

Buffalo County Youth Services

Comprehensive Juvenile Services

Community Plan

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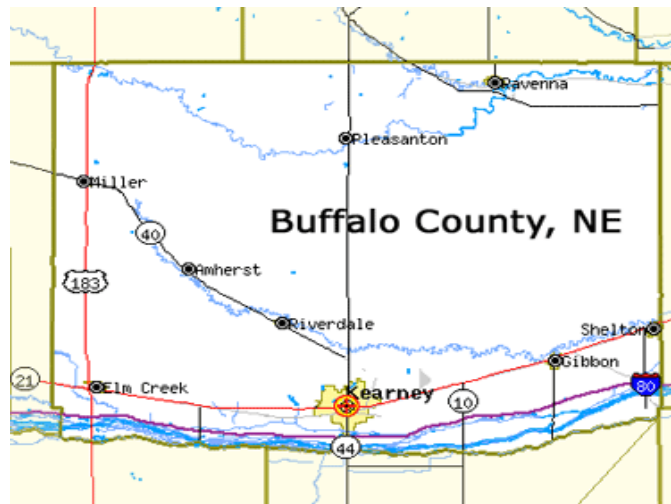
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Introduction

COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION AND DEMOGRAPHICS

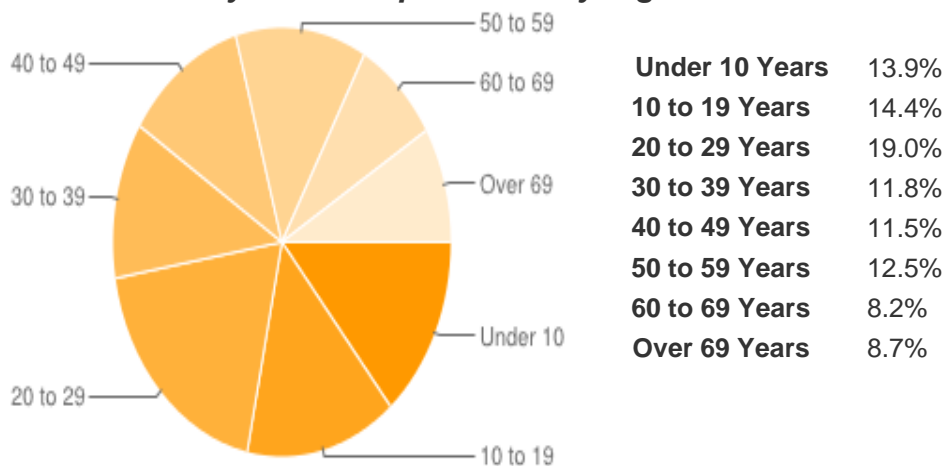
Buffalo County is located in south-central Nebraska and has a population of 46,102 residents (68% Urban and 32% Rural). It is a rural area made up of 9 towns within 975 square miles. The county seat is the City of Kearney which has 32,469 residents. The population density per square mile of land (44) in 2010; is almost double the population density for the state of Nebraska (22.3).



DEMOGRAPHICS

The percentage of youth 17 and under account for 24% of the population and 19 and under account for 28.3%.

Buffalo County 2010 Population by Age



Population by Gender, Age, and Race/Ethnicity, 2010 U.S. Census Data*

	Buffalo County		Behavioral Health Region 3		State of Nebraska	
	N**	%***	N**	%***	N**	%***
Total	46,102	100.0%	226,320	100.0%	1,826,341	100.0%
Gender						
Female	23,264	50.5%	113,793	50.3%	920,045	50.4%
Male	22,838	49.5%	112,527	49.7%	906,296	49.6%
Age						
<15	9,229	20.0%	46,224	20.4%	383,542	21.0%
15-17	1,840	4.0%	9,773	4.3%	75,679	4.1%
18-20	3,269	7.1%	9,722	4.3%	80,131	4.4%
21-24	4,017	8.7%	11,446	5.1%	102,396	5.6%
25-34	6,340	13.8%	26,160	11.6%	245,176	13.4%
35-44	5,043	10.9%	25,581	11.3%	220,838	12.1%
45-54	5,832	12.7%	32,486	14.4%	258,726	14.2%
55-64	4,954	10.7%	28,139	12.4%	213,176	11.7%
65+	5,578	12.1%	36,789	16.3%	246,677	13.5%
Race/Ethnicity^						
White	42,746	92.7%	207,599	91.7%	1,572,838	86.1%
Black	383	0.8%	1,845	0.8%	82,885	4.5%
Asian	596	1.3%	1,862	0.8%	32,293	1.8%
N. American	129	0.3%	1,051	0.5%	18,427	1.0%
Hispanic	3,432	7.4%	22,160	9.8%	167,405	9.2%
Minority	4,974	10.8%	28,505	12.6%	326,588	17.9%

