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Furnas 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.
- Free and reduced lunch is higher than the state average across all years, with the exception of 2017-2018
- Substance use and mental health issues do not appear to be problematic as compared to the state. 10th graders report higher current alcohol use than the state averages; and 8th graders report feeling less hopeful than the state average.
- There is a high proportion of 8th and 10th graders that report gang involvement.
- Crime has decreased in the county for all age groups and for juveniles from 2018 to 2019. With small frequencies, 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.
- A much greater number of youth are put on probation (56) than referred to diversion (4). Best practices is to divert more youth than put youth on probation.
- Race and ethnicity data is missing from both diversion and court records – making a RED analysis impossible. The county should work on ensuring race and ethnicity data are complete.

Table 1.

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

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%
Furnas	264	93.6%	0.8%	1.1%	0.0%	0.4%	4.2%

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%
Furnas	253	91.3%	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	6.3%



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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	Furnas	1121	4.64%	0.54%	0.98%	0.45%	0.00%	92.60%	0.80%
	Nebraska	312,281	17.74%	2.43%	1.42%	6.70%	0.13%	68.20%	3.38%
2015-2016	Furnas	1132	5.30%	0.35%	0.71%	0.44%	0.00%	92.49%	0.71%
	Nebraska	315,542	18.08%	2.53%	1.38%	6.67%	0.14%	67.72%	3.47%
2016-2017	Furnas	1109	5.59%	0.45%	0.72%	0.36%	0.00%	92.16%	0.72%
	Nebraska	318,853	18.61%	2.66%	1.38%	6.69%	0.15%	66.92%	3.59%
2017-2018	Furnas	1093	5.58%	0.27%	0.64%	0.27%	0.09%	92.68%	0.46%
	Nebraska	323,391	18.80%	2.76%	1.35%	6.67%	0.14%	66.50%	3.78%
2018-2019	Furnas	1073	5.59%	0.37%	0.93%	0.56%	0.09%	91.89%	0.56%
	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	Furnas	148	8.78%	*	*	*	*	91.22%	*
	Nebraska	35,638	24.54%	1.64%	4.42%	12.93%	0.19%	51.61%	4.68%
2015-2016	Furnas	119	13.45%	*	*	*	*	86.55%	*
	Nebraska	38,812	25.73%	1.55%	4.27%	13.68%	0.27%	49.68%	4.83%
2016-2017	Furnas	116	17.24%	*	*	*	*	82.76%	*
	Nebraska	42,290	26.90%	1.66%	4.40%	14.22%	0.24%	47.66%	4.92%
2017-2018	Furnas	140	18.57%	*	*	*	*	81.43%	*
	Nebraska	46,365	26.81%	1.77%	4.18%	14.49%	0.22%	47.37%	2389
2018-2019	Furnas	159	8.18%	*	*	*	*	91.82%	*
	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	Furnas	1121	14.90%	*	*	49.24%
	Nebraska	312,281	13.66%	0.76%	5.97%	44.53%
2015-2016	Furnas	1132	14.13%	*	*	47.88%
	Nebraska	315,542	13.64%	0.90%	5.90%	44.23%
2016-2017	Furnas	1109	13.62%	*	*	47.61%
	Nebraska	318,853	13.80%	0.93%	6.99%	44.76%
2017-2018	Furnas	1093	15.37%	*	*	44.65%
	Nebraska	323,391	15.87%	0.88%	6.59%	46.24%
2018-2019	Furnas	1073	15.28%	*	*	49.49%
	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%	n/a
Furnas	409	420	27.3	28.0	97.4%	10

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) ^d

		8 th	10 th	12 th
Furnas	Loss of sleep from worry	16.70%	15.20%	10.80%
Nebraska		18.0%	20.6%	21.6%
Furnas	Depressed	20.80%	15.20%	24.30%
Nebraska		31.1%	34.8%	35.3%
Furnas	Considered/Attempted suicide	8.30%	3.00%	8.10%



