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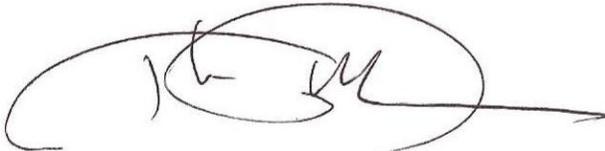
Patrick O'Donnell, Clerk of the Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 2018  
P.O. Box 94604  
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. O'Donnell,

Nebraska Statute 43-405(6) requires the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Juvenile Services to submit an annual report to the Health and Human Services Committee describing an assessment of the administrative costs of operating the facilities, the cost of programming, the savings realized through reductions in commitments, placements, evaluations and information regarding collaborations.

I am submitting this report to fulfill these requirements for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2012. Please note that there is included within the Office of Juvenile Services Report an Executive Summary of the SFY 2012 Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center annual reports. Included within the Office of Juvenile Services report is a link that can be accessed to review the YRTC's full annual report.

Sincerely,

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Thomas D. Pristow, MSW, ACSW  
Director, Division of Children and Family Services

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**SFY 2011/2012**

**Office of Juvenile  
Services**

**Annual Legislative  
Report**

**September 15, 2012**

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**DIVISION OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES  
OFFICE OF JUVENILE SERVICES  
SFY 2011/2012 ANNUAL REPORT**

**HISTORY AND STRUCTURE OF OJS**

The Nebraska Legislature created the Office of Juvenile Services (OJS) effective July 1, 1994, to serve the delinquent population. The Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers (YRTCs) and Juvenile Parole were removed from the Department of Correctional Services (DCS) and placed under the Office of Juvenile Services (OJS). During the following three years, OJS remained connected to DCS to allow continued access to support services. On July 1, 1997, the legislature, pursuant to the Health and Human Services, Office of Juvenile Services Act, Nebraska Revised Statutes Sections 43-401 to 43-423, placed the OJS under a newly formed Health and Human Services System within the Office of Protection and Safety. The OJS Administrator, at that time, was a Governor-appointed position.

In 2007, the Health and Human Services System was re-organized into what is currently known as the Department of Health and Human Services containing five distinct divisions. The Division of Children and Family Services was one of the divisions within the Department to be formed. The OJS is currently located within this division. In 2007, legislation passed which changed the appointment of the Administrator of OJS by the Governor to the Department's Chief Executive Officer. The OJS Administrator is located at the Nebraska State Office Building in Lincoln and has oversight and control of the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers located in Kearney and Geneva, Nebraska. Administrative duties of this office include at a minimum: a) oversight of staff; b) budget and new program development; c) policy development; and d) parole revocation authorizations. As currently organized, the OJS Administrator is not responsible for nor has direct authority over the supervision of OJS case managers and programs within the five Service Areas. The Deputy Director of Protection and Safety in Children and Family services has direct authority over this function.

Juvenile law violators are committed by the Judiciary to OJS as: a) direct commitments for community supervision; or b) commitments to a Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center (YRTC) where they ultimately earn release on parole and are returned to the community. OJS caseloads/case management in the Eastern Service Area may be specialized (case managers supervise only OJS youth), however, across the state it is more common for delinquent juveniles to be on caseloads that include other DHHS non-delinquent state wards.

**MISSION**

The mission of OJS is to provide individualized supervision, care, accountability and treatment to juveniles age 18 and younger in a manner consistent with community safety.

**PURPOSE AND TOPICS**

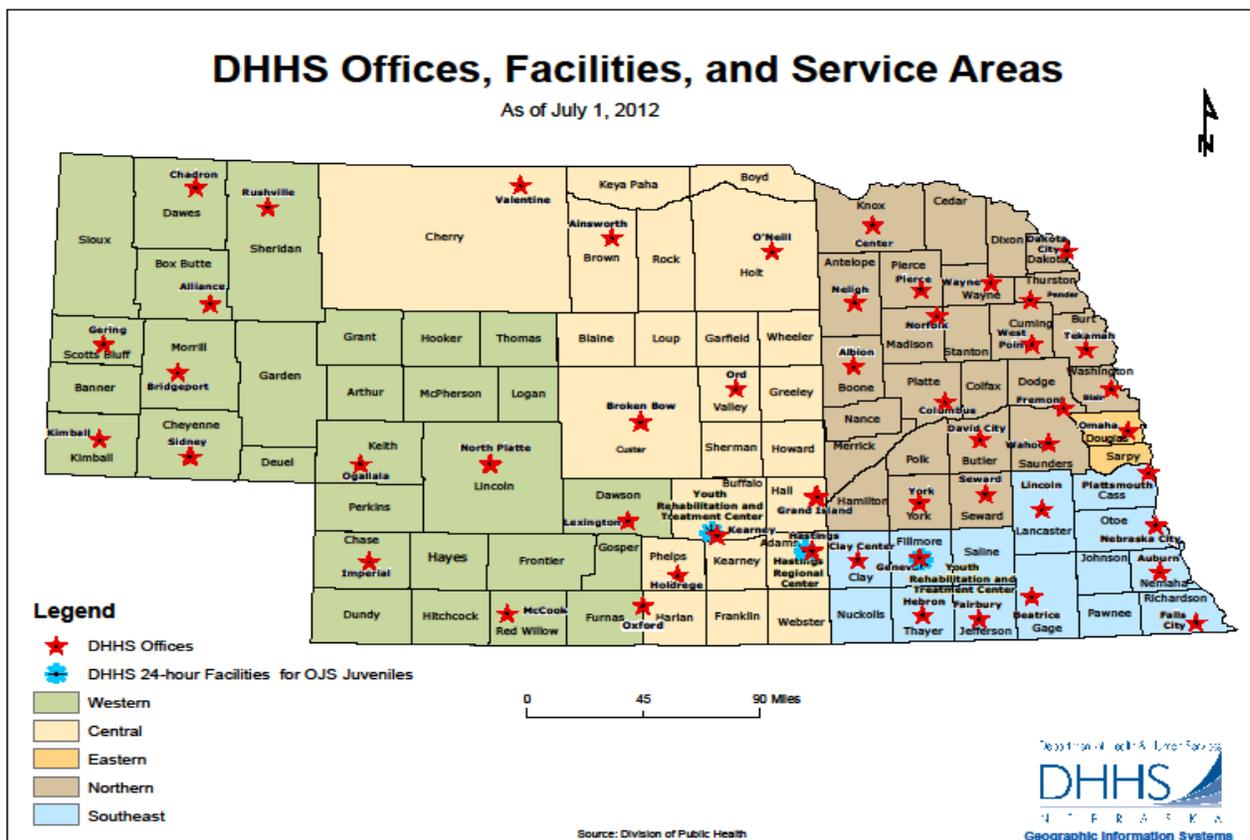
Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 43-405(6) the SFY 2012 OJS annual report is to provide a comprehensive report on the Office of Juvenile Services from July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012. The report includes data on juvenile populations served by OJS in the Service Areas and at the YRTCs as well as information regarding programming and operation costs as follows:

- OJS Juvenile Definitions
- OJS Program 250 Budget and Expenditures
- OJS Community-based Programming and Costs
- OJS Evaluations and Assessments
- OJS Community Collaborations
- OJS Data by Service Area and Statewide
- Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers (YRTC)

### WHERE THE DATA COME FROM

Data provided have been extracted from information that is entered into the Children and Family Services information system known as N-FOCUS (Nebraska Family Online Client User System). Data has also been obtained directly from the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center data system.

