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Kearney County

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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.
 - 2015-2017 there were higher rates of chronic absenteeism for Hispanic youth compared to school enrollment.
 - The rates of Hispanic youth with chronic absenteeism in 2018-2019 are comparable to the school enrollment
- More youth have IDEA plans than the state comparison across all years.
- The last two years have seen an increase in youth with 504 plans which are higher than state averages.
- 10th graders report loss of sleep from worry and having considered/attempted suicide at higher rates than the state
- 35.5% of 12th graders report being depressed; while not higher than the state, this is over 1/3 of 12th graders.
- 12th graders report higher rates of alcohol, marijuana, tobacco, and vaping as compared to the state; 10th graders report higher rates of binge drinking compared to the state.
- 10th graders report feeling less hopeful for the future than the state average.
- 12th graders report higher rates of gang involvement than the state average.
- 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.
- Law enforcement data by race and ethnicity would be very beneficial to have a clearer picture of RED. Compared to the overall population of Kearney County, American Indian and Hispanic youth are overrepresented in revocation of probation.
 - 26.7% of the juvenile cases filed in adult court and 12.5% of cases with multiple charges are missing race/ethnicity data.

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%
Kearney	368	81.8%	9.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	8.7%



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Females

Geographic Area Name		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%
Kearney	383	82.8%	9.9%	1.0%	0.0%	4.4%	1.8%

[Click here to go back to RED analysis](#)

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	Kearney	1263	7.05%	0.24%	0.24%	0.55%	0.32%	90.82%	0.79%
	Nebraska	312,281	17.74%	2.43%	1.42%	6.70%	0.13%	68.20%	3.38%
2015-2016	Kearney	1265	7.67%	0.24%	0.24%	0.87%	0.08%	90.36%	0.55%
	Nebraska	315,542	18.08%	2.53%	1.38%	6.67%	0.14%	67.72%	3.47%
2016-2017	Kearney	1284	8.02%	0.16%	0.23%	0.31%	0.00%	90.42%	0.86%
	Nebraska	318,853	18.61%	2.66%	1.38%	6.69%	0.15%	66.92%	3.59%
2017-2018	Kearney	1321	7.72%	0.15%	0.30%	0.61%	0.00%	90.23%	0.98%
	Nebraska	323,391	18.80%	2.76%	1.35%	6.67%	0.14%	66.50%	3.78%
2018-2019	Kearney	1351	7.11%	0.37%	0.37%	0.52%	0.07%	90.53%	1.04%
	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	Kearney	81	*	*	*	*	*	100.00%	*
	Nebraska	35,638	24.54%	1.64%	4.42%	12.93%	0.19%	51.61%	4.68%
2015-2016	Kearney	89	16.85%	*	*	*	*	83.15%	*
	Nebraska	38,812	25.73%	1.55%	4.27%	13.68%	0.27%	49.68%	4.83%



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2016-2017	Kearney	125	10.40%	*	*	*	*	89.60%	*
	Nebraska	42,290	26.90%	1.66%	4.40%	14.22%	0.24%	47.66%	4.92%
2017-2018	Kearney	89	*	*	*	*	*	100.00%	*
	Nebraska	46,365	26.81%	1.77%	4.18%	14.49%	0.22%	47.37%	2389
2018-2019	Kearney	151	7.28%	*	*	*	*	92.72%	*
	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) ^b

Year	Geographic Area	Total Count	IDEA	504 Plan	Limited English Proficiency	Free/Reduced Lunch
2014-2015	Kearney	1263	18.53%	1.90%	*	36.34%
	Nebraska	312,281	13.66%	0.76%	5.97%	44.53%
2015-2016	Kearney	1265	18.74%	1.42%	*	35.42%
	Nebraska	315,542	13.64%	0.90%	5.90%	44.23%
2016-2017	Kearney	1284	18.07%	0.86%	0.93%	34.97%
	Nebraska	318,853	13.80%	0.93%	6.99%	44.76%
2017-2018	Kearney	1321	19.38%	2.12%	0.83%	35.43%
	Nebraska	323,391	15.87%	0.88%	6.59%	46.24%
2018-2019	Kearney	1351	19.25%	2.07%	0.74%	33.46%
	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
Kearney	439	460	29.3	30.7	95.4%	34

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%.



