



Probation Semi-Annual Report

January-June 2012

July-December 2012

Purpose of this Report:

This report was completed in compliance with Neb. Rev. Stat.

§ 29-2252.01 (Appended 2001).

On December 31 and June 30 of each year the administrator shall provide a report to the Department of Administrative Services and the Legislative Fiscal Analyst.

Note: In this report traditional probation is referred to as Community-Based Resources and ISP is referred to as Community-Based Intervention.

Mission Statement: We the leaders in community corrections, juvenile and restorative justice are unified in our dedication to delivering a system of seamless services which are founded on evidence-based practices and valued by Nebraska's communities, victims, offenders and courts. We create constructive change through rehabilitation, collaboration, and partnership in order to enhance safe communities.

Vision: Be a national recognized leader in the field of justice committed to excellence and safe communities.

Probation 2012: Through the Court for the Community

The year 2012 was a year characterized by skill building for the Nebraska Probation System. While continuing to serve our courts and the citizens of this great State, the Administrative Office of Probation implemented a new training initiative for officers supervising the highest risk individuals. This training targeted specific skill building around case management to improve offender accountability and overall community safety. This year also brought forth the formalization of an evaluation process for Districts. Continuous evaluation is key to maintaining Evidence-Based Practices.

The Nebraska Probation System is driven by a belief that introducing evidence-based policies and practices into the system will produce positive individual outcomes in addition to meeting our system's goals.

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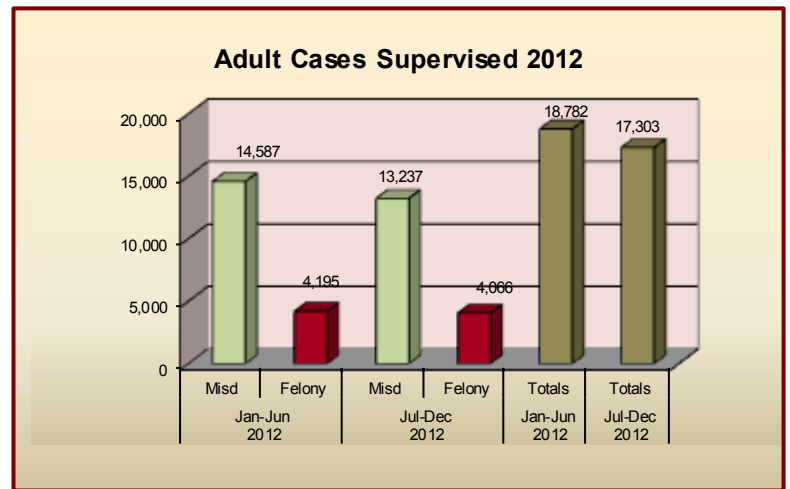
Our Goals:

- o Provide our courts effective sentencing and dispositional alternatives.
- o Reduce recidivism in both juvenile and criminal justice populations.
- o Provide for a more efficient and effective use of Probation's limited staff resources.
- o Support community-based programs and service initiatives to reduce prison overcrowding.

Adult Probation

The Probation System’s Adult Community Safety Impact Model encompasses a public safety approach to case management. Offenders are prioritized for assessment, supervision and treatment services according to their risk of re-offending. Approximately 26% of individuals on probation are supervised at the highest level, Community-Based Intervention (CBI). CBI is the supervision approach designed for offenders who are at a high risk of re-offending. It combines intensive supervision and treatment resources to maximize community safety. Probationers supervised at the Community-Based Resources (CBR) level include approximately 65% of probationers. Services for the CBR level must be accessible while under community supervision for optimum success. Each CBR supervision level is guided by different responsive case management standards, each appropriate for optimal supervision of the probationer. The remaining 9% of probationers are in an administrative status (such as jails, absconds, warrants and transfers out-of-state) or are unclassified.

In 2012, Probation Administration began an evaluation Reporting Centers across the state. This evaluation is key to maintaining our commitment to Evidence-Based Practices. From January 2012 through June 2012,



approximately 19,000 adult probationers were supervised and, from July 2012 through December 2012, approximately 17,300 probationers were supervised. In both time periods approximately 22% were for a felony offense and 78% were a misdemeanor offense.