The OJS juvenile population N-FOCUS data reflected are reported by workers in each of the DHHS Service Areas as identified in the map below:



## OJS Juvenile Definitions

To assist in understanding this report, the following definitions describe the OJS juvenile population of state wards by their level of commitment to the Department of Health and Human Services-Office of Juvenile Services (DHHS-OJS):

- A. **Direct Commitment for Community Supervision**: Community supervision is defined in state statute as “the control, supervision, and care exercised over juveniles committed to the Office of Juvenile Services when a commitment to the level of a youth rehabilitation and treatment center has not been ordered by the court.” This OJS population is referred to as “direct commitments.” These juveniles are ordered by the court to either an in-home or out-of-home placement in the community that can provide appropriate supervision and services that meet juvenile individual needs while also ensuring community safety. Direct Commits to OJS are supervised in the community under Conditions of Liberty (a behavior contract that identifies the rules and special conditions with which the juvenile must comply while under supervision). There must be Judicial review and approval of placement changes and discharges from the OJS system for “direct commits.”
- B. **Commitment and Recommitment to a YRTC**: Commitment to a YRTC may occur as follows:
1. When a juvenile is committed to OJS for community supervision, has violated his/her Conditions of Liberty Agreement and the Court finds it necessary for the juvenile to be committed to a YRTC because the juvenile’s behavior cannot be safely managed in a community setting;
  2. When a juvenile who is on juvenile probation violates a condition of probation, the court revokes probation and commits the youth to a YRTC;
  3. When a juvenile commits a law violation that the court believes warrants an immediate commitment to a YRTC without first being committed to OJS or placed on Probation for supervision in the community.
- Recommitment to a YRTC**: When a juvenile has previously been committed by the court to the YRTC, is back in the community and commits a new law violation and is then recommitted to the YRTC on the new law violation.
- In these scenarios the judiciary determines that it is in the juvenile’s and the community’s best interest to confine the juvenile to a YRTC.
- C. **Parole**: Parole is defined in state statute as “a conditional release of a juvenile from a youth rehabilitation and treatment center to aftercare or transferred to Nebraska for parole supervision by way of interstate compact.” (see Neb. Rev. Stat. § 43-403 [5]) A juvenile on parole is commonly referred to as a parolee. Juveniles on parole sign Conditions of Liberty agreements prior to release from a YRTC. Juveniles that have completed parole successfully may be discharged administratively by DHHS-OJS. Those that violate their parole may have their parole revoked by means of a DHHS-OJS administrative hearing process and returned to a YRTC.
- D. **Both OJS and DHHS Wards**: Juveniles that are dual adjudicated by the court (see pg.12).

## OJS Program 250 Budget and Expenditures for SFY2012

**Program 250:** The overall budget of the Office of Juvenile Services (OJS) is identified as Program 250. Appropriations made by the Nebraska Legislature for Program 250 are allocated to specific programs for OJS as follows:

- A. **Program 315:** Provides salaries and benefits for DHHS-OJS central office staff, which consists of the Administrator and two Program Specialists. Program 315 supports operating costs that include, but not limited to the following:
1. Administration of the Interstate Compact for Juveniles;
  2. Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ) membership dues;
  3. Oversight of the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers at Kearney and Geneva (YRTCs);
  4. Development of Administrative Regulations and Operational Memorandum for the YRTCs for American Correctional Association Accreditation;
  5. Council of Juvenile Correction Administrators, Performance Based Standards fee for data collection and evaluation of the YRTCs;
  6. Youth Level of Service/Case Management Inventory (YLS/CMI) license and assessment fees for juvenile risk assessment tool;
  7. YLS/CMI training and certification;
  8. Legal services for juvenile parolees during Parole Revocation Hearings and juveniles committed to a YRTC who are interviewed by law enforcement as a suspect in a criminal law violation;
  9. Administering the determination of revoking a juvenile's parole;
  10. Development of and defining regulations and procedures for OJS;
  11. Special projects as requested by the Director of Children and Family Services; and
  12. Continuing education, training and travel expenses for Central Office Staff; and
  13. Monitoring OJS budget.
- B. **Program 345:** Provides juvenile community-based services and programs that address community safety, youth accountability, treatment and rehabilitation. The provision of these services and programs are the responsibility of the Service Area Administrators. Services are contracted for with private sector service providers. However, secure detention is contracted for and monitored by OJS Central Office staff. This program also provided partial funding for the Interagency Agreement with State Probation for Douglas County in the amount of \$2,187,508 that ended June 30, 2012, as a result of LB985. This program also pays for a community-based contracted psychiatrist for the YRTCs.
- C. **Program 364:** Provides for the salaries and benefits of a limited number of Juvenile Services Officers who provide supervision exclusively to juvenile delinquents committed to OJS in each of the five (5) Service Areas. The direct supervision of Juvenile Services Officers is the responsibility of Service Area Administrators who report to the Deputy Director of Protection and Safety in Children and Family Services. Juvenile Services Officers are responsible to assure juvenile accountability, and juvenile and community safety through supervision, placement and implementation of appropriate services.
- D. **Program 371:** Supports the operation of the YRTC at Geneva, Nebraska. Provides for the supervision, care and treatment of female juvenile offenders committed to the facility by the court or pursuant to parole revocation.

- E. **Program 374:** Supports the operation of the YRTC at Kearney, Nebraska. Provides for the supervision, care and treatment of male juvenile offenders committed to the facility by the court or pursuant to parole revocation.

**Department of Health and Human Services  
Division of Children and Family  
Office of Juvenile Services  
YTD Expenditures  
As of June 30, 2012**

Percent of Year Elapsed      100.00%  
Biweekly Percent              100.00%

**PSL Summary**

Program	Program Title	Total Budgeted PSL	PSL YTD Expenditures	Benefits	YTD Benefits	Operations Budget	YTD Operations Expenditures	Total Budgeted	Total YTD Expenditures
315	OJS Admin	\$ 232,487	\$ 231,621	\$ 72,444	\$ 71,192	\$ 83,653	\$ 77,188	\$ 388,584	\$ 380,000
345	Community Base					12,090,617	10,523,233	\$ 12,090,617	\$ 10,523,233
364	Parole	356,683	194,092	122,789	67,784	58,537	16,398	\$ 538,009	\$ 278,274
371	Geneva YRTC	3,891,421	3,840,542	1,759,060	1,650,488	1,740,499	1,716,364	\$ 7,390,980	\$ 7,207,395
374	Kearney YRTC	6,298,541	5,843,174	2,679,859	2,316,539	2,500,424	2,429,361	\$ 11,478,824	\$ 10,589,073
<b>250</b>	<b>Total OJS</b>	<b>\$ 10,779,132</b>	<b>\$ 10,109,429</b>	<b>\$ 4,634,152</b>	<b>\$ 4,106,003</b>	<b>\$ 16,473,730</b>	<b>\$ 14,762,544</b>	<b>\$ 31,887,014</b>	<b>\$ 28,977,976</b>

