# Probation Service Definition

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## Service Expectations

- A culturally sensitive evaluation completed by an appropriately licensed behavioral health professional that includes, at minimum: a mental health diagnostic impression (as applicable), a substance use diagnostic impression (as applicable), clinical impressions and recommendations for behavioral health services. Referral
All service providers and services must be in compliance with the Standards of Practice and Juvenile Services Voucher Rules to appropriate mental health, substance use or co-occurring services based on the youth’s need. A Co-Occurring Evaluation will include but is not limited to these areas listed below; see behavioral health evaluation worksheets for more detail:

- Demographics
- Presenting problem/primary complaint, including external leverage to seek the evaluation, when it was first recommended and what led the client to schedule the evaluation
- Medical history
- Work/school/military history
- Alcohol/drug history summary, including frequency and amount, substance(s) of choice, history of use, patterns of use, consequences of use, periods of abstinence, tolerance level, withdrawal history/potential, influence of living situation on use, other compulsive behaviors (gambling, etc.), history of intravenous use, previous evaluations/recommendations and past treatment episodes
- Legal history, including history of charges/convictions, drug testing results and results of the SSI and SRARF completed by Probation
- Family/social/peer history
- Psychiatric/behavioral history, including past diagnoses, treatment episodes, medication and or psychiatric hospitalizations
- Collateral information from at least two (2) sources (legal guardian will complete a release of information), preferred collateral contacts from recent past should include provider(s), family, school personnel, friends and probation/problem solving court staff. The youth’s attorney is not included as collateral.
- Other diagnostic/screening tools used and results
- ASAM multidimensional assessment indicating severity in each of the six dimensions and explaining the severity ranking
- Initial diagnostic interview including a mental status exam and outlining general appearance, motor level, speech patterns, affect, thought content, thought processes, perception, global evaluation of intellect and insight
- Clinical impression, including summary of the evaluation interview, mental health and/or substance use diagnostic impressions (as appropriate), strengths and problems identified
- Recommendations, including identifying the primary/ideal level of care, barriers to the recommendations/available level of care, client/family response to the recommendations, identification of
who needs to be involved in the client’s treatment, treatment plan that includes transitioning to lower levels of care/discharge planning, a means to evaluate the client’s progress during treatment and measure outcomes at discharge, recommended linkages with community resources and any areas for further evaluation.

- If clinically indicated, the therapist upon permission from the legal guardian shall communicate with current/former providers as appropriate to coordinate services.
- When there is a clinical recommendation for an out of home treatment program (therapeutic group home or psychiatric residential treatment facility) the clinician will complete the application for treatment.
- Services must be trauma informed, culturally sensitive, age and developmentally appropriate and incorporate evidence-based practices when appropriate.

Approved Reporting Format: The Co-Occurring Evaluation written report must be completed in the Probation-approved reporting format only as detailed on the appropriate evaluation worksheet.

**Structured Interview Tool Required for SU Evaluation:** CASI -- The Comprehensive Addiction Severity Index for Adolescents (CASI) is required to be used as a face-to-face structured interview guide, to be scored and utilized to provide information for the bio psychosocial assessment/substance use disorder evaluation and the multidimensional risk profile.

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<th>Service Frequency</th>
<th>Interview sessions scheduled as needed with youth and family to complete the CO evaluation.</th>
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<td>Length of Stay</td>
<td>Evaluation must be completed and sent to the probation/problem solving court officer within the timeframe set by the court, including statutorily 21 or 30-day evaluations. Timeframes are per Nebraska Revised Statue 43-281. Adjudication of jurisdiction; temporary placement for evaluation; restrictions on placement; copy of report or evaluation. For a juvenile in detention, the court shall order that such evaluation be completed and the juvenile returned to the court within twenty-one days after the evaluation. For a juvenile who is not in detention, the evaluation shall be completed and returned to the court within thirty days.</td>
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| Staffing          | - Physician  
                      - Physician Assistant (PA)  
                      - Advanced Practice Registered Nurse – Nurse Practitioner (APRN-NP)  
                      - Licensed Psychologist  
                      - Provisionally Licensed Psychologist |

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- Licensed Independent Mental Health Practitioner (LIMHP)
- Licensed Mental Health Practitioner (LMHP)
- Provisionally Licensed Mental Health Practitioner (PLMHP)
- All providers must hold a current, valid Nebraska license through the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) – Division of Public Health and must act within their scope of practice.
- All providers must be trained in trauma-informed care, recovery principles and crisis management AND have completed the Standardized Model requirements and the state approved CASI training.

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<th>Staff to Client Ratio</th>
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<td>Hours of Operation</td>
<td>Providers are expected to be flexible in scheduling to accommodate the service needs, which may include evening and/or weekend availability.</td>
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<td>Service Desired Outcomes</td>
<td>The Co-Occurring Evaluation will identify any mental health and/or substance use diagnostic impressions and provide treatment recommendations along with the clinical justification for the recommended services.</td>
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<td>Unit and Rate</td>
<td>Per evaluation; see rate sheet</td>
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