

# NEBRASKA PROBLEM- SOLVING COURTS

## 2025

Across its 12 judicial districts, the Nebraska Judicial Branch serves 1,500 participants annually with 35 problem-solving courts. Court types include:

- Adult Drug Courts
- DUI Courts (*pilot programs*)
- Family Treatment Courts
- Juvenile Drug Treatment Court
- Mental Health Court (*pilot program*)
- Reentry Courts
- Veterans Treatment Courts
- Young Adult Court



- Nebraska problem-solving courts operate within the district, county, or juvenile courts in all 12 Nebraska Judicial Districts.
- Most problem-solving courts in Nebraska operate under the Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation, with the exception of the Adult Drug Courts in Douglas and Lancaster Counties.
- Family Treatment Courts in Nebraska operate within both the Courts and the Department of Health and Human Services.
- Problem-solving courts are post-plea or post-adjudicatory, intensive supervision treatment programs designed for high-risk and high-need individuals.
- Nebraska problem-solving courts can only be established with the approval of the Nebraska Supreme Court. All Nebraska problem-solving courts are governed by the Nebraska Supreme Court Committee on Problem-Solving Courts under the direction of the Nebraska Supreme Court.
- Problem-solving courts reduce recidivism and increase community safety through a comprehensive and coordinated court response utilizing early assessment and intervention, individualized treatment, intensive community supervision, and consistent judicial oversight. All Nebraska problem-solving courts adhere to best practice standards.
- Nebraska Problem-Solving Courts are a cost-effective alternative to incarceration. The average cost per day for Problem-Solving Court Supervision in FY24 was \$14.42 for all adults and juveniles.



# Judges

## District 1

- Judge David J. A. Bargaen
- Judge Richard R. Smith
- Judge Julie D. Smith

## District 2

- Judge Nathan B. Cox
- Judge Jonathan D. Crosby
- Judge Stefanie A. Martinez
- Judge Sarah M. Moore
- Judge Michael A. Smith
- Judge Robert Wester (retired)

## District 3

- Judge John A. Colborn (retired)
- Judge Roger J. Heideman
- Judge Darla S. Ideus
- Judge Kevin R. McManaman
- Judge Ryan S. Post
- Judge Elise M.W. White

## District 4

- Judge Tressa M. Alioth
- Judge Katie L. Benson
- Judge Timothy P. Burns
- Judge James M. Masteller
- Judge Jeffrey J. Lux
- Judge Leigh Ann Retelsdorf
- Judge Shelly R. Stratman
- Judge Horacio J. Wheelock

## District 5

- Judge Rachel A. Daugherty
- Judge Denise J. Kracl
- Judge Christina M. Marroquin
- Judge James C. Stecker

## District 6

- Judge Zachary L. Blackman
- Judge Geoffrey C. Hall
- Judge Thomas J. Klein

## District 7

- Judge James G. Kube

## District 8

- Judge Kale B. Burdick
- Judge Mark D. Kozisek
- Judge Karin L. Noakes
- Judge Tami K. Schendt

## District 9

- Judge Andrew C. Butler
- Judge Patrick M. Lee
- Judge John H. Marsh

## District 10

- Judge Morgan R. Farquhar

## District 11

- Judge Michael E. Piccolo

## District 12

- Judge Leo P. Dobrovolny
- Judge Andrea D. Miller

# Ongoing Endeavors



Read the Strategic Plan:  
[nejudicial.com/pscstrat](http://nejudicial.com/pscstrat)

Currently, Nebraska problem-solving courts have been working on closing out the goals and objectives of the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan (approved by the Nebraska Supreme Court in April 2020). This strategic plan seeks to ensure fidelity to evidence-based practices, develop a comprehensive and sustainable training strategy, improve client access to services, grow and expand problem-solving courts statewide, manage stakeholder relationships, and provide a competent and fair program to all participants. As this strategic plan comes to a close, the goals for the 2026-2030 Strategic Plan are currently being developed in partnership with National Center for State Courts with commitment to our courts and clients in order to prepare for the future and use data to enhance court operations.

*Problem-solving courts must operate consistently and be offered in more jurisdictions if they are to continue to advance as one of Nebraska's most effective responses to the problems of drug addiction, mental health, and associated crime.*