**Budget by Fund Source**

Program	Program Title	Budget General Funds	General Fund Expenditures	Budget Cash Funds	Cash Funds Expenditures	Budget Federal Funds	Federal Funds Expenditures	Total Budgeted	Total FY12 Expenditures
315	OJS Admin	\$ 388,584	\$ 380,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 388,584.00	\$ 380,000.26
345	Community Base	11,949,787	10,446,644	0	0	140,830	76,589	\$ 12,090,617	\$ 10,523,233
364	Parole	538,009	278,274	0	0	0	0	\$ 538,009	\$ 278,274
371	Geneva YRTC	7,129,358	6,971,464	105,590	90,569	156,032	145,362	\$ 7,390,980	\$ 7,207,395
374	Kearney YRTC	10,085,370	9,223,661	977,493	961,998	415,961	403,414	\$ 11,478,824	\$ 10,589,073
<b>250</b>	<b>Total OJS</b>	<b>\$ 30,091,108</b>	<b>\$ 27,300,045</b>	<b>\$ 1,083,083</b>	<b>\$ 1,052,567</b>	<b>\$ 712,823</b>	<b>\$ 625,364</b>	<b>\$ 31,887,014</b>	<b>\$ 28,977,976</b>

**Community-Based Programming and Costs**

Community-based services are offered to juveniles committed to DHHS-OJS. Services are categorized as: a) Supervision Services; b) Out-of-Home Services; and c) Other Services which include In-Home Services. The below are examples of the three types of services offered, but are not all inclusive under each category:

- A. **Supervision Services:** The types of services listed below are designed to hold juveniles accountable for their unlawful conduct, manage their problem behaviors and provide the assistance/services needed to meet the goals in his/her case plan while maintaining community safety.

1. Home-Based Supervision: The assigned Juvenile Service Officer visits the home and school regularly to monitor and manage the juvenile's movement, behaviors and progress.
2. Tracker Services: Provided by private contractors for the purpose of enhancing supervision and support to the juveniles. The tracker is responsible for monitoring behavior, mentoring, crisis intervention and assisting the juvenile in meeting goals in his/her case plan.
3. Electronic Monitoring: This is the use of electronic equipment (ankle bracelet) for intensive supervision of juveniles whose freedom of movement within the community is restricted and monitored electronically. This is provided by private contractors.
4. Urinalysis Testing: This is used as a means to detect the use of illegal drugs by juveniles or deter such use while under community supervision. Testing can be done either on-site through the use of "preliminary" urinalysis test equipment, or at a lab through use of "confirmatory" test procedures.
5. Commercial Transportation: A service provided by private contractors for the secure or non-secure transportation of OJS juvenile delinquents.

**B. Out-of-Home Services**: These services are designed to meet the placement and treatment needs of delinquent juveniles. In some cases, juveniles are unable to return home due to the absence of family or home conditions which are not conducive to the success of the youth. At other times, juveniles may need temporary removal from the home due to behavioral issues, family crisis, violations of the Conditions of Liberty or the need for mental health or substance abuse in-patient treatment.

1. Agency-Based Foster Care: Is defined as residential services in individual foster homes, supported by a private agency.
2. Emergency Shelter Center: A facility to support juveniles and families experiencing a crisis that requires removing the juvenile from the home and placing him/her into a safe, secure facility with 24-hour supervisory staff. This is a short-term placement that should last no longer than 30 days.
3. Group Home Care: A residential service in a group setting with 24-hour supervision.
4. Therapeutic Group Home: Home-like setting in the community with services provided under the direction of a psychiatrist or psychologist. Utilized by youth requiring 24/7 intensive level of care/supervision in an environment that treats mental health, substance abuse, sex offending or dual diagnosis (MH/SA) issues.
5. Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF): PRTFs are Medicaid-approved residential facilities that are available to juveniles when it is determined during the initial evaluation, or subsequent reviews, that treatment is necessary to address mental health/substance abuse issues. The PRTF provides 24-hour inpatient care in a highly structured, closely supervised environment.
6. Detention: Temporary holding of an OJS adjudicated delinquent in a locked or staff-secure detention facility.

**C. Other Services which include those utilized In-home**: In addition to the services listed under Supervision Services above, there are **other types of services** available that are

utilized for youth placed in the home or out of the home which includes, but not limited to, the following:

1. Day Reporting Centers: Private contractor provides supervision and structured programming Monday through Saturday during certain hours of the day.
2. Intensive Family Preservation: Services provided in the family home which focus on improvement of family functioning in the form of family therapy, parenting, communication, behavioral management, etc.
3. Family Support Services: Services provided to build skill in parents/caretakers or to the youth to control behaviors.

The following charts show the over-all cost of community-based services for OJS juveniles, expenditures by funding source and costs by Service Area. This does not include Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers or services funded by Medicaid.

<b>Expenditures for OJS Juveniles SFY 12</b>	
<b>Supervision Services</b>	\$4,163,750.97
<b>Out of Home Services</b>	\$18,146,450.80
<b>Other Services</b>	\$1,458,943.02
<b>Total</b>	\$23,769,144.79

<b>Expenditures by Funding Source SFY 12</b>				
	<b>Child Welfare</b>	<b>IV-E</b>	<b>Office of Juvenile Services</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Supervision Services</b>	\$253,344.08	\$0.00	\$3,910,406.89	\$4,163,750.97
<b>Out of Home Services</b>	\$12,599,333.18	\$891,778.58	\$4,655,339.04	\$18,146,450.80
<b>Other Services</b>	\$168,543.10	\$164.85	\$1,290,235.07	\$1,458,943.02
<b>Total</b>	\$13,021,220.36	\$891,943.43	\$9,855,981.00	\$23,769,144.79

<b>Expenditures by Service Area SFY 12</b>	
<b>CENTRAL</b>	\$2,800,570.72
<b>EASTERN</b>	\$9,018,575.98
<b>NORTHERN</b>	\$3,273,978.11
<b>SOUTHEAST</b>	\$6,169,484.34
<b>WESTERN</b>	\$2,506,535.64
<b>Grand Total</b>	\$23,769,144.79

<b>Expenditures by Service Area and Funding Source SFY 12</b>				
	<b>Child Welfare</b>	<b>IV-E</b>	<b>Office of Juvenile Services</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
<b>CENTRAL</b>				
<b>Supervision Services</b>	\$30,338.40	\$0.00	\$540,130.23	\$570,468.63
<b>Out-of-Home Services</b>	\$1,534,828.64	\$10,078.00	\$514,742.90	\$2,059,649.54
<b>Other Services</b>	\$14,129.00	\$0.00	\$156,323.55	\$170,452.55
<b>EASTERN</b>				
<b>Supervision Services</b>	\$111,723.72	\$0.00	\$1,186,325.96	\$1,298,049.68
<b>Out-of-Home Services</b>	\$4,725,460.84	\$471,023.80	\$2,020,368.69	\$7,216,853.33
<b>Other Services</b>	\$46,772.09	\$0.00	\$456,900.88	\$503,672.97
<b>NORTHERN</b>				
<b>Supervision Services</b>	\$1,961.00	\$0.00	\$1,000,113.30	\$1,002,074.30
<b>Out-of-Home Services</b>	\$1,585,233.50	\$32,616.00	\$480,405.23	\$2,098,254.73
<b>Other Services</b>	\$5,545.45	\$150.00	\$167,953.63	\$173,649.08
<b>SOUTHEAST</b>				
<b>Supervision Services</b>	\$58,876.07	\$0.00	\$444,247.54	\$503,123.61
<b>Out-of-Home Services</b>	\$3,588,837.16	\$243,892.00	\$1,322,240.99	\$5,154,970.15
<b>Other Services</b>	\$87,160.00	\$0.00	\$424,230.58	\$511,390.58
<b>WESTERN</b>				
<b>Supervision Services</b>	\$50,444.89	\$0.00	\$739,589.86	\$790,034.75
<b>Out-of-Home Services</b>	\$1,164,973.04	\$134,168.78	\$317,581.23	\$1,616,723.05
<b>Other Services</b>	\$14,936.56	\$14.85	\$84,826.43	\$99,777.84
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$13,021,220.36</b>	<b>\$891,943.43</b>	<b>\$9,855,981.00</b>	<b>\$23,769,144.79</b>