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Nebraska		22.9%	18.2%	16.2%
Furnas	Current alcohol	0.00%	28.10%	23.70%
Nebraska		9.8%	20.1%	34.2%
Furnas	Current binge drinking	0.00%	0.00%	5.40%
Nebraska		1.3%	6.2%	15.0%
Furnas	Current marijuana	0.0%	3.1%	0.0%
Nebraska		3.0%	7.3%	13.9%
Furnas	Current tobacco	0.00%	3.10%	13.50%
Nebraska		3.7%	8.0%	15.3%
Furnas	Current vaping	4.20%	19.40%	26.30%
Nebraska		10.4%	24.7%	37.3%
Furnas	Hopeful for future (past week)	75.00%	81.30%	81.60%
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 ^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 (2018) ^d

		8 th	10 th	12 th
Furnas	Youth Reported Gang Involvement	8.3%	9.4%	0.0%
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	FURNAS COUNTY					
Arrest Offense						
Total	139	102	-26.62	15	7	-53.33
Rape Total	-	1	-	-	-	-
Aggravated Assault Total	3	4	33.33	-	-	-
Burglary Total	1	4	300.00	1	4	300.00
Larceny-Theft Total	3	1	-66.67	2	-	-100.00
Motor Vehicle Theft Total	2	-	-100.00	1	-	-100.00
Other Assaults	35	10	-71.43	3	1	-66.67
Stolen Property; Buying, Receiving, Possessing	-	2	-	-	-	-
Vandalism	4	2	-50.00	3	-	-100.00
Weapons; Carrying, Possessing, etc.	2	2	0.00	-	-	-
Drug Violations - Possession	9	9	0.00	1	0	-100.00
Offenses Against Family and Children	-	1	-	-	-	-
Driving Under the Influence	9	12	33.33	0	0	-
Liquor Laws	5	-	-100.00	0	-	-
All Other Offenses (Except Traffic)	66	54	-18.18	4	2	-50.00

Table 13.

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

Score	Furnas			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) ¹

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*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	57	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	75%	25%
Youth enrolled in diversion	4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	75%	25%
Successful completion diversion	4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	75%	25%
Youth with multiple charges	6	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Filed on in adult court	12	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	8.30%	91.70%
RAI Override: More Severe	0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
RAI Override: Less Severe	0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Probation intake	10	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Successful probation	52	0%	0%	0%	5.80%	1.90%	0%	92.30%
Revocation of probation	4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
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.
- 12th 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 substantiated 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) ^a

Measurement		Furnas	Nebraska
Poverty/SES	Children <18 in Poverty	10.8%	14.8%
	Number of children 12-17 below 185% poverty	116	43,814
	Percent of children 12-17 below 185% poverty	32.5%	28.9%
Educational attainment	Age 25+ with B.D.	18.9%	31.3%
	County rank	67	-
	Age 25+ with some college, no degree	25.4%	23.0%
	County rank	31	-
	Age 25+ with HS degree	88.6%	91.1%
	County Rank	79	-
Technology and computers in the home	% under 18 with a computer at home	99.5%	96.9%
	County rank	28	-
	% under 18 with an internet subscription at home	91.0%	91.0%
	County rank	52	-
	% under 18 with broadband internet access at home	91.0%	90.8%



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	County Rank	46	-
Housing	Owner-occupied households	1,540	498,567
	Total households	2,142	754,063
	Owner %	71.9%	66.1%
	Renters	602	255,496
	Renter %	28.1%	33.9%
Transportation	Households with no vehicle available	108	40,465
	Total households	2,142	754,063
	No vehicle %	5.0%	5.4%

Table 16.
Youth Who Report Supportive Adults by Grade (2018) ^d

		8th	10th	12th
Furnas	Adult at home who listens	91.70%	86.70%	89.50%
Nebraska		87.3%	85.0%	85.6%
Furnas	Adult at school who listens	87.50%	94.10%	81.60%
Nebraska		85.2%	85.0%	87.4%