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Table 6.

Youth Who Report Mental Health Symptoms and Substance Use by Grade (2018) ^d

		8 th	10 th	12 th
Kearney	Loss of sleep from worry	11.4%	23.1%	18.6%
Nebraska		18.0%	20.6%	21.6%
Kearney	Depressed	19.3%	30.8%	35.5%
Nebraska		31.1%	34.8%	35.3%
Kearney	Considered/Attempted suicide	13.6%	26.9%	13.6%
Nebraska		22.9%	18.2%	16.2%
Kearney	Current alcohol	9.2%	18.9%	36.2%
Nebraska		9.8%	20.1%	34.2%
Kearney	Current binge drinking	1.1%	11.5%	12.3%
Nebraska		1.3%	6.2%	15.0%
Kearney	Current marijuana	0.0%	7.7%	19.3%
Nebraska		3.0%	7.3%	13.9%
Kearney	Current tobacco	2.3%	7.5%	16.9%
Nebraska		3.7%	8.0%	15.3%
Kearney	Current vaping	5.7%	22.6%	40.7%
Nebraska		10.4%	24.7%	37.3%
Kearney	Hopeful for future (past week)	79.5%	71.7%	83.1%
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
Kearney	Youth Reported Gang Involvement	1.1%	1.9%	5.1%
Nebraska		3.8%	4.4%	3.8%

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	Kearney County					
Arrest Offense						
Total	91	66	-27.47	8	5	-37.50
Rape Total	2	-	-100.00	1	-	-100.00
Aggravated Assault Total	2	1	-50.00	-	-	-
Burglary Total	1	-	-100.00	-	-	-
Larceny-Theft Total	3	4	33.33	1	2	100.00
Motor Vehicle Theft Total	1	1	0.00	-	-	-
Other Assaults	19	14	-26.32	1	1	0.00
Fraud	2	-	-100.00	-	-	-
Stolen Property; Buying, Receiving, Possessing	3	-	-100.00	-	-	-
Vandalism	7	7	0.00	2	2	0.00
Weapons; Carrying, Possessing, etc.	1	-	-100.00	0	-	-
Drug Violations - Sale/Manufacturing	1	-	-100.00	-	-	-
Drug Violations - Possession	16	13	-18.75	2	0	-100.00
Offenses Against Family and Children	2	-	-100.00	-	-	-
Driving Under the Influence	13	13	0.00	0	0	-
Liquor Laws	2	1	-50.00	0	0	-
Disorderly Conduct	1	1	0.00			-
All Other Offenses (Except Traffic)	15	15	15	15	15	15

Table 13.

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

	Kearney			All NYS Counties		
Score	0	1	2	0	1	2
Family Circumstance/Parenting	--	--	--	60.1%	26.7%	13.1%



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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 Adams county only had 1 NYS assessment completed

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	54	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	13	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Youth enrolled in diversion	12	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Successful completion diversion	8	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Youth with multiple charges	8	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	12.50%	87.50%
Filed on in adult court	15	0%	0%	0%	6.70%	0%	26.70%	66.70%
RAI Override: More Severe	1	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
RAI Override: Less Severe	0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Probation intake	8	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%



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Successful probation	28	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Revocation of probation	16	6.20%	0%	0%	18.80%	0%	0%	75%
Youth in OJS custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OJS custody: placed in detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention more than once	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Family Level

- Kearney County has a higher rate of poverty compared to the state.
- Number of people with bachelor's degrees is lower compared to the state; this could be a result of residents going to college in a different community and not returning to Kearney County.
- A high number of students have computers and access to internet at home.
- With regard to adults at school who listen, 10th graders report a lower average than the state.
- Kearney County students report a high rate of adults at home who listen, especially 8th graders

Table 15.
 Poverty/SES, Educational Attainment, Technology and Computers in Home, Housing, and Transportation (5-year estimates, 2014-2018) ^a