### **OJS Evaluations and Assessments**

When a juvenile has been court adjudicated as a delinquent (law violator), the court may make the juvenile a temporary state ward with DHHS-OJS and order an evaluation to be completed, which will be utilized at the final disposition hearing. DHHS-OJS staff receives the referral from the court and are responsible for coordinating/collaborating with contracted evaluation providers in the community and Medicaid for the completion of the evaluation.

The OJS Evaluation is composed of two parts, the clinical assessment and the initial classification. The clinical assessment known as the Comprehensive Child and Adolescent Assessment (CCAA) addresses the youth’s medically-necessary treatment needs. The initial classification (determined by the use of the Youth Level of Service/Case Management Inventory (YLS/CMI) deals with the youth’s needed level of structure and supervision from a community safety perspective. The OJS evaluation will assist the court in determining: a) whether the youth should be committed to DHHS-OJS; b) placed on probation; c) determine the level of restrictiveness of the initial placement, if the youth is committed to the Department, and the recommended level of mental health/substance abuse treatment intervention.

The below table shows 1,155 OJS evaluations ordered in SFY 2012. Evaluations completed totaled 1,024 which assisted the courts in deciding whether juveniles needed to be committed to OJS or probation.

<b>Youth with OJS Evaluations Completed in SFY 12 by Subsequent OJS Commitment</b>				
<b>Service Area</b>	<b>Became an OJS Ward</b>	<b>Did Not Become an OJS Ward</b>	<b>Evaluation Not Completed</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
<b>Central</b>	74	34	18	126
	58.73%	26.98%	14.29%	100.00%
<b>Eastern</b>	137	226	44	407
	33.66%	55.53%	10.81%	100.00%
<b>Northern</b>	121	34	26	181
	66.85%	18.78%	14.36%	100.00%
<b>Southeast</b>	211	94	34	339
	62.24%	27.73%	10.03%	100.00%
<b>Western</b>	58	35	9	102
	56.86%	34.31%	8.82%	100.00%
<b>State</b>	601	423	131	1155
	52.03%	36.62%	11.34%	100.00%

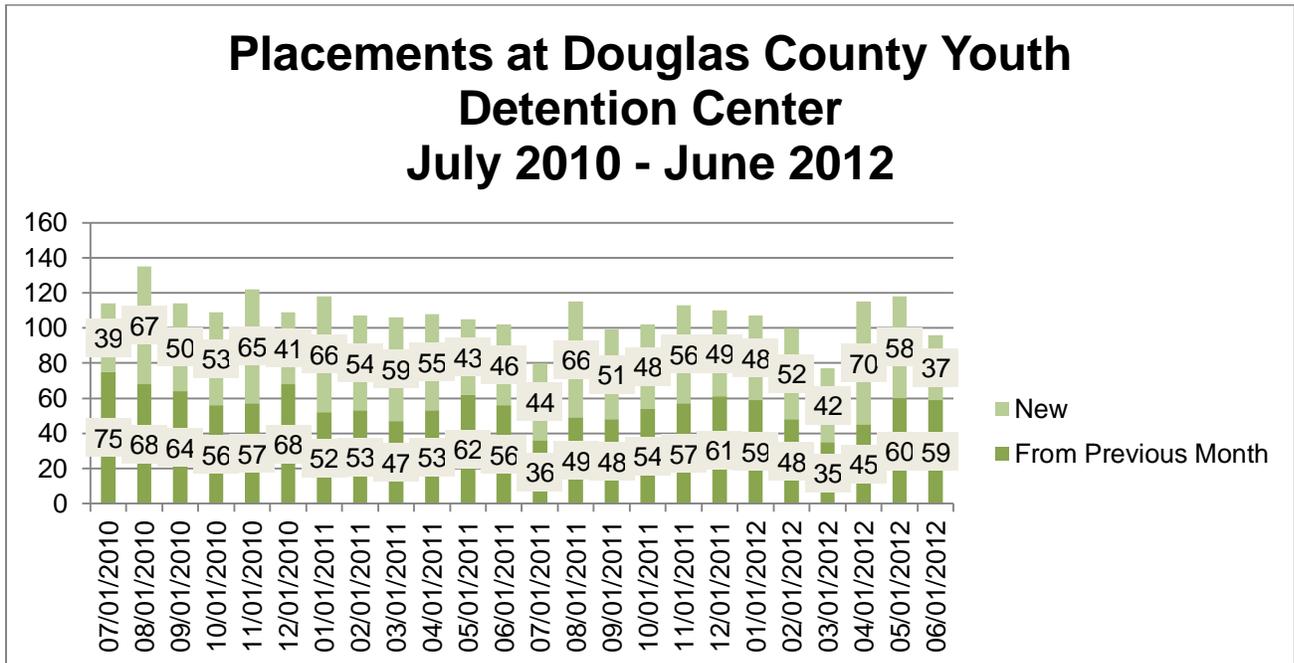
### **OJS Community Collaborations**

Today, it is imperative that juvenile justice agencies and the community work together to meet the supervision, placement and treatment needs of court adjudicated delinquent juveniles. Below is a description of the collaborative work that DHHS-OJS has been involved in over the last fiscal year with public and private agencies:

- A. DHHS-OJS collaborated with the Lancaster County Re-Entry Task Force to assist in the development of a plan to reduce the recidivism rate of Lancaster County youth released

from the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers. The Task Force membership consists of Juvenile Justice, Health and Human Services and Education professionals along with other stakeholders in the community. This project was supported by a “Second Chance Act Juvenile Offender Re-Entry Demonstration Grant” awarded to Lancaster County through the Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention. As the result of the planning grant, an application for a “Second Chance Act Juvenile Offender Re-Entry Implementation Grant” has been submitted by Lancaster County with the support of the Department of Health and Human Services/Office of Juvenile Services.