Table 17.
Domestic Violence Reports and Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means (2019) ^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
Furnas	4	4	3	3
Nebraska	562	402	2512	2019

Table 18.
Child Abuse and Neglect Reports (2018) ⁱ

	Abuse/Neglect Calls	Reports Assessed	Substantiated	Unfounded
Furnas	61	41%	20%	56%
Nebraska	36,480	33.4%	16.0%	68.3%



Community Level

- 10th graders report that they think their community finds alcohol and cigarettes to be wrong or very wrong at a rate lower than the state average. There is a smaller difference for marijuana.
- 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	Furnas	Nebraska
Murder and Nonnegligent manslaughter	0	34
Rape	1	264
Robbery	0	367
Aggravated Assault	4	1,639
Other Assaults	10	8,782

Table 20.

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

		8 th	10 th	12 th
Furnas	Wrong/very wrong – Marijuana	95.80%	86.70%	84.20%
Nebraska		94.4%	89.8%	85.2%
Furnas	Wrong/very wrong – alcohol	87.50%	66.70%	65.80%
Nebraska		89.1%	80.4%	68.7%
Furnas	Wrong/very wrong – cigarettes	95.80%	83.30%	78.90%
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	37	49	75.5%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	69	116	59.5%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	24	28	85.7%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	130	193	67.4%

*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 not as high as the state average but is higher than other counties on this team.
- 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. There were some uncontrollable juvenile charges in 2016 and 2017, but not in recent years.
- 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.
 - As we are not clear what “automatic” sealing may mean, the program should have 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) ⁿ

	Furnas	Nebraska
Access to Counsel	60.0 -- 79.9%	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

	Furnas	Nebraska
Curfew Court Filing	1	352

Table 24.

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

	Furnas					
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	4	1	2	0	7
3C – Mentally Ill and Dangerous	0	0	0	0	1	1

	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

	Furnas	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	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%
Charges/offenses that make a juvenile ineligible for diversion	Yes; violent offenses	Yes: 86.4% No: 9.1% Not sure: 4.5%



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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; \$75	Yes: 86.4% No: 13.6% Not sure: 0.0%
Use of graduated responses prior to discharge	No	Yes: 47.7% No: 25.0% Not sure: 27.3%
Sealing diversion records	Yes; automatic	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 ^P

	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 ^P

	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 ⁹

Table 28.

Community Planning Team Diversity ^P

	Southwest Team		Nebraska	
	N = 0	(%)	N = 345	(%)
Gender				
Male	--	--	101	29.3%
Female	--	--	229	66.4%
Missing	--	--	15	4.3%
Age				
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%
Race/Ethnicity				
White	--	--	230	66.7%
Black	--	--	10	2.9%
Hispanic	--	--	13	3.8%
Native American	--	--	6	1.7%



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Asian	--	--	1	0.3%
Other	--	--	2	0.6%
Provided town name	--	--	63	18.3%
Missing	--	--	19	5.5%
Previous System Involvement				
Yes	--	--	98	28.4%
No	--	--	242	70.1%
Missing	--	--	5	1.4%
System Point				
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%
Voice on Team				
Feel heard	--	--	270	78.3%
Do not feel heard	--	--	75	21.7%

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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	8	87.5%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	23	30	76.7%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	6	6	100.0%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	36	44	81.8%

2016	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	6	8	75.0%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	16	24	66.7%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	3	3	100.0%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	25	35	71.4%

2017	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	16	18	88.9%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	15	28	53.6%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	7	8	87.5%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	38	54	70.4%



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2018	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	7	13	53.8%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	14	25	56.0%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	8	11	72.7%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	29	49	59.2%

2019	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	1	2	50.0%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	1	9	11.1%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	--	--	--
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	2	11	18.2%