

Evidence-based Nebraska

FY 23-24 Evaluation Strategy and Information

INTRODUCTION

We are excited to begin another fiscal year of program evaluation in the Evidence-based Nebraska (EB-NE) program. We continue to grow and evolve the strategies for evaluation in collaboration with the Nebraska Crime Commission. The information below will provide a comprehensive overview of the evaluation strategy for this year and important dates and activities that will help your program and the collective Community Based Aid program achieve meaningful evaluation results.

DATA FIDELITY

By July 10, 2023, you will receive email communication from the Juvenile Justice Institute (JJI) asking you to review your data in the Juvenile Case Management System (JCMS) and work to fix any missing data issues. JJI will work closely with programs missing 20% or more data on specific variables, including providing onsite support, if necessary. Programs identified as potentially meeting this 20% threshold will be notified later this month. Please know that we are required to report all efforts to reach you, so please get back to JJI staff as quickly as possible.

Action Step: Review and update any missing data in JCMS.

Deadline: The Nebraska Crime Commission will export your data **on September 30**, so all data must be entered into JCMS by that date.

FY 23-24 PROGRAM EVALUATION STRATEGY

Last year we piloted a two-tier evaluation strategy. While the Tier 2 evaluations provided meaningful in-depth feedback the information was only applicable to those programs. In collaboration with the Nebraska Crime Commission (NCC), we determined that the two-tiered process was not the best way to get meaningful information to all programs.

This year the NCC has identified key required variables that will be the basis for all program evaluation with an emphasis on race, ethnicity, gender, and effectiveness. JJI will be collecting data from JCMS and other sources to provide results and recommendations for each program funded from July 1, 2020-June 30, 2022.

Promotion/Prevention Programs

This year the NCC has also determined the following for your program type:

- Risk and Protective Factor Surveys will be optional for Promotion/Prevention programs beginning July 1, 2023. JJI will continue to make the surveys accessible for a program who wants to continue using them.
- EB-NE Assessments will only be required for Promotion/Prevention programs beginning July 1, 2023. The EB-NE Assessments will be optional for all other program types. JJI will continue to make the assessments accessible for a program who wants to continue using them.

We recognize that these supplemental surveys/assessments are additional work. As you assess whether to continue to collect them, we encourage you to think about the information you need to measure the effectiveness of your program, what sources would be interested in the data (e.g., other funding sources), and the capacity of your program. JJI is available to assist in conversations with your team to help you make the best decision for your program.

PROGRAM FEEDBACK

Your feedback is a necessary step in ensuring the EB-NE and Community Based Aid Program is working effectively. This brief survey seeks to gain important information about the JCMS, other systems you are using, and key program evaluation questions. We are asking that one survey be completed for each program – please communicate with your program director and county lead to determine who would be the most appropriate person to complete the survey. We appreciate your time and feedback.

Action Step: Complete the survey using the link or QR code below.

Deadline: August 15, 2023



Link to Survey: https://unomaha.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5mPTdyxQSEpk2Z8