- B. The Annie E. Casey Foundation approved Douglas County to be the initial site in Nebraska for implementation of the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI). The goal of the initiative is to eliminate inappropriate or unnecessary use of “secure detention,” improve conditions of detention, minimize failure to appear when youth aren’t detained, reduce racial, ethnic and gender disparity in the use of detention, and develop alternatives to the use of detention. DHHS-OJS is collaborating with State Probation, Douglas County Attorney’s Office, Law Enforcement, Judiciary, County Commissioners, Boys Town and other external partners in the implementation of this initiative. In 2007, Douglas County Detention Center averaged 167 juveniles per day. In 2007, a Douglas County Juvenile Justice Coordination Council was developed. Due to the council’s efforts and the JDAI, Juvenile Detention Center Placement data indicates the number of state wards (**includes both delinquent and ungovernable state wards**) placed at the detention center has not increased but has been decreasing or maintaining low numbers. Please see chart below:



- C. The Casey Family Programs and Center for Juvenile Justice Reform at Georgetown University Public Policy Institute approved Douglas County to be the initial site to implement the Crossover Youth Practice Model. The Practice Model describes specific practices that need to be in place to reduce the number of juveniles crossing over between the

Child Welfare System (neglect/abuse/dependency/status offenders) and Juvenile Justice System. Research shows that a large number of youth move from the Child Welfare system into Juvenile Justice. DHHS and OJS are collaborating with Juvenile Justice Partners in Douglas County to implement the model.

The tables below show the number of delinquent and dual adjudicated DHHS/OJS state wards served in SFY 2012 by category, service area, age, race/ethnicity and gender.

<b>Delinquent and Dual Adjudicated Youth Served During SFY 2012</b>	
<b>Delinquency</b>	2,006
<b>Delinquency &amp; Status Offender</b>	291
<b>Delinquency &amp; Abuse/Neglect</b>	79
<b>Delinquency, Status Offender &amp; Abuse/Neglect</b>	18
<b>Delinquency &amp; Dependency</b>	6
<b>Delinquency, Status Offender &amp; Dependency</b>	3
<b>Delinquency, Abuse/Neglect &amp; Dependency</b>	1
<b>Total</b>	2,404

<b>Delinquent and Dual Adjudicated Youth Served During SFY 2012 by Service Area</b>						
	<b>Central</b>	<b>Eastern</b>	<b>Northern</b>	<b>Southeast</b>	<b>Western</b>	<b>State</b>
<b>Delinquency</b>	242	620	303	670	171	2,006
<b>Delinquency &amp; Status Offender</b>	19	84	12	105	71	291
<b>Delinquency &amp; Abuse/Neglect</b>	11	30	6	28	4	79
<b>Delinquency, Status Offender &amp; Abuse/Neglect</b>	0	4	5	9	0	18
<b>Delinquency &amp; Dependency</b>	1	1	0	2	2	6
<b>Delinquency, Status Offender &amp; Dependency</b>	1	0	0	1	1	3
<b>Delinquency, Abuse/Neglect &amp; Dependency</b>	0	0	0	1	0	1
<b>Total</b>	274	739	326	816	249	2,404

Delinquent and Dual Adjudicated Youth Served During SFY 2012 by Age										
	10 Years Old	11 Years Old	12 Years Old	13 Years Old	14 Years Old	15 Years Old	16 Years Old	17 Years Old	18 Years Old	Total
Delinquency	0	7	28	65	162	263	449	533	499	2,006
Delinquency & Status Offender	0	3	4	9	28	37	67	75	68	291
Delinquency & Abuse/Neglect	2	0	3	7	7	17	10	17	16	79
Delinquency, Status Offender & Abuse/Neglect	1	0	2	1	4	3	3	2	2	18
Delinquency & Dependency	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	1	6
Delinquency, Status Offender & Dependency	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	3
Delinquency, Abuse/Neglect & Dependency	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>631</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>2,404</b>

Delinquent and Dual Adjudicated Youth Served During SFY 2012 by Race/Ethnicity										
	American Indian or Alaska Native (Non-Hispanic)	Asian (Non-Hispanic)	Black or African American (Non-Hispanic)	Hispanic	Multi-Racial	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Island (Non-Hispanic)	Other	Unknown	White (Non-Hispanic)	Total
Delinquency	109	18	418	362	33	1	25	27	1,013	2,006
Delinquency & Status Offender	6	3	39	49	8	0	7	2	177	291
Delinquency & Abuse/Neglect	6	2	26	5	2	0	1	0	37	79
Delinquency, Status Offender & Abuse/Neglect	1	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	12	18
Delinquency & Dependency	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	4	6
Delinquency, Status Offender & Dependency	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Delinquency, Abuse/Neglect & Dependency	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1,247</b>	<b>2,404</b>

<b>Delinquent and Dual Adjudicated Youth Served During SFY 2012 by Gender</b>			
	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Delinquency</b>	527	1,479	2,006
<b>Delinquency &amp; Status Offender</b>	100	191	291
<b>Delinquency &amp; Abuse/Neglect</b>	20	59	79
<b>Delinquency, Status Offender &amp; Abuse/Neglect</b>	7	11	18
<b>Delinquency &amp; Dependency</b>	4	2	6
<b>Delinquency, Status Offender &amp; Dependency</b>	0	3	3
<b>Delinquency, Abuse/Neglect &amp; Dependency</b>	0	1	1
<b>Total</b>	658	1,746	2,404

- D. An interagency agreement was developed between DHHS and the Office of Probation Administration in 2009 in an effort to reduce the number of delinquent and 3b youth becoming state wards for the sole purpose of accessing resources and services and to reduce the number of youth who were dually supervised by probation and DHHS. The agreement was implemented in Douglas County as a pilot. The contract ended at the end of FY2011/2012 with the passage of LB985. LB985 appropriated DHHS funds to the Office of Probation Administration in order to continue with the intent of the original interagency agreement in Judicial District 4 as well as expand the program to Judicial Districts 11 and 12. The effectiveness of the program is being evaluated by the University of Nebraska Medical Center which will be reported to the legislature. DHHS and Probation Administration continue to collaborate by meeting with UNMC to develop and collect the data sets that will be needed to determine cost effectiveness.
- E. DHHS-OJS collaborated with the Department of Corrections in the areas of improving safety and security at the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers. Collaboration consisted of DHHS-OJS Administration touring the adult facilities and reviewing policies and procedures on safety and security. Examples of changes made as a result of collaboration are the use of "shadow boards" for culinary utensils in the kitchen, curtailing potential gang activity within the facility by eliminating the placement of youth with the same gang affiliation into one group and placing living unit managers in each living unit at YRTC-Kearney. Further collaboration continues. YRTC-Kearney has seen a reduction in youth-on-youth assaults and youth-on-staff assaults since January 2012.
- F. OJS has been a recipient of a federal Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) through the Nebraska Crime Commission utilized for the School Intervention Program in North Platte, Columbus and Grand Island during SFY 2012. The grant proposal was developed in partnership with State Probation and served both Probation and DHHS adjudicated delinquent and status offender youth who were in need of assistance in completing class assignments and who needed supervision and direction due to disruptive behaviors in the class room. The grant provided 90% of the funding and DHHS-OJS provided 10%.
- G. In October 2011, the Department of Education (NDE) and DHHS-OJS entered into a working relationship to establish and maintain a position for an Educational Transition

Liaison who assisted juveniles at the YRTC's in his/her academic advancement and achievement of educational and vocational goals for a successful re-integration into a community-based setting in Douglas, Sarpy, and Lancaster counties on the juvenile's release from the YRTC's. Expanding the utilization of the Liaison to other parts of the state is under consideration.

**OJS Data by Service Area and Statewide**

Table #1 provides the total number of juveniles supervised by OJS between July 1, 2011, and June 30, 2012, who resided in their the natural home (in-home), compared to the number of those living in foster homes, group homes, treatment facilities, Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers or other placements away from the natural home.