*2010 population data from the U.S. Census Bureau

**Number of residents by demographic

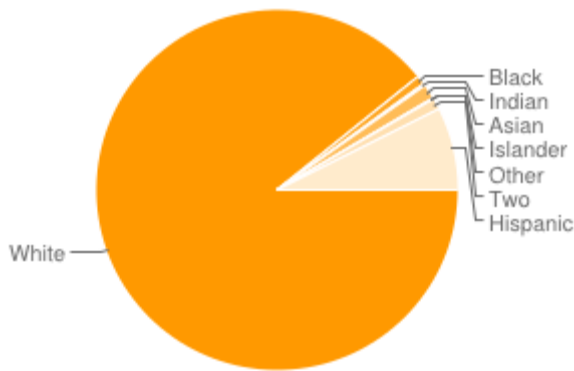
***Percentage of residents by demographic

^Race represents individuals who identified only one race (opposed to multiple races); Hispanic can be of any race; Minority represents individuals who identified themselves as being of a non-White race, multi-racial, or Hispanic.

As seen in the graph below, the racial profile of Buffalo County is predominately caucasian. The county is not as racially or ethnically diverse as the state of Nebraska. Caucasians account for 92.7% of the population in Buffalo County and 86.1% statewide. This represents an approximately 3 % decrease in the White population from the 2000 Census. In Buffalo County Hispanics represent the largest proportion of a racial group other than white with 7.4% followed by Asians (1.3%), African Americana (0.8), and Native American (0.3%). Overall, the Minority population in Buffalo County represents 10.8 % of the population in Buffalo County.

Buffalo County Census 2010 Race Data

Race & Origin (Hispanic)		%	
White	92.7	Indian	0.2
Black	0.8	Asian	1.3
Pacific Islander	0.0	Hispanic	7.4
Other	0.1	Two	1.0



Over ninety-percent of the population 5 years and older in Buffalo County speak English only. The village of Amherst contains the highest proportion of those who speak English only (98.2%) while the city of Gibbon has the lowest proportion (81.9%). County wide, 6.7% of the population speaks a language other than English at home. Gibbon again has the highest proportion (18.1%) followed by Shelton (16.3%). Pleasanton represents the lowest proportion with only 1.7% speaking a language other than English at Home. Less than three percent of the county population reports that they speak English less than very well.

ECONOMICS

The labor force of Buffalo County includes individuals 16 years and older and includes 27,189 individuals. As of May 2015, of those in the labor force 2.20% were unemployed (605 individuals). The lowest level of unemployment in the county is in Elm Creek (0.6%) and the highest level is in Riverdale (4.2%).



Nebraska ranks 47 out of 50 in the average time it takes to commute to work. The

commute time in Nebraska is at least seven minutes less than the national average. The commute time for employees in Buffalo County is even less than the state average (15.6 minutes). Miller residents report the longest commute time (47.8 minutes) and Kearney residents report the shortest time (13.8 minutes). Residents in four communities (Amherst, Elm Creek, Ravenna and Shelton) report commute times of more than 20 minutes but less than 30 minutes. The commute times of residents in the rural communities in the county indicate most of the residents must travel to another community for employment.

Population 16 Years and Over	In Labor Force	Unemployed	Commute to Work	Mean Time in Minutes of Commute
33,080	24,062	605 (2.2%)	23,078	15.6

Non-farm employment accounts for the majority of employment in Buffalo County (22,478). Trade, wholesale and retail comprise the largest employment sector (6,776). This is followed closely by services (5,574), Government (3,965), and manufacturing (3,505). Construction and mining, transportation, communications and utilities, and financing, insurance and real estate comprise 2,658 individuals.

The majority of those employed (8,908) are employed in non-manufacturing positions. Good Samaritan Hospital and the University of Nebraska at Kearney are the two largest non-manufacturing employers. Major employers include Baldwin Filters, Eaton Corporation, Coleman Powermate, Morris Press, Marshall Engines, West Company and Chief Industries Inc. Companies continually praise the efforts of the local work force.



INCOME

The median household income in Buffalo County (\$36,782) is below that for the state of Nebraska (\$39,250). Households in Riverdale report the highest median income in the county at \$44,375 and Ravenna the lowest at \$31,875.

