

DOUGLAS COUNTY YOUTH CENTER

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To: Child and Youth Services Committee
Chris Rodgers, Chair
From: Brad Alexander
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RE: Report

Average Daily Population -

Average for 2007 = 167
Average for 2008 = 142
Average for 2009 = 146
Average for 2010 = 128.75
Average for 2011 - 104.1
Average for 2012 - 95.8
Average for 2013 - 91.42 - Secure = 70.75 Staff Secure = 20.67 HOME = 36
Average for 2014 - 99.6 - Secure = 82.9 Staff Secure = 16.7 HOME = 35.3
Average for 2015 - 87.5 - Secure = 75.83 Staff Secure = 11.67 HOME = 28
Average for 2016 - 75 - Secure = 64.56 Staff Secure = 10.44 HOME = 28
(To date)

January 2016 - 55 (secure) 4 (staff secure) 39 (HOME)
February 2016 - 53 (secure) 13 (staff secure) 28 (HOME)
March 2016 - 52 (secure) 15 (staff secure) 22 (HOME)
April 2016 - 67 (secure) 16 (staff secure) 28 (HOME)
May 2016 - 73 (secure) 15 (staff secure) 28 (HOME)
June 2016 - 75 (secure) 4 (staff secure) 24 (HOME)
July 2016 - 71 (secure) 8 (staff secure) 22 (HOME)
August 2016- 62 (secure) 12 (staff secure) 19 (HOME)
September 2016 - 73 (secure) 7 (staff secure) 26 (HOME)

Today October 4, 2016 -
Secure detention = 72
Staff Secure = 5
Total = 77

HOME Program = 24
18 - HOME; 5 - Truancy diversion; 1 - Tracker
EPIC = 7

Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) - Becomes effective for juvenile facilities October 2017.

- Staffing ratios – 1:8; and 1:16 while sleeping
- Policies have been written and adjusted due to recent information.
- Staff Training begins this month.
- We will meet with Project Harmony – we must have an agreement with an agency that has an investigator specialized in sexual abuse investigations involving juvenile victims. In addition, we must make available a third party number for youth to report allegations of sexual abuse. Project Harmony should allow us to comply with this standard.
- Contracting with other entities 115.312 (PREA Standards)

Education –

Read Right – We had thought this program would move to from OPS to Metro. OPS has decided to continue their support of this program at DCYC.

Creighton has agreed to be our testing site for GED testing. Creighton will provide this service at DCYC. Metro has provided us GED materials.

Pledge For Peace – Greg Hepburn is conducting the pledge for peace on the first Friday of each month. This occurs with the Adopt a Unit Program.

Adopt a living unit – An agency, group or individual can adopt a unit and provide pizza to that unit as a reward for achieving certain goals – such as earning credits, attending class, meeting criteria spelled out in the IEP. This is conducted on the first Friday of each month. Release Ministries has been very generous. This program was featured on KETV.

EPIC Center – Ray Curtis visited the Youth Center to meet the EPIC staff. Ray was pleased with the program and took information back to the Judges. Juvenile Court Judges are excited about this program. Information has been provided to UNO so that they can conduct an evaluation of the program.

Our kids now attend Blackburn and Boys and Girls Club, 27th and Hamilton, two times a week. This is going well and we are working on a MOU to make this a permanent location. This will be presented to County Administration and then to the County Board soon.

Three of our participants graduated in May, with their class. One has recently joined his senior class and is now starting fullback for a local high school; he is earning A and B grades with one C; and he is now participating in the ROTC Program. His Grandmother cannot thank us enough.

We currently have 7 youth participating. Two youth are being interviewed this week.

Parent – Teacher Conference – last one was August 4th and 5th. Ten families attended. Those families completed surveys – all survey showed that the parents appreciated this opportunity. Next conference scheduled for October 12 and 13. We have adjusted the conference from youth who have been with us 60 days to those that have been with us 30 days.

Barnes and Noble book drive will be held on December 14, 2016 (this is a tentative date). Commissioner Kraft visited the Youth Center on September 28, 2016. Commissioner Kraft dropped off 250 books and renewed subscriptions for 5 magazines that will be delivered directly to the Youth Center. 30 of the 250 books delivered have not been released. The students at DCYC will use these to write book reports.