<b>Table #1 OJS Juveniles Served During SFY 2012</b>		
<b>In-Home</b>	<b>Out-of-Home</b>	<b>Total</b>
837	1,567	2,404
34.82%	65.18%	100.00%

Table #2 provides where the juveniles were located geographically across the state by Service Area. This table compares the number of juveniles placed in-home versus out-of-home.

<b>Table #2 OJS Juveniles Served During SFY 2012</b>			
<b>Service Area</b>	<b>In-Home</b>	<b>Out-of-Home</b>	<b>Total</b>
Central	97	177	274
	35.40%	64.60%	100.00%
Eastern	210	529	739
	28.42%	71.58%	100.00%
Northern	136	190	326
	41.72%	58.28%	100.00%
Southeast	304	512	816
	37.25%	62.75%	100.00%
Western	90	159	249
	36.14%	63.86%	100.00%
State	<b>837</b>	<b>1,567</b>	<b>2,404</b>
	<b>34.82%</b>	<b>65.18%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Table #3 provides the age range of juveniles committed to OJS and whether they were living in the natural home or were placed out-of-home.

<b>Table #3 OJS Juveniles Served During SFY 2012</b>			
	<b>In-Home</b>	<b>Out-of-Home</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
<b>10 Years Old</b>	0	3	3
<b>11 Years Old</b>	3	7	10
<b>12 Years Old</b>	12	25	37
<b>13 Years Old</b>	28	54	82
<b>14 Years Old</b>	51	151	202
<b>15 Years Old</b>	85	237	322
<b>16 Years Old</b>	133	397	530
<b>17 Years Old</b>	223	408	631
<b>18 Years Old</b>	302	285	587
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>837</b>	<b>1,567</b>	<b>2,404</b>

Table #4 shows out-of-home placements by type of placement.

<b>Table #4 Placement Types of OJS Juveniles in Out-of-Home Care During SFY 2012</b>	
<b>Relative Foster Care</b>	116
<b>Non-Relative Foster Care</b>	280
<b>Detention</b>	901
<b>Treatment Congregate Care</b>	279
<b>Other Congregate Non-Treatment Care</b>	718
<b>YRTC</b>	558
<b>Runaway</b>	400
<b>Hospital</b>	98
<b>Independent Living</b>	113
<b>A juvenile may have had more than one placement type during the year so these are duplicated numbers.</b>	

Table #5 shows where juveniles were placed in out-of-home care by Service Area.

<b>Table #5 Placement Types of OJS Youth in Out-of-Home Care During SFY 2012</b>						
	<b>Central</b>	<b>Eastern</b>	<b>Northern</b>	<b>Southeast</b>	<b>Western</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Relative Foster Care</b>	14	45	13	34	10	116
<b>Non-Relative Foster Care</b>	57	81	22	98	22	280
<b>Detention</b>	90	368	83	281	79	901
<b>Treatment Congregate Care</b>	33	81	40	97	28	279
<b>Other Congregate Non-Treatment Care</b>	82	273	56	237	70	718
<b>YRTC</b>	70	149	104	170	65	558
<b>Runaway</b>	45	188	24	116	27	400
<b>Hospital</b>	14	23	16	30	15	98
<b>Independent Living</b>	11	27	11	45	19	113
<b>A juvenile may have had more than one placement type during the year so these are duplicated numbers.</b>						

Table #6 shows the total number of identified OJS direct commits by legal status. We were not able to identify the type of felony and misdemeanor during this last fiscal year. Beginning July 1, 2012, we will be able to draw this data from N-FOCUS due to N-FOCUS changes.

<b>Table #6 - Direct Commits SFY 2012</b>				
	<b>BOTH</b>	<b>FELONY</b>	<b>MISDEMEANOR</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>1,299</b>	<b>1,540</b>

Table #6A shows 13.9% of the juveniles who were direct commits were ordered by the Court to the highest level of secure care (YRTCs) as a result of violating their Conditions of Liberty Agreement.

<b>Table #6A Direct Commit Outcome</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
No Subsequent YRTC Commitment	1,351
YRTC Committed	189
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,540</b>

Table #7 shows where direct commitments were placed in the community.

<b>Table #7 Direct Commit Placement</b>	<b>New - During SFY 2012</b>	<b>Prior to SFY 2012</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
<b>Center for Developmentally Disabled</b>	2	0	2
<b>Child Specific Foster Home (Approved)</b>	5	9	14
<b>DD Group Home</b>	1	0	1
<b>Detention Facilities</b>	194	238	432
<b>Emergency Shelter Center</b>	39	92	131
<b>Emergency Shelter Foster Home</b>	0	5	5
<b>Enhanced Treatment Group Home (GHII)</b>	0	14	14
<b>Foster Home - Traditional</b>	1	9	10
<b>Foster Home-Agency-Based</b>	22	49	71
<b>Foster Home-Treatment</b>	0	1	1
<b>Group Home</b>	31	63	94
<b>Group Home A</b>	42	49	91
<b>Group Home-Treatment</b>	2	35	37
<b>Independent Living</b>	7	7	14
<b>Jail</b>	1	1	2
<b>Medical Hospital</b>	2	5	7
<b>Mental Health Facility</b>	1	2	3
<b>No Placement</b>	183	94	277
<b>Non-Custodial Parent</b>	1	0	1
<b>Psych Residential Treatment Facility</b>	22	3	25
<b>Psychiatric Hospital</b>	6	7	13
<b>Relative Foster Home (Approved)</b>	15	27	42
<b>Residential Treatment Facility</b>	2	52	54
<b>Runaway-whereabouts Unknown</b>	14	27	41
<b>Therapeutic Group Home</b>	7	0	7
<b>With Parent/Caretaker</b>	62	89	151
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>662</b>	<b>878</b>	<b>1,540</b>

Table #8 shows total number of OJS juveniles that were placed in detention and the average number of days juveniles spent in detention.

<b>Table #8</b> <b>SFY 2012</b> <b>OJS Juveniles Placed in Detention</b>		
Juveniles in Detention	Total Detention Days	Average Total Days per Juvenile
936	30,349	32.4

Table #8A below shows the number of juveniles placed in each of Nebraska’s five detention centers. Of the 936 youth shown in Table #8, some could have been detained in more than one detention center during the fiscal year, which accounts for the total number of juveniles in detention below to be more than 937. “Out of State” reflects the total number of delinquent juveniles in detention facilities in another state who have run away or failed a placement. The table below represents an unduplicated number.

<b>Table #8A</b> <b>SFY 2012</b> <b>Unduplicated OJS Juveniles Placed in Detention by Facility</b>			
	Unduplicated Juveniles in Detention	Total Detention Days	Average Total Days per Juvenile
DOUGLAS COUNTY YOUTH DETENTION CENTER	353	13,102	37.1
LANCASTER COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES CENTER	345	8,326	24.1
NORTHEAST NEBRASKA JUVENILE SERVICES INC.	178	5,111	28.7
SARPY COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER	49	1,139	33.2
SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	67	2,343	35.0
OUT OF STATE	11	245	22.3

Table #8B shows the number of juveniles on parole placed in detention.

