b>	96.9%
	County rank	<b>1</b>	-
	% under 18 with an internet subscription at home	<b>92.9%</b>	91.0%
	County rank	<b>33</b>	-
	% under 18 with broadband internet access at home	<b>92.9%</b>	90.8%
	County Rank	<b>29</b>	-
<b>Housing</b>	Owner-occupied households	<b>1,323</b>	498,567
	Total households	<b>1,714</b>	754,063



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	Owner %	<b>77.2%</b>	66.1%
	Renters	<b>391</b>	255,496
	Renter %	<b>22.8%</b>	33.9%
<b>Transportation</b>	Households with no vehicle available	<b>59</b>	40,465
	Total households	<b>1,714</b>	754,063
	No vehicle %	<b>3.4%</b>	5.4%

Table 16.  
Youth Who Report Supportive Adults by Grade (2018) <sup>d</sup>

		<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Chase</b>	Adult at home who listens	<b>85.10%</b>	<b>84.90%</b>	<b>91.50%</b>
Nebraska		87.3%	85.0%	85.6%
<b>Chase</b>	Adult at school who listens	<b>84.10%</b>	<b>79.20%</b>	<b>76.60%</b>
Nebraska		85.2%	<b>85.0%</b>	<b>87.4%</b>

Table 17.  
Domestic Violence Reports and Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means (2019) <sup>h</sup>

	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
<b>Chase</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Nebraska	562	402	2512	2019

Table 18.  
Child Abuse and Neglect Reports (2018) <sup>i</sup>

	Abuse/Neglect Calls	Reports Assessed	Substantiated	Unfounded
<b>Chase</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>80%</b>
Nebraska	36,480	33.4%	16.0%	<b>68.3%</b>



## Community Level

- Violent crime does not appear to be an issue, except other assaults.
- Youth report that they think their community finds marijuana and cigarettes to be wrong or very wrong at a rate higher than the state average. There is not the same trend for alcohol.
- 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) <sup>i</sup>

Type of Violence	Chase	Nebraska
Murder and Nonnegligent manslaughter	--	34
Rape	--	264
Robbery	--	367
Aggravated Assault	--	1,639
Other Assaults	--	8,782

No data presented, or frequencies are 0

Table 20.

Youth Perceptions of Community Attitudes on Substance Use by Grade (2018) <sup>d</sup>

		8 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Chase</b>	Wrong/very wrong – Marijuana	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>94.3%</b>	<b>95.7%</b>
Nebraska		94.4%	89.8%	85.2%
<b>Chase</b>	Wrong/very wrong – alcohol	<b>89.4%</b>	<b>83.0%</b>	<b>67.4%</b>
Nebraska		89.1%	80.4%	68.7%
<b>Chase</b>	Wrong/very wrong – cigarettes	<b>98.5%</b>	<b>92.5%</b>	<b>74.5%</b>
Nebraska		92.9%	89.0%	78.7%



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Table 21.

Juvenile Court Record Sealing Analysis (2015 – 2019) <sup>m</sup>see [Appendix for yearly data](#)

	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	53	70	75.7%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	55	76	72.4%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	10	14	71.4%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	118	173	68.2%

\*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.
- Curfew violations, 3A, 3B, and 3C offenses are not being filed, so the county is appropriately diverting those cases or they are not an issue.
- With respect to diversion practices, the community may want to consider a few things:
  - Utilizing “pre-file” diversion where a youth is not filed on prior to being offered diversion
  - Allowing juveniles in some cases to repeat diversion
  - 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.
  - Utilizing graduated responses – where youth are given incremental consequences or rewards as opposed to an “all-or-nothing” approach for completing diversion successfully.
  - Having a process for sealing records for youth on diversion with law enforcement

Table 22.

Percent of Youth in Juvenile Court Who Had Access to Counsel (2018) <sup>n</sup>

	Chase	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) <sup>m</sup>

	Chase	Nebraska
Curfew Court Filing	0	352

Table 24.

