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Phelps 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, Native American, and Black youth are over-represented statewide in chronic absenteeism.
- Hispanic youth are over-represented in chronic absenteeism compared to Phelps County demographics and school enrollment.
- More youth have IDEA plans than the state comparison across all years.
- While not higher than state averages, a little over 1/3 of youth in Phelps County qualify for free/reduced lunch.
- This community has not participated in the NRPFS since 2012 and should consider participating in the next survey year (2020) to get youth-level data on mental health, gangs, supportive adults and community perceptions of substance use.
- Arrests for all age groups are down from 2018 to 2019
- 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.
- Juvenile arrests for other assaults, vandalism, drug possession, and runaway all increased from 2018-2019.
- Law enforcement data by race and ethnicity would be very beneficial to have a clearer picture of RED. Compared to the overall population of Phelps County, Hispanic youth are overrepresented in probation intakes, successful probation and revocation of probation.
- Over half the of the juvenile cases filed in adult court and juvenile court cases with multiple charges are missing race/ethnicity data.
- Once referred, youth of all race/ethnicity are enrolling and successfully completing diversion at the rate to which they were referred.

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%
Phelps	460	88.5%	11.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Females



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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%
Phelps	532	90.0%	6.2%	0.0%	0.0%	3.8%	0.0%

[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	Phelps	1592	7.91%	0.31%	0.25%	0.38%	0.00%	89.51%	1.63%
	Nebraska	312,281	17.74%	2.43%	1.42%	6.70%	0.13%	68.20%	3.38%
2015-2016	Phelps	1666	8.28%	0.36%	0.30%	0.42%	0.00%	89.14%	1.50%
	Nebraska	315,542	18.08%	2.53%	1.38%	6.67%	0.14%	67.72%	3.47%
2016-2017	Phelps	1626	9.10%	0.43%	0.49%	0.18%	0.00%	88.50%	1.29%
	Nebraska	318,853	18.61%	2.66%	1.38%	6.69%	0.15%	66.92%	3.59%
2017-2018	Phelps	1617	9.28%	0.31%	0.87%	0.31%	0.00%	87.88%	1.36%
	Nebraska	323,391	18.80%	2.76%	1.35%	6.67%	0.14%	66.50%	3.78%
2018-2019	Phelps	1588	9.70%	0.50%	0.38%	0.06%	0.00%	87.91%	1.45%
	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	Phelps	118	14.41%	*	*	*	*	85.59%	*
	Nebraska	35,638	24.54%	1.64%	4.42%	12.93%	0.19%	51.61%	4.68%
2015-2016	Phelps	122	13.93%	*	*	*	*	86.07%	*
	Nebraska	38,812	25.73%	1.55%	4.27%	13.68%	0.27%	49.68%	4.83%
2016-2017	Phelps	132	9.85%	*	*	*	*	90.15%	*
	Nebraska	42,290	26.90%	1.66%	4.40%	14.22%	0.24%	47.66%	4.92%
2017-2018	Phelps	127	14.17%	*	*	*	*	85.83%	*
	Nebraska	46,365	26.81%	1.77%	4.18%	14.49%	0.22%	47.37%	2389



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2018-2019	Phelps	184	15.76%	*	*	*	*	84.24%	*
	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	Phelps	1592	14.57%	1.32%	3.20%	34.36%
	Nebraska	312,281	13.66%	0.76%	5.97%	44.53%
2015-2016	Phelps	1666	14.05%	*	3.30%	33.67%
	Nebraska	315,542	13.64%	0.90%	5.90%	44.23%
2016-2017	Phelps	1626	14.94%	1.54%	2.58%	36.53%
	Nebraska	318,853	13.80%	0.93%	6.99%	44.76%
2017-2018	Phelps	1617	17.63%	0.93%	2.78%	36.24%
	Nebraska	323,391	15.87%	0.88%	6.59%	46.24%
2018-2019	Phelps	1588	17.44%	0.69%	1.57%	37.66%
	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
Phelps	569	602	37.9	40.1	94.5%	41

Table 6.

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

		8 th	10 th	12 th
Phelps	Loss of sleep from worry	--	--	--
Nebraska		18.0%	20.6%	21.6%
Phelps	Depressed	--	--	--



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Nebraska		31.1%	34.8%	35.3%
Phelps	Considered/Attempted suicide	--	--	--
Nebraska		22.9%	18.2%	16.2%
Phelps	Current alcohol	--	--	--
Nebraska		9.8%	20.1%	34.2%
Phelps	Current binge drinking	--	--	--
Nebraska		1.3%	6.2%	15.0%
Phelps	Current marijuana	--	--	--
Nebraska		3.0%	7.3%	13.9%
Phelps	Current tobacco	--	--	--
Nebraska		3.7%	8.0%	15.3%
Phelps	Current vaping	--	--	--
Nebraska		10.4%	24.7%	37.3%
Phelps	Hopeful for future (past week)	--	--	--
Nebraska		78.0%	76.1%	77.6%

*Phelps County did not participate in the Nebraska Risk and Protective Factors Survey (last was 2012)

