Youth who experience both the child welfare and juvenile justice systems are commonly referred to as “crossover youth.” In order to effectively address needs and improve outcomes for these youth and families, AOP and DCFS are dedicated to: the improvement of cross-systems practice, strength-based family engagement, alignment of resources, and seeking opportunities to divert youth from dual-system involvement. Evidence-based practices infused in all phases of our daily work enables success for youth, family and the community.

**Nebraska Statewide Crossover Youth Process**
Administrative Office of Probation (AOP)
Department of Child and Family Services (DCFS)

**Identification**
Ensure both systems are aware of a potential crossover youth and case communication is enabled

- Family is immediately involved in the collaboration team
  - Team approach and individual roles are clarified

- System database cross-checks completed

- Authorization is secured for immediate information sharing

- Staff from both systems have timely initial contact

**Aligned Assessment and Planning**
Information sharing drives collaborative recommendations developed with the youth and family

- Emergency planning
  - Detention/Detention Alternatives and Immediate Safety

- Formal investigation
  - Predisposition Investigation
  - Initial Assessment
  - Crossover Collaboration Report

- Active supervision cases
  - Pre-adjudication/predisposition
  - DCFS Case Plan
  - Crossover Family Team Plan

**Coordinated Case Management**
Collaborative supervision and implementation of the Crossover Family Team Plan

- Coordinated meetings and family visits

- Timely communication between youth, family, and staff

- Case closure collaborative planning
  - Established criteria
  - Supervisory approval

- Shared court responsibility

**Collaborative Case Consultation**
Maintaining Effective System Partnership

Consistent Probation District and DCFS local office case consultation
AOP/DCFS Administrative Support