The median family income in the county is \$46,247. Riverdale is slightly above the county median at \$46,786 followed closely by families in Kearney at \$46,650. Miller families earn the lowest median income at \$36,875.

The per capita income for Buffalo County residents is \$17,510. Kearney is the only community in which the per capita income (\$17,713) is higher than the county overall. Elm Creek is just below the county average at \$17,339 and Miller residents have the lowest per capita income at \$13,968.

Median Household Income	Median Family Income	Per Capita Income	Median Earnings Full-Time Year Round Workers Male	Female
\$36,782	\$46,247	\$17,510	\$30,182	\$21,977

The proportion of families in Buffalo County living below the poverty level (6.3%) is slightly lower than the proportion statewide (6.7%) but is almost three percent better than the overall proportion for the United States (9.2%). Six hundred fifty-three families (6.3%) live below the poverty level. Of these families, 530 include related children under 18 years and 286 families include children under 5 years. The highest percentage of families in the county living below the poverty level live in Kearney (7.4%) followed closely by Shelton (7.2%). The village of Miller has no families living below the poverty level.

There are 4,395 (11.2%) individuals living below the poverty level in Buffalo County compared to a statewide average of 9.7%. Of these individuals, 1,048 live with related children under 18 years and 670 live with children age 5 to 17 years. Kearney has the highest proportion of individuals living below the poverty level (13.4%) and Miller reports the lowest proportion (4.1%).

Living Below Poverty Level Years	Number	Percent	With Related Children Under 18 Years	With Under 5
Families	653	6.3%	530	286
Individuals	4,395	11.2%	1,048	378

Females with no husband present (1,316 individuals) represent 8.3% of the householders in Buffalo County. The majority of these householders live in Kearney (1,019 female householders). In all communities in the county with the exception of Riverdale, females with no husband present represent five to ten percent of householders. In Riverdale they represent 10.8% of householders.

HOUSEHOLDS AND HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

There were 15,930 households out of which 32.70% had children under the age of 18 living with them, 52.90% were married couples living together, 8.30% had a female householder with no husband present, and 35.80% were non-families. 26.10% of all households were made up of individuals and 9.60% had someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older. The average household size was 2.48 and the average family size was 3.02.



TRANSPORTATION ROUTES



The southern border of the county runs parallel to Interstate 80. There is also a major highway running west to east, Highway 30. North to south are two important highways, Highway 10 and Highway 183. Great Lakes Aviation provides four daily flights to Denver International Airport in Denver,

Colorado.

SCHOOLS

Overall there are twenty-five public and private schools in Buffalo County. There are six rural public schools (K-12). In addition, Kearney Public has one Class A high school, two middle schools, and ten elementary schools. The number of students enrolled from K-12 in the public school system is 7,625. There is one parochial high school, three parochial middle schools and two parochial elementary schools. The University of Nebraska - Kearney is also located in the county. There are 5,274 undergraduate students and 1,628 graduate students coming from 91 of the 93 Nebraska counties, all 50 states and over 50 foreign countries. Central Community College is also located in Kearney.



ATTRACTIONS



In March 2010, the City of Kearney proclaimed Kearney as the Sandhill Crane Capital of the World. For 6 weeks, late February to early April, more than 80% of the world's population of Sandhill Cranes converges on Nebraska's Platte River.

Kearney is filled with historical and cultural museums and family-friendly activities. Unique shopping venues are featured in downtown Kearney, "The Bricks" and at the Hilltop Mall. There is an assortment of restaurants featuring local flare, international, national franchise and good ole Nebraska beef. There are several local wineries and breweries.

Entertainment at its finest can be found in Central Nebraska. The Viaero Event Center



hosts numerous concerts, events and performances all year round and is home to the Tri-City Storm, a USHL Hockey Team. The Merryman Performing Arts Center and the Kearney Community Theatre offer theatrical and musical entertainment.

There is not only historic trails, such as the Oregon, California and Mormon Trails that converge through Central Nebraska but the City of Kearney features over 18 miles of trails. There are over a dozen parks which include disc golf, water parks, sport complexes, and golf courses.

Prior to the COVID Pandemic, Kearney, on average was hosting a convention or an event per day. Some of which include: Cruise Night, Nebraska Chautauqua, Mr. and Mrs. Basketball, Senior Games, Art in the Park and much more.



Data Summary

Below is a brief summary of the UNO JJI Community Needs Assessment (CNA).