## Celebrating Success

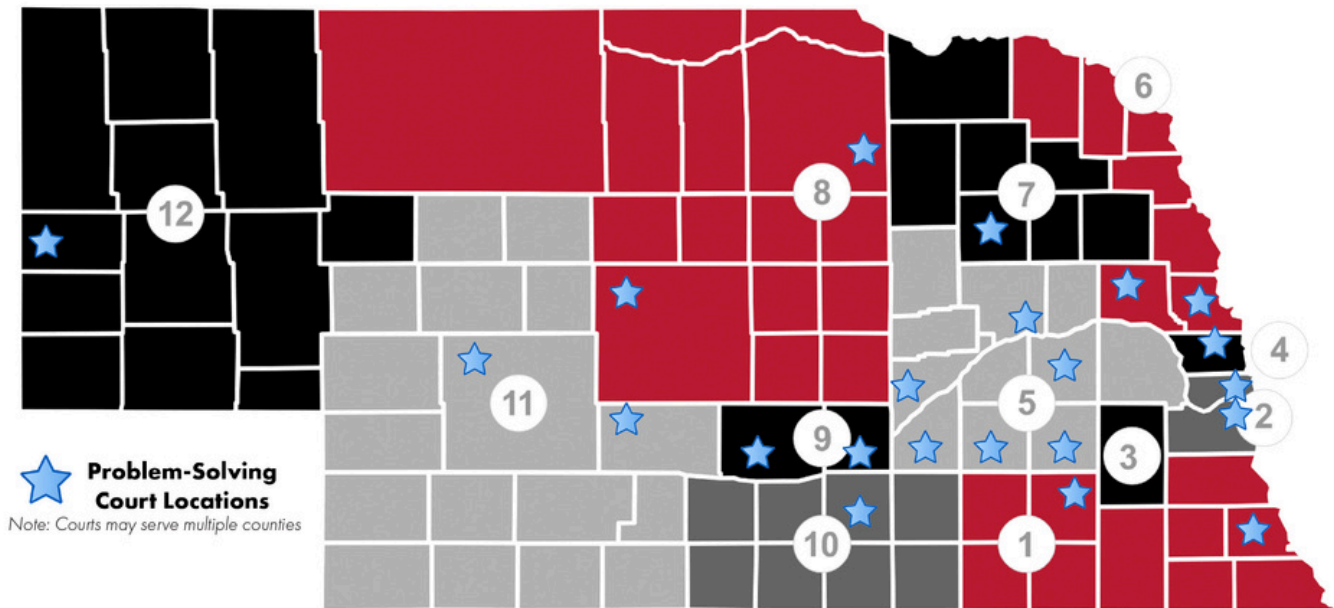


During 2024's celebration of Problem-Solving Court Month former graduate Marisela Morales-Padilla spoke on the transformative power of these programs and her experience in Douglas County Young Adult Court. Additionally, a Lancaster County DUI Court graduate spoke with his arresting officer on the impact of the program and the change in perspective after seeing successful transformation within this graduate's life. Listen to their remarks in Episodes 33 and 34 on the Judicial Branch's podcast *Your Nebraska Judicial Branch* at [nejudicial.buzzsprout.com](http://nejudicial.buzzsprout.com) or in your podcast app.





# Nebraska Problem-Solving Courts



## **District 1** Coordinator: Christina Reece

Southeast Nebraska Adult Drug Court: Nemaha Co. (Auburn),  
Saline Co. (Wilber)

## **District 2** Coordinators: Creston Ashburn, Heather Moran

Sarpy County Adult Drug Court: Sarpy Co. (Papillion)  
Sarpy County Reentry Court: Sarpy Co. (Papillion)  
Sarpy County Wellness Court (Pilot): Sarpy Co. (Papillion)  
Sarpy County Juvenile Drug Court: Sarpy Co. (Papillion)  
Second Judicial District Veterans Treatment Court (Papillion)  
Cass County Adult Drug Court: Cass Co. (Plattsmouth)

## **District 3** Coordinators: Dean Rohwer, Jordan Boies, Tailigh Sorensen

Lancaster County Veterans Treatment Court: Lancaster Co. (Lincoln)  
Lancaster County Adult Drug Court: Lancaster Co. (Lincoln)  
Lancaster County DUI Court (Pilot): Lancaster Co. (Lincoln)  
Lancaster County Family Treatment Courts (2): Lancaster Co (Lincoln)

## **District 4** Coordinators: Teresa Noah, Rob Owens

Douglas County Veterans Treatment Court: Douglas Co. (Omaha)  
Douglas County Young Adult Court: Douglas Co. (Omaha)  
Douglas County Adult Drug Court: Douglas Co. (Omaha)

## **District 5** Coordinators: Morgan Campbell, Sarah Ryba

5th Judicial District Problem-Solving Court: Colfax, Butler and Saunders Co. (David City), Hamilton and Merrick Co. (Aurora and Central City), York and Seward Co. (York and Seward), and Platte Co. (Columbus)

## **District 6** Coordinator: Brandon Jerred

District 6 Adult Drug Court: Dodge Co. (Fremont),  
Washington Co. & Burt Co. (Blair)  
District 6 Reentry Court: Dodge Co. (Fremont)

## **District 7** Coordinator: Matt McManigal

Northeast Nebraska Adult Drug Court: Madison Co.  
(Madison) serving Madison, Pierce, Wayne, Cumming,  
Antelope, and Knox Counties

## **District 8** Coordinator: Doug Stanton

North Central Adult Drug Court: Holt Co. (O'Neill), Custer Co. (Broken Bow)

## **District 9** Coordinators: Susan Huber, Angela Smith

Hall County Reentry Court: Hall Co. (Grand Island)  
Central Nebraska Veterans Treatment Court: Hall Co. (Grand Island), Buffalo Co. (Kearney)  
Central Nebraska Adult Drug Court: Hall Co. (Grand Island), Buffalo Co. (Kearney)

## **District 10** Coordinators: Susan Huber, Angela Smith

Central Nebraska Veterans Treatment Court: Adams Co. (Hastings)  
Central Nebraska Adult Drug Court: Adams Co. (Hastings)

## **District 11** Coordinator: Anne Power

Midwest Nebraska Problem-Solving Court: Dawson Co. (Lexington), Lincoln Co. (North Platte)

## **District 12** Coordinator: Andee Hardesty

Scotts Bluff County Adult Drug Court: Scotts Bluff Co. (Gering)  
Scotts Bluff County DUI Court (Pilot): Scotts Bluff Co. (Gering)



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