Court Filing for 3A, 3B, and 3C cases (2015 – 2019) <sup>m</sup>

	Chase					
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	0	1	0	1
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) <sup>o</sup>

	Chase	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	Yes	Yes: 18.2% No: 70.5% Not sure: 11.4%
File a juvenile's charges if they are unsuccessful on diversion	Always	Always: 47.7% Sometimes: 47.7% Not sure: 4.5%
Allow a juvenile to complete diversion more than once	No	Yes: 61.4% No: 34.1% Not sure: 4.5%



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Charges/offenses that make a juvenile ineligible for diversion	Yes: did not specify charges/offenses	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; \$150	Yes: 86.4% No: 13.6% Not sure: 0.0%
Use of graduated responses prior to discharge	Not sure	Yes: 47.7% No: 25.0% Not sure: 27.3%
Sealing diversion records	Yes; motion to dismiss to the court, the court seals the case by statute	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.
- The response rate for the collective impact survey decreased from 2019 to 2020 – and no one completed the survey. The measures of collective impact are lower than the state average and other community teams. The county should work on strengthening the community team, which will benefit youth in the community.
- Backbone agency and shared measurement (see definitions below) are the lowest and may be the best place to begin strengthening the team.
- With no survey responses, we cannot make conclusions about the diversion of the team. The community team should be representative of the population of that community but should also include diversity. It might be beneficial to have Hispanic members on your team (especially because of the patterns of over and under representation).

Table 26.  
Collective Impact Survey Response Rates <sup>P</sup>

	Southwest Team		Nebraska	
Year of survey	2019	2020	2019	2020
Number of surveys sent	14	5	1407	780
Number of completed surveys	4	0	221	345
Response rate	28.6%	0.0%	28.3%	24.5%

Table 27.  
Collective Impact Survey Scores <sup>P</sup>

	Southwest Team		Nebraska	
Year of survey	2019	2020	2019	2020
	Mean Score		Mean Score	
Common agenda	5.42	--	5.29	5.69
Mutually reinforcing	5.26	--	5.37	5.50
Shared measurement	5.07	--	5.21	5.45
Continuous communication	5.19	--	5.49	5.55
Backbone agency	4.77	--	5.52	5.78



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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.
- **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 <sup>q</sup>

Table 28.  
Community Planning Team Diversity <sup>p</sup>

	Southwest Team		Nebraska	
	N = 0	(%)	N = 345	(%)
<b>Gender</b>				
Male	--	--	101	29.3%
Female	--	--	229	66.4%
Missing	--	--	15	4.3%
<b>Age</b>				
Under 30	--	--	19	5.6%
30-39	--	--	68	19.6%
40-49	--	--	88	25.4%
50-59	--	--	90	25.8%
60 and over	--	--	44	13%
Missing	--	--	36	10.4%
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>				
White	--	--	230	66.7%
Black	--	--	10	2.9%
Hispanic	--	--	13	3.8%
Native American	--	--	6	1.7%
Asian	--	--	1	0.3%
Other	--	--	2	0.6%



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Provided town name	--	--	63	18.3%
Missing	--	--	19	5.5%
<b>Previous System Involvement</b>				
Yes	--	--	98	28.4%
No	--	--	242	70.1%
Missing	--	--	5	1.4%
<b>System Point</b>				
Law enforcement	--	--	34	7.8%
County attorney/ juvenile court	--	--	32	7.3%
K-12 or secondary education	--	--	65	14.9%
Ministry/faith based	--	--	10	2.3%
Diversion	--	--	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	--	--	40	9.2%
Post adjudication or detention	--	--	8	1.8%
Community based program	--	--	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%
<b>Voice on Team</b>				
Feel heard	--	--	270	78.3%
Do not feel heard	--	--	75	21.7%

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**Appendix: Sealed Court Records by Year**

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<b>2015</b>	<b>Number of charges Sealed</b>	<b>Total Number of charges</b>	<b>Sealed (%)</b>
Dismissed or Dropped	21	21	100.0%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	15	15	100.0%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	0	4	0.0%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>90.0%</b>

<b>2016</b>	<b>Number of charges Sealed</b>	<b>Total Number of charges</b>	<b>Sealed (%)</b>
Dismissed or Dropped	12	14	85.7%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	33	33	100.0%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	2	2	100.0%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

<b>2017</b>	<b>Number of charges Sealed</b>	<b>Total Number of charges</b>	<b>Sealed (%)</b>
Dismissed or Dropped	8	19	42.1%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	5	15	33.3%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	3	3	100.0%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



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2018	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	12	16	75.0%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	2	11	18.2%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	5	5	100.0%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	19	32	59.4%

2019	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	--	--	--
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	--	--	--
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	--	--	--
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	--	--	--