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NEBRASKA JUDICIAL BRANCH SERVICES QUICK LOOK

Nebraska Probation - Rehabilitative Services

Rehabilitative Services, within the Administrative Office of Probation, works with Probation Officers and Registered Service Providers statewide to ensure justice-involved individuals have access to quality behavioral health and supportive services that improve supervision outcomes and reduce the risk of recidivism. Rehabilitative Services engages financial assistance, when appropriate, to remove barriers to needed services.

Origin & Authorization

Nebraska Supreme Court Rule § 6-1301 (Standardized Model for the Delivery of Substance Use Services)

Nebraska Revised Statute 29-2246 (Definitions for Nebraska Probation Administration Act)

Nebraska Revised Statute 29-2252 (Duties of Probation Administrator)

LB561 (Expansion of Statewide Juvenile Probation)

Service Overview

Nebraska Supreme Court Rule § 6-1301 created the Standardized Model for the Delivery of Substance Use Services and established guidelines for Probation's Registered Service Providers related to the evaluation and treatment of high-risk, substance-using clients. Since 2006, the Administrative Office of Probation has continued to expand its focus on Rehabilitative Services to encompass a spectrum of adult and juvenile behavioral health services for Probation, Problem-Solving Court and Post-Release Supervision individuals. These services include mental health, substance use and co-occurring evaluations and treatment; non-clinical supportive services; criminogenic education and service requirements for Registered Service Providers; financial assistance for clients and families otherwise unable to access needed services; and in-system training for probation staff statewide.

Priorities

» Reduce Recidivism

- Connecting clients to needed behavioral health treatment and supportive services addresses criminogenic risk and responsivity factors that reduce the risk of recidivism
- Rehabilitative Services maintains current knowledge of evidence-based practices for effective treatment for justice-involved individuals and provide regular education and training to officers and providers that promotes an understanding of the connection between treatment and crime control.

» Appropriate Service Referral

- Ensuring new Probation Officers receive extensive training in mental health and substance use disorders, evidence-based screening instruments, suicide prevention, trauma and resiliency to better understand how unmet behavioral health needs contribute to a client's involvement with the justice system.
- Training Probation staff on appropriate referral to services, dosage to reduce criminogenic risk, fiscal responsibility, working with clients to access services and communicating with providers to coordinate care.

Priorities

» Reduce Barriers to Service Access

- The Nebraska Legislature allocates funds to Probation to provide financial assistance for youth and adult clients who otherwise would be unable to access/afford needed services.
- Rehabilitative Services works with a network of Registered Service Providers and a variety of system partners to identify service gaps, build new services and promote service expansion.
- Rehabilitative Services supports the use of video conferencing and other technology to bridge service gaps and increase accessibility to services.

» Ensure Quality

- Rehabilitative Services manages a network of Registered Service Providers who commit to ongoing training to enhance understanding of criminogenic risk factors.
- Registered Service Providers agree to follow Probation's service definitions and standards of practice, including using evidence-based practices, to provide the greatest opportunity to reduce risk of recidivism for youth and adults.
- Probation Officers provide front-line quality assurance with Registered Service Providers; Rehabilitative Services staff ensure overall system quality and accuracy of all financial assistance provided.

Accomplishments

- During Fiscal Year 2018, Rehabilitative Services provided financial assistance to over 6,800 youth and adult clients facing difficulty accessing behavioral health and supportive services needed to reduce the risk of recidivism.
- Rehabilitative Services maintains service definitions and administers financial assistance for approximately 30 adult services and 80 youth services.

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