(Appendix A provides the complete Community Needs Assessment completed by UNO JJI)

Youth Level: Buffalo County's chronic absenteeism is lower than the rest of the state, but minority youth are still overrepresented. 15% of school membership is Hispanic, but 22 % are Hispanic youth. The free and reduced lunch; lower than the rest of the state. Buffalo County's high school graduation rate is higher than the rest of the state.

- Buffalo County has some diversity, but is not as diverse as some regions of the state.
- Chronic absenteeism – although Buffalo County is lower than the rest of the state, minority youth are still over represented in absenteeism (specifically Hispanic, Native American, and Black.)
- Free and reduced lunch lower than the rest of the state. IDEA plans have risen slightly. HS graduation rates higher than the rest of the state.
- Binge drinking becomes a problem by 12th grade (15% of 12th graders.)
- Suicide is higher for 10-12th graders. In addition, (even though this is not higher than the state) 1/3 of 10th grade student report feeling depressed, which is still concerning.
- More 12th graders report gang involvement – higher than the rest of the state.
- Crime (assault, possession and larceny went down). Rape (small number) and motor vehicle theft have gone up.

Family Level: Buffalo County's data is comparable to the rest of the state. It does appear Buffalo County looks better off then the rest of the state in poverty, more people have high school degrees, more have computers at home, homeownership is lower, with renters and may be due to having the University of Nebraska at Kearney in our county.

- Buffalo County's rate are very comparable to the rest of the state.
 - Relative high rates of high school graduation,
 - We looked at broadband internet access for purposes of COVID.
 - Slightly lower home owner rates (may be related to University student population.)
- Buffalo County youth seems to have more adults listening to them at home and at school.

Community Level: The number of assaults seems to be slightly higher than the rest of the states. Youth view the adult community as having the “perception” in some communities that adults are accepting of these substances, i.e. alcohol and marijuana. Lastly, youth within Buffalo County who are charged have their records sealed 57.6 %. The goal is to have 100 % of these records sealed.

- Fair amount of assaults happening in the community.
- Youth view the community as thinking alcohol, marijuana are not appropriate to use (in some communities youth think the adults are accepting of these substances.)
- Sealing juvenile records is problematic. Juvenile record sealing is not “automatic” even if statute requires it to seal. Sealing a record requires administrative staff to initiate the process. Dismissed or dropped cases should be sealed at a rate of 100%. All others should be sealed at the rate to which youth successfully complete their court requirements (completion of diversion, probation, restorative practice, or other treatment).

Policy, Legal and System Level: Buffalo County has a relatively high access to counsel for youth. Buffalo County is willing to provide legal counsel to in more than 60 % of the time. Buffalo County truancy and uncontrollable court filings have decreased. Diversion referrals are made vs immediate court filings.

- Access to counsel is relatively high. Despite not being in a county required to provide counsel under statute, access to counsel is similar to the state average.
- Truancy and uncontrollable have gone down. But there are very few curfew and 3A, 3B, and 3C filings in court so the community is diverting appropriately.
- With respect to diversion practices, the community does an excellent job of following EB practice. (i.e. issue warning letter for low level offenses, not filing all unsuccessful cases, if the youth completed most of the diversion

Comprehensive List of Services

SYSTEM POINT: PREVENTION		
(includes programs that aim to intervene before and after problematic behaviors are identified)		
Program/ Agency Name	Eligible age	Risk or need
KPS School Counselors and Social Workers	0-12	Works with all youth/Unconnected youth, trauma in youth
Buffalo County Truancy & Diversion Program	11-20	Youth with chronic absenteeism, first time criminal offenders, and youth with mental health disorders
Central Mediation	11-18	Restorative Justice work with youth/juveniles referred by Youth Services Programs, i.e. truancy, diversion, State Probation
Region 3 Professional Partner Program	11-18	Youth at risk for truancy and or criminal behaviors.
COMPASS	11-18	Truancy at risk youth and families in need of parenting modeling/assistance
Parent Connectors/Region 3	11-18	Parents/youth at risk for truancy
Law Enforcement/KPD and BC SO	11-18	Community policing/law enforcement
DHHS-Kearney Office	0-20	Families experiencing homelessness/abuse/neglect issues
Live Well Counseling	0-20	Mental health issues as well as substance abuse issues
Jubilee Center	0 and up	Assist families with basic needs
Salvation Army	0 and up	Assist families with basic needs
Buffalo County Community Partners	0 and up	Drug/alcohol coalitions, suicide prevention, mental health disorders
SYSTEM POINT: DIVERSION SERVICES		
(diversion and services available to youth on diversion)		
Program/ Agency Name	Eligible age	Risk or need
Buffalo County Juvenile Youth Services/Diversion and Truancy Services. Also provides Juvenile Diversion Services to Sherman County	11-20	Alternatives to court filings for first time offenders. Substance abuse evaluation referrals to community service providers. Accountability for youth and young adults
Central Mediation/Restorative Justice	11-18	Restorative Justice work with youth/juveniles referred by Youth Services Programs, i.e. truancy, diversion, State Probation. Evidenced-based juvenile justice and restorative justice practices
Friends Mentoring Program	11-18	Provides mentors to help children with a special need for friendships
TeamMates Mentoring Program	8-18	School-based mentoring for youth/inspire youth to reach their full potential