Multi Disciplinary Treatment Team Meetings – These are conducted weekly. Participants include DCYC Mental Health; DCYC Education; DCYC Medical; DCYC Transition Specialist; NFC; and Probation. This group discusses all youth with an order to release and all youth that are experiencing a mental health crisis.

Standards for Juvenile Facilities

Prevention Planning

§ 115.311 Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PREA coordinator.

- (a) An agency shall have a written policy mandating zero tolerance toward all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment and outlining the agency's approach to preventing, detecting, and responding to such conduct.
- (b) An agency shall employ or designate an upper-level, agency-wide PREA coordinator with sufficient time and authority to develop, implement, and oversee agency efforts to comply with the PREA standards in all of its facilities.
- (c) Where an agency operates more than one facility, each facility shall designate a PREA compliance manager with sufficient time and authority to coordinate the facility's efforts to comply with the PREA standards.

§ 115.312 Contracting with other entities for the confinement of residents.

- (a) A public agency that contracts for the confinement of its residents with private agencies or other entities, including other government agencies, shall include in any new contract or contract renewal the entity's obligation to adopt and comply with the PREA standards.
- (b) Any new contract or contract renewal shall provide for agency contract monitoring to ensure that the contractor is complying with the PREA standards.

§ 115.313 Supervision and monitoring.

- (a) The agency shall ensure that each facility it operates shall develop, implement, and document a staffing plan that provides for adequate levels of staffing, and, where applicable, video monitoring, to protect residents against sexual abuse. In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, facilities shall take into consideration:
 - (1) Generally accepted juvenile detention and correctional/secure residential practices;
 - (2) Any judicial findings of inadequacy;
 - (3) Any findings of inadequacy from Federal investigative agencies;
 - (4) Any findings of inadequacy from internal or external oversight bodies;
 - (5) All components of the facility's physical plant (including "blind spots" or areas where staff or residents may be isolated);
 - (6) The composition of the resident population;

| JUVENILE ASSESSMENT CENTER 2016 | Jan-Mar 2016 | Apr-Jun 2016 | July-Sept 2016 | Jan-Mar 2015 | Apr-Jun 2015 | July-Sept 2015 | Jan-Dec 2015 |
|---|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| REFERRED TO JAC for Assessment <youth with delinquency charges> | 398 | 301 | 263 | 285 | 297 | 266 | 1210 |
| (*** If youth has a current open case, and a new case is referred, it is NOT counted here) (except Truancy) | | | | | | | |
| REFERRAL SOURCE | | | | | | | |
| LAW ENFORCEMENT | 397 | 298 | 261 | 238 | 295 | 265 | 1159 |
| CITY PROSECUTOR TRANSFER | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 0 | 0 | 45 |
| COUNTY COURT TRANSFER | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| TRANSFER FROM ANOTHER JURISDICTION | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SARPY COUNTY | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| TRUANCY (referred to JAC if there is an already existing open delinquency at JAC) | 12 | 18 | 0 | 7 | 19 | 1 | 37 |
| Omaha Fire Dept. (not included in Ref#) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 2nd JAC REFERRAL (not included in Ref#) | 9 | 4 | 11 | 4 | 9 | 3 | 17 |
| GENDER | | | | | | | |
| MALE | 220 | 165 | 153 | 161 | 148 | 159 | 679 |
| FEMALE | 178 | 136 | 110 | 124 | 149 | 107 | 531 |
| RACE | | | | | | | |
| CAUCASIAN/WHITE | 170 | 142 | 119 | 151 | 151 | 140 | 584 |
| AFRICAN/AMERICAN/BLACK | 157 | 104 | 95 | 83 | 104 | 77 | 407 |
| HISPANIC | 51 | 44 | 36 | 43 | 35 | 42 | 182 |
| NATIVE AMERICAN | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER | 4 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 13 |
| MIXED | 9 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 14 |
| OTHER/ Unknown | 3 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| AGE OF YOUTH: | | | | | | | |
| 7-11 YEARS | 9 | 4 | 11 | 7 | 9 | 11 | 33 |
| 12-15 YEARS | 191 | 131 | 115 | 99 | 145 | 114 | 547 |
| 16-18 YEARS | 198 | 166 | 137 | 179 | 143 | 141 | 630 |
| 8, 9, & 10 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 23 |
| 11 | 4 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 10 |
| 12 | 16 | 11 | 14 | 4 | 13 | 14 | 46 |
| 13 | 34 | 25 | 13 | 15 | 26 | 24 | 104 |
| 14 | 49 | 33 | 36 | 34 | 45 | 37 | 165 |
| 15 | 92 | 62 | 52 | 46 | 61 | 39 | 232 |
| 16 | 106 | 80 | 65 | 81 | 68 | 74 | 305 |
| 17 | 87 | 83 | 70 | 91 | 73 | 63 | 306 |
| 18 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 19 |
| YOUTH ASSESSED ASSESSMENT (Risk/Needs and BH) | 290 | 317 | 212 | 240 | 340 | 217 | 1038 |