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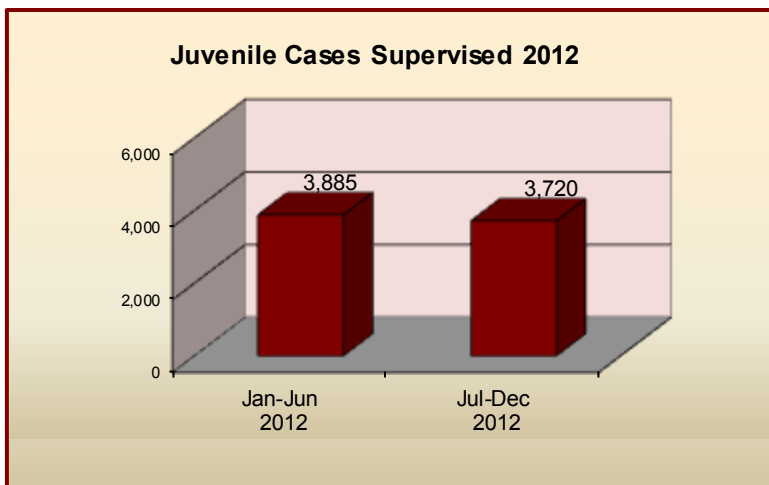
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During calendar year 2012, Probation served a total adult population of approximately 24,000 individuals.



Juvenile Probation

Juveniles are prioritized for supervision and treatment services according to their risk of



continuing negative behaviors. Probation recognizes there are specific juvenile populations that require additional and unique approaches to community supervision. Approximately 28% of juveniles on probation are supervised at the Juvenile Community Based Intervention or highest level, 67% are supervised at the Juvenile Community Based Resources level, and 5% are administrative cases. From January to June 2012, approximately 3,900 juveniles were supervised; from July to December 2012, over 3,700 were supervised.

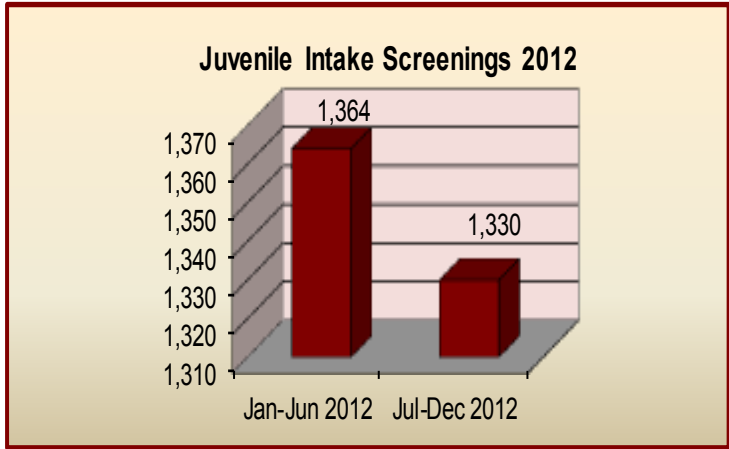
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Juvenile Intake Interviews

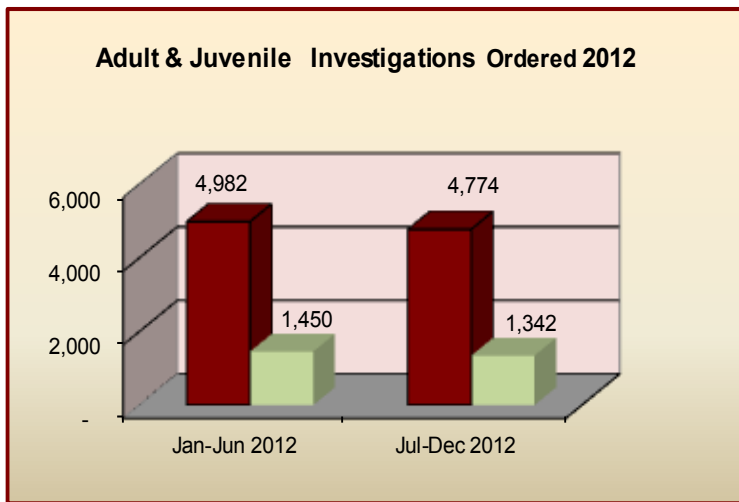
A peace officer may retain temporary custody of a juvenile taken into temporary custody, pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statute 43-248 and 43-250. It is the responsibility of law enforcement to deliver youth to probation intake. Probation intake administers a standardized juvenile detention screening instrument to guide the intake decision. Additionally, legal warrants for juveniles pass through Probation’s intake process.

During 2012, 1364 separate screenings of juveniles were conducted from January to June; while 1330 were screened from July to December.