****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
Phelps	Youth Reported Gang Involvement	--	--	--
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	PHELPS COUNTY					
Arrest Offense						
Total	224	65	-70.98	8	5	-37.50
Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter	-	1	-	-	-	-
Rape Total	-	2	-	-	-	-
Aggravated Assault Total	1	-	-100.00	-	-	-
Burglary Total	2	1	-50.00	-	-	-
Larceny-Theft Total	7	7	0.00	2	2	0.00
Motor Vehicle Theft Total	2	-	-100.00	2	-	-100.00
Other Assaults	23	8	-65.22	1	-	-100.00
Forgery and Counterfeiting	2	1	-50.00	-	-	-
Fraud	-	3	-	-	-	-
Stolen Property; Buying, Receiving, Possessing	-	2	-	-	1	-
Vandalism	4	3	-25.00	-	1	-
Weapons; Carrying, Possessing, etc.	2	2	0.00	0	0	-
Sex Offenses (Except Rape and Prostitution)	1	-	-100.00	-	-	-
Drug Violations - Sale/Manufacturing	1	1	0.00	0	-	-
Drug Violations - Possession	83	13	-84.34	2	0	-100.00
Driving Under the Influence	24	12	-50.00	0	0	-
Liquor Laws	18	6	-66.67	1	1	0.00
Disorderly Conduct	2	-	-100.00	-	-	-
All Other Offenses (Except Traffic)	52	52	52	52	52	52

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Risk Assessment Domains for Youth Assessed on Diversion (2015 - 2017) ⁹

Score	Phelps			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 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	25	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	5	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Youth enrolled in diversion	4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Successful completion diversion	2	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Youth with multiple charges	7	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	57.10%	42.90%
Filed on in adult court	9	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	55.60%	44.40%



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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	8	0%	0%	0%	12.50%	0%	0%	87.50%
Successful probation	33	0%	0%	0%	15.20%	0%	0%	84.80%
Revocation of probation	26	3.80%	0%	0%	19.20%	0%	0%	76.90%
Youth in OJS custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OJS custody: placed in detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention more than once	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--



Family Level

- Phelps County poverty rates for children are lower than the state average.
 - As noted in the youth level section, Phelps County does have about 1/3 of the students on free/reduced lunch.
- 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 Phelps County.
- Students with access to internet at home is slightly lower than the state average

Table 15.

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

Measurement		Phelps	Nebraska
Poverty/SES	Children <18 in Poverty	10.3%	14.8%
	Number of children 12-17 below 185% poverty	104	43,814
	Percent of children 12-17 below 185% poverty	12.7%	28.9%
Educational attainment	Age 25+ with B.D.	25.9%	31.3%
	County Rank	17	-
	Age 25+ with some college, no degree	23.3%	23.0%
	County Rank	58	-
	Age 25+ with HS degree	93.7%	91.1%
	County Rank	26	-
Technology and computers in the home	% under 18 with a computer at home	97.3%	96.9%
	County Rank	66	-
	% under 18 with an internet subscription at home	89.9%	91.0%
	County Rank	56	-
	% under 18 with broadband internet access at home	89.6%	90.8%
	County Rank	54	-
Housing	Owner-occupied households	2,818	498,567
	Total households	3,927	754,063



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	Owner %	71.8%	66.1%
	Renters	1,109	255,496
	Renter %	28.2%	33.9%
Transportation	Households with no vehicle available	196	40,465
	Total households	3,927	754,063
	No vehicle %	5.0%	5.4%

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

		8th	10th	12th
Phelps	Adult at home who listens	--	--	--
Nebraska		87.3%	85.0%	85.6%
Phelps	Adult at school who listens	--	--	--
Nebraska		85.2%	85.0%	87.4%

*Phelps County did not participate in the Nebraska Risk and Protective Factors Survey (last was 2012)

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
Phelps	0	0	9	4
Nebraska	562	402	3512	2019

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

	Abuse/Neglect Calls	Reports Assessed	Substantiated	Unfounded
Phelps	142	29%	22%	66%
Nebraska	36,480	33.4%	16.0%	68.3%

Community Level

- Despite the low number of arrests in 2019, several are for violent crimes.
- 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	Phelps	Nebraska
Murder and Nonnegligent manslaughter	1	34
Rape	2	264
Robbery	0	367
Aggravated Assault	0	1,639
Other Assaults	8	8,782

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

		8 th	10 th	12 th
Phelps	Wrong/very wrong – Marijuana	--	--	--
Nebraska		94.4%	89.8%	85.2%
Phelps	Wrong/very wrong – alcohol	--	--	--
Nebraska		89.1%	80.4%	68.7%
Phelps	Wrong/very wrong – cigarettes	--	--	--
Nebraska		92.9%	89.0%	78.7%

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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	50	68	73.5%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	271	404	67.1%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	17	17	100.0%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	0	2	0.0%
Total	338	494	68.4%

*Cases offered diversion, mediation or RJ are not available data points in in JUSTICE. Many 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.
- Truancy/absenteeism court filings have gone up the last 2 years, however, with such small frequencies, this increase should be interpreted cautiously.
- 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

	Phelps	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

	Phelps	Nebraska
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Curfew Court Filing	0	352
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Table 24.
Court Filing for 3A, 3B, and 3C cases (2015 – 2019) ^m

	Phelps					
Filed Subtype	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
3A- Homeless/Neglect	0	0	0	0	0	0
3B – Absenteeism/Truancy	1	1	0	2	5	9
3B - Uncontrollable	1	2	1	0	0	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

	Phelps	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%



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Charges/offenses that make a juvenile ineligible for diversion	Yes; violent crimes and sexual offenses	Yes: 86.4% No: 9.1% Not sure: 4.5%
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; costs of classes (if applicable)	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	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

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

	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 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	11	15	73.3%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	54	94	57.4%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	7	7	100.0%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	72	116	62.1%

2016	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	12	19	63.2%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	88	97	90.7%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	--	--	--
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	100	117	85.5%

2017	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	17	19	89.5%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	51	71	72.9%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	5	5	100.0%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	73	94	77.7%



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2018	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	7	9	77.8%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	44	79	55.7%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	2	2	100.0%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	0	2	0.0%53
Total	53	94	56.4%

2019	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	34	64	53.1%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	3	3	100.0%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	40	73	54.8%