| | Jan-Mar 2016 | Apr-Jun 2016 | July-Sept 2016 | Jan-Mar 2015 | Apr-Jun 2015 | July-Sept 2015 | Jan-Dec 2015 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| YOUTH PLACED ON DIVERSION | 214 | 233 | 191 | 186 | 276 | 156 | 826 |
| GENDER | | | | | | | |
| MALE | 115 | 114 | 102 | 111 | 131 | 87 | 451 |
| FEMALE | 99 | 119 | 89 | 75 | 145 | 69 | 375 |
| RACE | | | | | | | |
| CAUCASIAN/WHITE | 91 | 107 | 100 | 72 | 168 | 79 | 416 |
| AFRICAN AMERICAN/BLACK | 86 | 80 | 61 | 70 | 76 | 47 | 260 |
| HISPANIC | 27 | 29 | 22 | 38 | 26 | 25 | 126 |
| NATIVE AMERICAN | 2 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER | 1 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 8 |
| MIXED | 5 | 8 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| OTHER | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 |
| AGE OF YOUTH: | | | | | | | |
| 7 - 11 YEARS | 2 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 18 |
| 12 - 15 YEARS | 102 | 112 | 78 | 85 | 108 | 64 | 371 |
| 16 - 18 YEARS | 110 | 120 | 111 | 97 | 163 | 89 | 437 |
| 8 - 9 & 10 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 12 |
| 11 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 6 |
| 12 | 9 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 28 |
| 13 | 16 | 24 | 11 | 12 | 28 | 12 | 78 |
| 14 | 26 | 30 | 23 | 27 | 31 | 19 | 113 |
| 15 | 51 | 52 | 38 | 40 | 43 | 27 | 152 |
| 16 | 60 | 63 | 51 | 49 | 67 | 47 | 208 |
| 17 | 45 | 56 | 58 | 45 | 93 | 40 | 218 |
| 18 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 11 |
| YOUTH DIVERTED FROM SYSTEM | | | | | | | |
| DIVERSION COMPLETE | 120 | 163 | 180 | 131 | 200 | 196 | 653 |
| WARNING LETTERS | 49 | 63 | 50 | 60 | 49 | 45 | 192 |
| Status Referrals Received | 32 | 30 | 23 | n/a | 27 | 32 | 112 |
| Truancy Referrals Received | 332 | 500 | 6 | n/a | n/a | 34 | Academic year |
| Youth Impact Identified | 52 | 72 | 38 | 35 | 59 | 39 | 184 |
| Youth Impact Team Meetings | 34 | 32 | 26 | 20 | 20 | 17 | 79 |

The Douglas County Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC) provides the cornerstone of evidence-based practices for juvenile justice youth service: screening and assessment. The JAC serves as the focal point for comprehensive assessment for youth coming to the attention of the Douglas County Attorney's Office (DCAO). The JAC provides to the DCAO recommendations for the most efficient and effective interventions and supervision levels for each youth.

The JAC strives to divert all eligible youth from formal processing, while recommending interventions to prevent further law violations, and enhance productive growth of young citizens. The JAC utilizes evidence-based principles such as the risk/need principle by making targeted referrals, based on screening and assessment, and referring to service providers in the community utilizing evidence-based principles, as well as monitoring utilization and effectiveness of each of these services.