<b>Table #8B SFY 2012 Juveniles on Parole Placed in Detention</b>			
<b>Juveniles in Detention</b>	<b>Total Detention Days</b>	<b>Average Total Days per Juvenile</b>	<b>Average Days per Episode</b>
<b>230</b>	<b>7,138</b>	<b>31.0</b>	<b>22.0</b>

Table #8C shows the number of juveniles placed in detention by legal status.

<b>Table #8C SFY 2012 Juveniles placed in detention by legal status.</b>				
	<b>Juveniles in Detention</b>	<b>Total Detention Days</b>	<b>Average Total Days per Juvenile</b>	<b>Average Days per Episode</b>
<b>Both OJS and DHHS Ward</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>2,448</b>	<b>35.0</b>	<b>23.3</b>
<b>Evaluation Only</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>4,372</b>	<b>19.1</b>	<b>18.7</b>
<b>OJS Ward</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>23,535</b>	<b>31.1</b>	<b>23.1</b>

Table #9 shows the total number of juveniles who completed their YRTC commitment period of time and were released on parole to the community by service area.

<b>Table #9 SFY 12 Juveniles Paroled from the YRTC</b>			
<b>Service Area</b>	<b>Paroled from Geneva-YRTC SFY 12</b>	<b>Paroled from Kearney-YRTC SFY 12</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Central</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>124</b>
<b>Eastern</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>154</b>
<b>Northern</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>110</b>
<b>Southeast</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>164</b>
<b>Western</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>64</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>616</b>

Table #10 shows numbers of juveniles on parole who absconded to other states from Nebraska, or were transferred to other states for investigation and/or supervision.

<b>Table #10 SFY 12 Interstate Compact for Juveniles - Parole</b>	
Number of Parole Absconders from Nebraska apprehended in other states	34
Number of Parole Absconders from Nebraska apprehended in Nebraska	1
Number of Parole Cases sent to other states for investigation and /or supervision	53
Number of Parole Cases sent to Nebraska from other states for investigation and /or supervision	4

Table #11 shows 1,674 juveniles discharged from OJS custody between July 1, 2010, and December 31, 2011, and of those 1,674, there were 86 who were recommitted to OJS in SFY 2012.

<b>Table #11 Juveniles discharged from OJS Custody between July 1, 2010, and December 31, 2011, who re- entered OJS Custody in SFY 2012</b>		
<b>No Re-entry</b>	1,588	94.9%
<b>Less Than 3 Months</b>	11	0.7%
<b>3 to 6 Months</b>	19	1.1%
<b>6 to 9 Months</b>	19	1.1%
<b>9 to 12 Months</b>	20	1.2%
<b>12 Months or More</b>	17	1.0%
<b>Grand Total</b>	1,674	100.0%

**5.1% Re-entered OJS Custody**

All re-entry data use June 30, 2012, as the run date.

Table #11A shows the average number of months in the community that it took for the 86 juveniles to return to OJS custody.

<b>Table #11A Juveniles discharged from OJS Custody Between July 1, 2010, and December 31, 2011, who re-entered OJS Custody in SFY 2012.</b>	
<b>Number of Juveniles</b>	86
<b>Average time in months to Re-Entry</b>	8.5

Table #11B shows that of the 86 juveniles who re-entered OJS Custody in SFY 2012, there were 77 placed out of their home.

<b>Table #11B Juveniles discharged from OJS Custody Between July 1, 2010, and December 31, 2011, who re- entered OJS Custody in SFY 2012</b>	
<b>Out-of-Home Placement</b>	77
	89.5%
<b>Stayed In The Home</b>	9
	10.5%
<b>Total</b>	86
	100.0%

Table #11C shows the percentage of the 86 juveniles in each Service Area who re-entered OJS Custody in SFY 2012.

<b>Table #11C Juveniles discharged from OJS Custody Between July 1, 2010, and December 31, 2011, who re-entered OJS Custody in SFY 2012 by Service Area</b>			
<b>Service Area</b>	<b>No Re-entry</b>	<b>Re-entry</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Central</b>	180	14	194
	92.8%	7.2%	100.0%
<b>Eastern</b>	574	19	593
	96.8%	3.2%	100.0%
<b>Northern</b>	215	15	230
	93.5%	6.5%	100.0%
<b>Southeast</b>	449	31	480
	93.5%	6.5%	100.0%
<b>Western</b>	170	7	177
	96.0%	4.0%	100.0%
<b>Total</b>	1,588	86	1,674
	94.9%	5.1%	100.0%

Table #11D shows the gender of the 86 juveniles who re-entered OJS Custody in SFY 2012.

<b>Table #11D</b>			
<b>Juveniles discharged from OJS Custody Between July 1, 2010, and December 31, 2011, who re-entered OJS Custody in SFY 2012 by gender</b>			
<b>Gender</b>	<b>No Re-entry</b>	<b>Re-entry</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Female</b>	465	19	484
	96.1%	3.9%	100.0%
<b>Male</b>	1,123	67	1,190
	94.4%	5.6%	100.0%
<b>Total</b>	1,588	86	1,674
	94.9%	5.1%	100.0%

Table #11E shows the race/ethnicity of the 86 juveniles who re-entered OJS custody in SFY2012.

<b>Table #11E</b>			
<b>Juveniles discharged from OJS Custody Between July 1, 2010, and December 31, 2011, who re-entered OJS Custody in SFY 2012 by Race/Ethnicity.</b>			
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>	<b>No Re-entry</b>	<b>Re-entry</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>American Indian or Alaska Native (Non-Hispanic)</b>	63	7	70
	90.0%	10.0%	100.0%
<b>Asian (Non-Hispanic)</b>	17	0	17
	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
<b>Black or African American (Non-Hispanic)</b>	305	14	319
	95.6%	4.4%	100.0%
<b>Hispanic</b>	277	23	300
	92.3%	7.7%	100.0%
<b>Multi-Racial</b>	25	0	25
	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
<b>Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Island (Non-Hispanic)</b>	1	0	1
	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
<b>Other</b>	25	0	25
	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
<b>Unknown</b>	7	0	7
	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
<b>White (Non-Hispanic)</b>	868	42	910
	95.4%	4.6%	100.0%
<b>Total</b>	1,588	86	1,674
	94.9%	5.1%	100.0%

Table #11F shows the age of the 86 juveniles who re-entered OJS Custody in SFY2012.

<b>Table #11F</b> <b>Juveniles discharged from OJS Custody Between July 1,</b> <b>2010, and December 31, 2011, who re-entered OJS</b> <b>Custody</b> <b>In SFY 2012 by Age</b>			
<b>Age in Years</b>	<b>No Re-entry</b>	<b>Re-entry</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>
	<b>87.5%</b>	<b>12.5%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>
	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>20</b>
	<b>70.0%</b>	<b>30.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>43</b>
	<b>74.4%</b>	<b>25.6%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>105</b>
	<b>78.1%</b>	<b>21.9%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>236</b>
	<b>86.9%</b>	<b>13.1%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>418</b>
	<b>96.9%</b>	<b>3.1%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>819</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>820</b>
	<b>99.9%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>
	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,588</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>1,674</b>
	<b>94.9%</b>	<b>5.1%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## **Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers (YRTC)**

### **YRTC-Geneva SFY 2012 Annual Report Executive Summary:**

The mission of the YRTC-Geneva is to protect society by providing a safe, secure, and nurturing environment in which the juveniles who come to the facility may learn, develop a sense of self, and return to the community as productive and law-abiding citizens. To accomplish this, the YRTC-Geneva provides diverse programming that responds to each juvenile's unique needs.