Measurement		Kearney	Nebraska
Poverty/SES	Children <18 in Poverty	16.9%	14.8%
	Number of children 12-17 below 185% poverty	241	43,814
	Percent of children 12-17 below 185% poverty	45.2%	28.9%
Educational attainment	Age 25+ with B.D.	22.7%	31.3%
	County rank	32	-
	Age 25+ with some college, no degree	27.3%	23.0%
	County rank	22	-
	Age 25+ with HS degree	96.1%	91.1%
	County Rank	5	-
Technology and computers in the home	% under 18 with a computer at home	99.4%	96.9%
	County rank	29	-
	% under 18 with an internet subscription at home	95.9%	91.0%
	County rank	18	-
	% under 18 with broadband internet access at home	95.9%	90.8%
	County Rank	16	-
Housing	Owner-occupied households	1,948	498,567
	Total households	2,682	754,063



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	Owner %	72.6%	66.1%
	Renters	734	255,496
	Renter %	27.4%	33.9%
Transportation	Households with no vehicle available	136	40,465
	Total households	2,682	754,063
	No vehicle %	5.1%	5.4%

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

		8th	10th	12th
Kearney	Adult at home who listens	96.6%	90.4%	89.5%
Nebraska		87.3%	85.0%	85.6%
Kearney	Adult at school who listens	89.9%	83.0%	88.1%
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
Kearney	3	2	11	6
Nebraska	562	402	3512	2019

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

	Abuse/Neglect Calls	Reports Assessed	Substantiated	Unfounded
Kearney	113	43%	12%	69%
Nebraska	36,480	33.4%	16.0%	68.3%

Community Level

- Other assaults are high compared to other violent crime arrests, but it is still a low rate.
- Overall youth report that the community finds marijuana, alcohol, and cigarette use wrong
 - 10th graders perception of community attitudes on alcohol being wrong are lower than state averages.
- 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). Yearly data is available in the Appendix to see if the rate has improved because of legislation, but newer cases should naturally have lower rates of sealing than older cases.
- Data for race and ethnicity at each juvenile justice system point is imperative for an accurate Racial and Ethnic Disparities (RED) analysis. The court trial database (JUSTICE) has a high rate of missing data by race/ethnicity in this county.

Table 19.
Community Violence Measured by Arrests for Violent Crime (2019) ^j

Type of Violence	Kearney	Nebraska
Murder and Nonnegligent manslaughter	0	34
Rape	0	264
Robbery	0	367
Aggravated Assault	1	1,639
Other Assaults	14	8,782

Table 20.
Youth Perceptions of Community Attitudes on Substance Use by Grade (2018) ^d

		8 th	10 th	12 th
Kearney	Wrong/very wrong – Marijuana	96.6%	94.2%	91.2%
Nebraska		94.4%	89.8%	85.2%
Kearney	Wrong/very wrong – alcohol	90.9%	78.8%	73.7%
Nebraska		89.1%	80.4%	68.7%
Kearney	Wrong/very wrong – cigarettes	95.5%	90.4%	78.9%
Nebraska		92.9%	89.0%	78.7%



Table 21.
Juvenile Court Record Sealing Analysis (2015 – 2019) ^m

see [Appendix for yearly data](#)

	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	13	30	43.3%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	78	135	57.8%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	21	27	77.8%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	112	194	57.7%

*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

- Despite not being in a county required to provide counsel under statute, access to counsel is similar to the state average, but still lower than ideal.
- There are few curfew and 3A, 3B, and 3C filings in court so the community is diverting appropriately.
- With respect to diversion practices, the community may want to consider a few things:
 - 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.
 - Having a process for sealing records for youth on diversion with law enforcement and JCMS, as required by statute.
 - It is not clear why all first time offenders are not referred to diversion but perhaps this is due to the ineligible offenses.

Table 22.

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

	Kearney	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

	Kearney	Nebraska
Curfew Court Filing	0	352



Table 24.
Court Filing for 3A, 3B, and 3C cases (2015 – 2019) ^m

	Kearney					
Filed Subtype	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
3A- Homeless/Neglect	0	0	0	0	0	0
3B – Absenteeism/Truancy	0	0	1	1	2	4
3B - Uncontrollable	0	1	0	2	0	3
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

	Kearney	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	No	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; any serious crime and DUI	Yes: 86.4% No: 9.1% Not sure: 4.5%



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Warning letters instead of intervention	Yes	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; Did not indicate amount	Yes: 86.4% No: 13.6% Not sure: 0.0%
Use of graduated responses prior to discharge	Yes; failure to meet deadline followed up with phone call and letter.	Yes: 47.7% No: 25.0% Not sure: 27.3%
Sealing diversion records	No	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 57.1%.
 - This is an increase from 2019's response rate.
- Mean score on Collective Impact is lower than in 2019 and lower than the state average in all areas
- The community team should be representative of the population of that community but should also include diversity. It maybe that the low response rate affected the results of the community team diversity, but if not, it is beneficial to add diverse members to your team.
 - Good diversity on system points
- Almost half of the responders indicated they did not feel heard on the team.