Targets: Warrants and DMC

2015:

| | <u>ALOS</u> | <u>Warrant (%)</u> | <u>DMC (%)</u> | <u>ADP</u> | <u>Court Orders</u> |
|----|-------------|--------------------|----------------|------------|---------------------|
| Q1 | 36.2 | 30 | 81 | 70.7 | 14% |
| Q2 | 32.4 | 26 | 82 | 83.9 | 13.7% |
| Q3 | 35.3 | 36 | 84 | 81.7 | 11% |
| Q4 | 35.7 | 38 | 75 | 72.7 | 17% |

2016:

| | <u>ALOS</u> | <u>Warrant (%)</u> | <u>DMC (%)</u> | <u>ADP</u> | <u>Court Orders</u> |
|----|-------------|--------------------|----------------|------------|---------------------|
| Q1 | 29.5 | 40 | 73 | 58.4 | 8% |
| Q2 | 35.7 | 33 | 69 | 74.9 | 13% |

JDAI Updates

October 2016

Alternatives to Detention Committee Update September 2016

The ATD Committee reviewed and updated the 2017 work plan this month. The Committee will be focusing on enhancing collaboration with Probation in the development and utilization of Alternatives to Detention in the upcoming year. The Committee will continue to evaluate data to assess gaps in the continuum for youth scoring 6-9 who are overridden to detention. Another area of emphasis for the committee will be on warrants and the runaway population, as well as DMC.

The ATD chairs will be meeting with Probation to discuss utilization of ATD's at the point of intake and to problem-solve any barriers to accessing ATD's.

Case Processing:

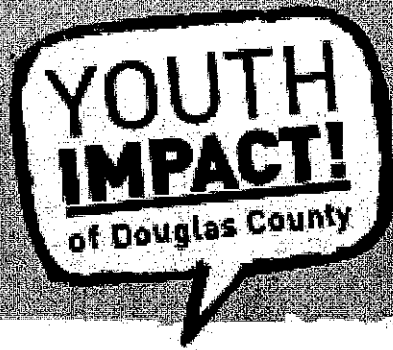
The group continues to work with the Annie E Casey Foundation to obtain technical assistance regarding Case Processing in Douglas County. The group is also collaborating with Probation, the County Attorney's office and the defense bar (public and private) regarding the procedure for the revocation of Probation. This working group will meet with the Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) committee to begin system mapping of youth movement in Douglas County. The Case Processing co-chairs have also provided information to Probation regarding data collection related to pre-detention staffing hearing calls.

Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC):

The DMC working group will be providing the third session of training for Douglas County. The first two trainings, completed with the Center for Children Law and Policy (CCLP) were held at Goodwill Industries earlier in the year. The DMC team plans to create and provide training to the community later in October or early November. The 2017 work plan has been completed. In December of this year, the DMC Co-chairs and the JDAI Coordinator will attend the National DMC Conference in Baltimore by the Coalition for Juvenile Justice. The DMC group is also working with Boys Town to provide information to youth and families regarding the Boys Town Family Helpline.

DATA:

-The data group continues to work to provide a separate data memo, quarterly, that will focus solely on issues related to disproportionate minority contact. They have completed their 2017 work plan. The data committee has lost a co-chair, Erin Bock of the Sherwood Foundation. The group will consider a replacement for Erin in the coming weeks.



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Youth Impact! Subcommittee Report
September 2016
Co-Chairs – Judge Douglas Johnson and Nick Juliano

1. The Douglas County team participated in statewide Crossover Youth Practice Model meeting with representatives from Sarpy, Dodge, Lancaster and Gage counties, Georgetown Center for Juvenile Justice Reform, and the Court Improvement Project Team.
2. Nick Juliano spoke on Youth Impact! at the Juvenile Justice Symposium on September 23rd at the UNO Community Engagement Center.
3. Youth Impact! team meetings in September were held at North High School in to accommodate students and school staff to be able attend the staff meetings.
4. Work continues on the 2016 Youth Impact! work plan and the 2017 work plan.
5. Discussion about implementing a permanency tool provided by Georgetown to further emphasize the need to address permanency issues as part of the Youth Impact! initiative.