On arrival at the YRTC-Geneva, juveniles enter a two-week orientation program. Juveniles attend orientation classes, complete various assessments and screenings, and are familiarized with the YRTC program and facility rules. After orientation, juveniles are assigned a living unit. The daily routine generally includes cleaning details, participation in a school or work program, involvement in therapeutic group and individual counseling, and recreation/volunteer activities.

YRTC-Geneva has a wide variety of treatment opportunities for juveniles. The core treatment program is based on a gender responsive philosophy that takes into account the unique needs of the girls in our care. The facility has licensed counselors, a psychologist, a contractual psychiatrist, and a contractual psychiatric nurse practitioner available to provide services. Each YRTC juvenile is assigned a counselor who assists them in identifying personal problem areas as well as outcomes and strategies aimed at assisting them for eventual release into the community.

The YRTC has a school accredited by the Nebraska Board of Education through a special purpose agreement. Ten certified teachers, a school principal, a vocational counselor, a certified library aide, and school secretary assist juveniles with their education throughout their stay at the YRTC and juveniles earn credits that transfer to their home schools.

The continuing good health of juveniles is important and a nurse and doctor are available 24-hours-a-day for emergencies. The medical clinic is located in LaFlesche Cottage, and three nurses provide regular services with the assistance of contractual doctors, a contractual dentist, and the support of the Fillmore County Hospital in Geneva. Regular pre- and post-natal examinations and care are available for pregnant juveniles.

Religious services are available and the facility has a part-time Chaplain who coordinates religious services and provides religious counseling on request. Attendance at any religious service or activity available is strictly on a volunteer basis.

YRTC-Geneva offers a broad array of recreation and leisure-time activities as part of the rehabilitation process.

Maintaining contact with their families is important to juveniles, and they are provided access to reasonable and equitable telephone services, family visitation, written correspondence and family conferences. Juvenile's families may contact facility staff with questions or concerns, and the YRTC considers a family focus to be a priority.

**YRTC-GENEVA FACT SHEET  
SFY 2011/2012**

<b>Rated Capacity</b>	<b>82</b>
<b>Average Length of Stay</b>	198 days 6.61 months
<b>Average Daily Population</b>	81
<b>Total Admissions</b>	140
<b>Total Parole Violators</b>	17
<b>Total Recommitments</b>	5
<b>Admissions By Offense:</b>	
Assault	34%
Theft	14%
Shoplifting	9%
Other	43%
<b>Average Age at Admission</b>	16.17 years
<b>Recidivism Rate</b>	9.03%
<b>Juvenile on juvenile Assaults</b>	17
<b>Juvenile on Staff Assaults</b>	46
<b>Escapes</b>	6
<b>Attempted Escapes</b>	0

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Total Expenditures</b>
<b>General Funds</b>	\$7,129,358.00	\$6,971,464.37
<b>Federal Funds</b>	\$ 156,032.00	\$ 90,568.89
<b>Cash Funds</b>	\$ 105,590.00	\$ 145,361.55
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$7,390,980.00	\$7,207,394.82

**YRTC-Geneva Per Diem Costs: \$245.22**

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**YRTC-Kearney SFY 2012 Annual Report Executive Summary:**

The mission of the YRTC-Kearney is to help juveniles live better lives through effective services, affording juveniles the opportunity to become law-abiding citizens. To accomplish this, the YRTC-K provides diverse programming that responds to each juvenile's unique needs.

Following a juvenile's arrival at YRTC-K, he is placed in a two-week orientation program to not only allow a successful transition into the treatment program, but to give staff time to assess the juvenile's personal needs. Orientation staff work hard to help each juvenile learn facility rules, understand the treatment program and allay any fears they may bring with them. During the orientation process, phone and mail contact is made with the juvenile's families to help them begin to understand the YRTC-K program and know the juvenile is safe.

YRTC-K offers multiple treatment programs to each juvenile. The overall program teaches juveniles to think and act responsibly through a peer-helping approach by equipping the group with certain skills and techniques. The overall treatment program also provides chemical dependency services and mental health programming. Social services staff includes a Clinical Psychologist, nine Licensed Mental Health Practitioners, a contract Psychiatrist, three Youth Counselor Supervisors and 15 Youth Counselors. This staff works hard to understand and meet the needs of each juvenile.

A full educational program is offered at West Kearney High School, which is accredited by the Nebraska State Board of Education as a Special Purpose School. The school is also accredited as an optional school through the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement. The school is also a member of the Correctional Education Association. All 22 school teachers and the principal hold professional certificates from the Nebraska Department of Education. Credits earned during a juvenile's stay are transferred to their home school. School staff works hard to meet the individual juvenile's educational and vocational needs. West Kearney High offers Career Education Class and a Work Readiness Program with juveniles working in the community.

Complete medical services are provided by four Nurses, a contract General Medical Practitioner, contract Optometrist and a contract Dentist. A medical clinic is located on the YRTC-K campus, and when necessary, services are available at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney and other medical and dental clinics in the Kearney area.

An on-campus church and full-time Religious Coordinator are available to meet each juvenile's individual religious needs.

A well-rounded recreational program, including a gym, weight room, indoor swimming pool, softball field, soccer field, multiple outdoor play pads and a disc golf course, are available to all juveniles. Excellent relationships with the Kearney recreational community, including the University, give the juveniles the opportunity to participate in off-campus recreational activities.

A family focus is promoted through regular phone services, on- and off-campus family visits and regular communication with families through written correspondence, phone calls and family conferences.

The 2011/2012 fiscal year has been an exciting time at YRTC-K with the approval and current hiring of 23 additional staff. An ongoing collaboration effort with the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services is helping build a safer environment for both the juveniles and staff.

**YRTC-KEARNEY FACT SHEET  
SFY 2011/2012**

<b>Rated Capacity</b>	<b>172</b>
<b>Average Length of Stay</b>	154 days 5.1 months
<b>Average Daily Population</b>	160
<b>Total Admissions</b>	425
<b>Total Parole Violators</b>	64
<b>Total Recommitments</b>	56
<b>Admissions By Offense: Assault</b>	21%
<b>Theft</b>	17%
<b>Burglary</b>	10%
<b>Other</b>	52%
<b>Average Age at Admission</b>	16.7 years
<b>Recidivism Rate</b>	27%
<b>Juvenile on Juvenile Assaults</b>	301
<b>Juvenile on Staff Assaults</b>	86
<b>Escapes</b>	20
<b>Attempted Escapes</b>	11

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Total Expenditures</b>
<b>General Funds</b>	\$ 10,085,370.00	\$ 9,223,661.00
<b>Federal Funds</b>	\$ 415,961.00	\$ 403,414.00
<b>Cash Funds</b>	\$ 977,493.00	\$ 961,998.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 11,478,824.00	\$ 10,589,073.00

**YRTC-Kearney Per Diem Costs: \$181.96**

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This concludes the Department's SFY 2012 annual report on the Office of Juvenile Services. This annual report is published on the Nebraska Website:

<http://www.dhhs.ne.gov/jus/reports.htm>.

The Department appreciates the opportunity to share this information each year and welcomes continued review by the Legislature and the public.