Adult and Juvenile Investigations

The purpose of an investigation is to provide the court with timely, relevant, and accurate information about an adult or juvenile prior to the sentencing or disposition of a case. In 2012, Probation began a project of validating its primary risk assessment tools. This project is being completed in conjunction with the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. The number of adult investigations ordered in the first half of 2012 was 4,982 and the number of juvenile investigations was 1,450; during the second half, 4,774 adult investigations and 1,342 juvenile investigations were ordered.



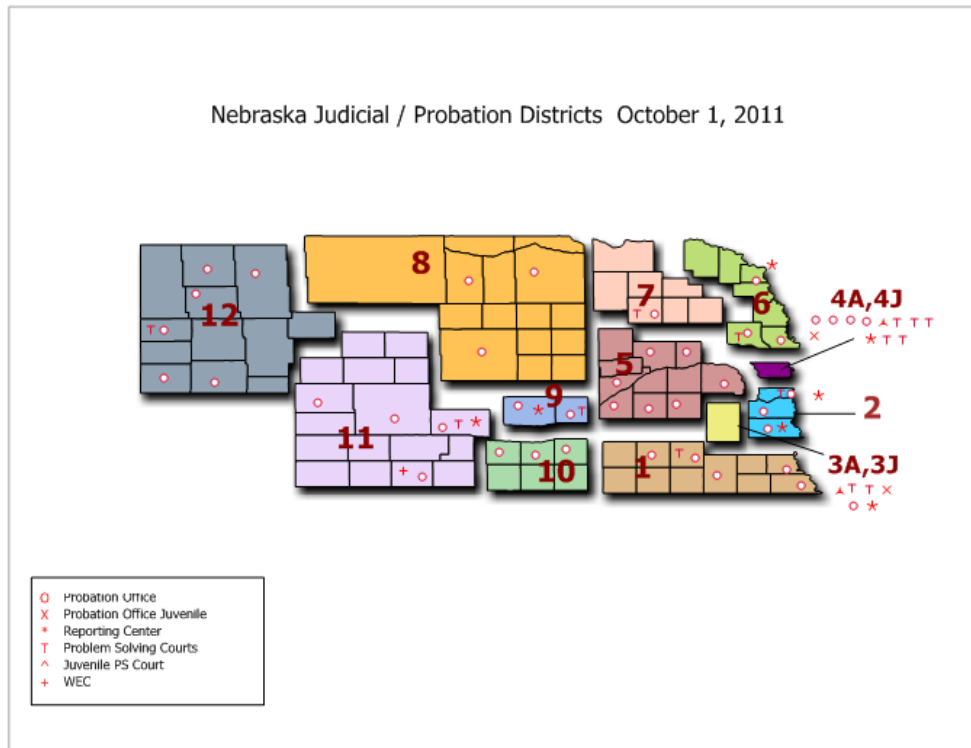
Probation Officer Caseload

There are probation officers supervising probationers in 14 judicial districts, serving all 93 counties in Nebraska. In the Probation System’s Community Safety Impact model, probationers are prioritized for supervision based on their risk to re-offend. An officer should have a caseload of 30 or less very-high-risk offenders, 50 or less high-risk, 200 or less medium-risk, 500 or less low-risk and 1,000 or less very-low-risk. The types of officers are: Blended Officer, at least 85% of duties are supervision of moderate/low-risk probationers and/or investigations;

Community-Based Intervention Officer, at least 85% of duties are supervision of high/very-high-risk probationers; Community-Based Intervention Specialized Officer, at least 85% of duties involves the supervision of a high/very-high risk specific offender group; Community-Based Resource Officer, at least 85% of their duties involves the supervision of a moderate-risk specific probationer group; and Investigation Officer, at least 85% of their duties involves the investigation and assessment of probationers.

Nebraska Supreme Court/Office of Probation Administration

NEBRASKA PROBATION SYSTEM



Specialized Probation Programs:

Adult

- Presentence Investigation/Risk & Needs Assessment Screening
- Community-Based Intensive Intervention
- Young Adult Court/Drug Courts
- Specialized Substance Abuse Supervision
- Day & Evening Reporting Centers
- Fee for Service Voucher
- Interstate Compact
- Work Ethic Camp
- Rural Improvement for Schooling & Employment (RISE)
- Strength-Based Case Management

Juvenile

- Juvenile Intake 24/7
- Predisposition Investigation/Risk & Needs Assessment Screening
- Community-Based Intervention
- Drug Courts
- Interstate Compact
- Victim Services
- Rural Improvement for Schooling & Employment (RISE)
- Strength-Based Case Management

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