SYSTEM POINT: ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION FOR PRE-ADJUDICATED YOUTH ONLY

(include any programs that allow youth to remain in the community after any contact with law enforcement)

Program/ Agency Name	Eligible age	Risk or need
Trackers and Electronic monitoring (EM) Owens Educational Services, Inc. State Probation.	10-19	Drug/alcohol use, lack of supervision, inappropriate use of time, defiance of authority, runaway behaviors. State probation conducts their detention screens and sets up tracker or EM services for pre-adjudication services. Chronic absenteeism, low achievement. Chronic criminal activity

KNOWN GAPS IN SERVICES

Brief Data Snapshot	Existing Program, Agency or Resource	Eligible age	Does this program accomplish the desired change? If no, what is missing?
Chronic mental health, suicidal Ideation level of care	Schools, mental health providers, mentoring programs, diversion/truancy programs, medical providers, school social workers, medical providers, Boys Town, COMPASS	0-99 years	Need to add additional programs to assist identification of youth who have additional mental health and suicidal ideation needs.
90 % percent of remote learners Continue to have concerns with participating and passing their classes and completing schoolwork. Chronic Absenteeism	All schools	0-99 years	Add to and enhance truancy program to get at the root cause of the absenteeism, and increase school attendance.
Continue to look at and review current data sources.	Buffalo County Juvenile Services, Buffalo County Community Partners, KPS, COMPASS, Boys Town, KPS, BC SO	0-99	Continue to work with all team members/partners to review data sources and update where appropriate.

Community Analysis and Response (CAR) Final Worksheet

COMMUNITY ANALYSIS & RESPONSE WORKSHEET			
Identified Need	Existing Program, Agency or Resource	Eligible age	Does this program accomplish the desired change? If no, what is missing?
Chronic Absenteeism- minority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School systems social workers - Truancy - Diversion - Central mediation - Region 3 Professional Partner Program - Compass - BoysTown - Parent Connectors - MST - Law Enforcement community policing, not enforcement action, support for families - HHS-prior to truancy - LiveWell Counseling - Jubilee - Salvation Army - Mid Nebraska Community Action Partnership/Food Pantry, Head Start 	11-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Language barrier - Low referrals - Minority is not reflected in Truancy referrals— example: trip to Mexico, approved but counted in absenteeism, other cultural reasons - Families experiencing homelessness, transient population families
Suicide Ideation Youth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Schools: screeners-SOS, social emotional screener, connectedness, supports and interventions - Parents 	11-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Unconnected youth - Trauma in youth (ACES)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Richard Young Hospital - Mental Health Providers—AMSR, CAMS - Region 3 Behavioral Health Services, trainings: QPR, MHFA - Mobile Crisis Response - Central Nebraska Loss prevention - Suicide Prevention Coalition - McKenna's Rae of Hope Foundation 		
Drug Possession Reduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Diversion - Law enforcement - School - Substance Abuse Service providers for alcohol evaluations - Substance Abuse Education courses - Mental Health Providers - Professional partner program - Parent Connectors - MST - DHHS- abuse neglect referral - Cluster based planning 	11-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Education, example; marijuana vs. concentrates
Chronic Mental Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mental Health Providers: MST, Live Well and MidPlans - GI: First Episode Psychosis, Trauma Focused CBT - Richard Young - SCBH Crisis Response - Cluster Based Planning Therapeutic Consultation 	11-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increase in case management due to increase in chronic mental health - Providers experiencing increase needs due to