Table 26.
Collective Impact Survey Response Rates ^P

	South Central Team		Nebraska	
Year of survey	2019	2020	2019	2020
Number of surveys sent	56	28	1407	780
Number of completed surveys	10	16	221	345
Response rate	17.9%	57.1%	28.3%	24.5%

Table 27.
Collective Impact Survey Scores ^P

	South Central Team		Nebraska	
Year of survey	2019	2020	2019	2020
	Mean Score		Mean Score	
Common agenda	5.64	5.63	5.29	5.69
Mutually reinforcing	5.61	5.13	5.37	5.50
Shared measurement	5.53	5.31	5.21	5.45
Continuous communication	5.89	5.25	5.49	5.55
Backbone agency	6.00	5.88	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 ^q

Table 28.
Community Planning Team Diversity ^p

	South Central Team		Nebraska	
	N = 16	(%)	N = 345	(%)
Gender				
Male	2	12.5%	101	29.3%
Female	14	87.5%	229	66.4%
Missing	--	--	15	4.3%
Age				
Under 30	4	25.0%	19	5.6%
30-39	1	6.3%	68	19.6%
40-49	5	31.3%	88	25.4%
50-59	3	18.8%	90	25.8%
60 and over	2	12.5%	44	13%
Missing	1	6.3%	36	10.4%
Race/Ethnicity				
White	13	81.3%	230	66.7%
Black	1	6.3%	10	2.9%
Hispanic	--	--	13	3.8%
Native American	--	--	6	1.7%
Asian	--	--	1	0.3%
Other	--	--	2	0.6%
Provided town name	2	12.5%	63	18.3%
Missing	--	--	19	5.5%



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Previous System Involvement				
Yes	3	18.8%	98	28.4%
No	12	75.0%	242	70.1%
Missing	1	6.3%	5	1.4%
System Point *				
Law enforcement	1	5.0%	34	7.8%
County attorney/ juvenile court	2	10.0%	32	7.3%
K-12 or secondary education	2	10.0%	65	14.9%
Ministry/faith based	1	5.0%	10	2.3%
Diversion	2	10.0%	55	12.6%
Probation	1	5.0%	31	7.1%
Public defender/ defense counsel/ guardian ad litem	--	--	8	1.8%
DHHS or Child Welfare	1	5.0%	13	3.0%
Treatment provider	4	20.0%	40	9.2%
Post adjudication or detention	--	--	8	1.8%
Community based program	5	25.0%	109	25.0%
Elected official or government	--	--	6	1.4%
Restorative practices	1	5.0%	6	1.4%
Backbone or system improvement	--	--	3	0.7%
Other	--	--	16	3.7%
Voice on Team				
Feel heard	9	56.3%	270	78.3%
Do not feel heard	7	43.8%	75	21.7%

Adams $n = 13$, Clay $n = 4$, Fillmore $n = 3$, Franklin $n = 2$, Harlan $n = 2$, Kearney $n = 1$, Nuckolls $n = 3$, Phelps $n = 2$, Webster $n = 3$ (five people named more than one county they represent).

*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 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	4	6	66.7%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	12	14	85.7%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	7	9	77.8%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	23	29	79.3%

2016	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	1	1	100.0%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	16	21	76.2%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	7	7	100.0%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	24	29	82.8%

2017	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	4	5	80.0%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	19	29	65.5%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	3	4	75.0%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	26	38	68.4%



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2018	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	3	6	50.0%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	12	32	37.5%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	4	6	66.7%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	19	44	43.2%

2019	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	1	12	8.3%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	19	39	48.7%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	0	1	0.0%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	20	52	38.5%