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HealthyMINDS - Families Care - Wellness Recovery Action Plan - Peer Support - LiveWell Counseling 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - COVID and barriers - Schools experiencing resistance to receiving counseling and support, leads to lack of diagnosis resulting in lack of support - Schools experiencing behaviors as underlying result of CMH - Trauma informed education
Abuse and Neglect calls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Law Enforcement - DHHS - Schools - Medical Providers - Mental Health Providers - Families - Neighbors - Probation - CASA 	11-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Screening tools, certain criteria to meet definition - Mental health neglect— parents aren't committing to necessary steps, or do not have the resources, burnout for parents, trauma related (parents caused or suffered same trauma can result in resistance) - Stigma associated with CPS

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lack of parenting skills, parents have own trauma, cultural, other stressors (basic needs, financial)
Vaping and MIP offenses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Diversion - Law Enforcement - Probation - Schools - Positive Pressure Coalition: education, trainings 	11-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continued education and prevention
Higher percentages of youth self-reporting they are depressed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School-based counseling, LiveWell - Suicide Prevention Coalition - HealthyMINDS Coalition - School Supports: social emotional curriculum, social workers, connected youth services, Be Kind program - Diversion, Truancy: MAYSI screener - Medical Providers, depression screeners - Peer referrals - Probation 	11-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Medical providers utilization of depression screeners
Lower percentages of 10th graders who say they have adults who listen at school and at home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TeamMates - Schools - PhotoVoice - Peer Support - FamiliesCare transitional age peer support - Mental Health Providers - Parent Connectors - Boys Town - Compass 	11-20	

List of Team Members

Community Team

Description of Team

The Buffalo County Youth Services Team is an advisory committee to collective impact work in Buffalo County. The Buffalo County Youth Services Group continues is comprised of representatives from agencies providing services to the youth and families of Buffalo County, i.e. education, the faith community, local business, youth of the community and community members at large. The Committee meets quarterly, with additional coalitions and collaboratives charged with addressing more specific complex problems and meeting meeting monthly. The monthly work groups address needs in Buffalo County and are aligned to ensure a common agenda, share data, ensure collaboration and seamless coordinated efforts through evidence-based practices, and are supported with Buffalo County Community Partners leadership. The advisory team specifically meets to discuss Community-Based Grant needs and applications as well as to update each other on evidence-based programs, training, or initiatives. It is a networking and sharing of resources group that also works to meet again the needs of youth and families throughout all of Buffalo County.

Coalitions that meet monthly and are included in the evidence-based and aligned with Youth Services:

Unconnected Youth Initiative: formed to identify and address youth that are unconnected and in need of more support. This group formed from the pandemic, as law enforcement and school identify unique needs in the inability to reach students due to a virtual platform and to address the increase in uncontrollable youth.

Susbtance Abuse Prevention/Opiod Task Force: Coordination and integration of resources, and the use of evidence-based practices to reduce substance abuse, and identify emerging substance use trends in Buffalo County by reducing access and increasing awareness.

Youth Advisory Board and Youth End User Data: Buffalo County youth providing understanding to resources and services they identify as helpful or in need of improvement. Utilizing this end user voice is to begin understanding the gaps in our community as well as areas where we can strengthen partnerships and communication. This group is also bridging the gap between service leaders and youth utilizing the services.

HealthyMINDS Collaborative: Collaborative to coordinate behavioral health systems to better serve youth and families in Buffalo County

Suicide Prevention Coalition: Coalition to reduce suicide in Buffalo County.

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Closing Comments

Buffalo County currently has a variety of services and service providers to support youth and families. The Buffalo County Youth Services Group as mentioned is comprised of representatives from agencies providing services to the youth and families of Buffalo County, i.e. education, the faith community, local business, youth of the community and community members at large. The Committee meets quarterly, with additional coalitions and collaboratives charged with addressing more specific complex problems and meeting meeting monthly. The monthly work groups address needs in Buffalo County and are aligned to ensure a common agenda, share data, ensure collaboration and seamless coordinated efforts through evidence-based practices, and are supported with Buffalo County Community Partners leadership. The advisory team specifically meets to discuss Community-Based Grant needs and applications as well as to update each other on evidence-based programs, training, or initiatives. It is a networking and sharing of resources group that also works to meet again the needs of youth and families throughout all of Buffalo County.

Buffalo County applies for and utilizes it's Community-based Juvenile Service grants to support/fund diversion and truancy services as well as a minimum of seven additional services for youth within Buffalo County. These programs/services range from Restorative Justice Mediation Services, Alternatives to Detention to include tracking and electronic monitoring services, youth coordination services, in-home truancy and family support services, and decision making classes. This is a collaborative effort which will continue and be re-assessed on a quarterly and yearly basis to look at ways to improve the quality of life for the youth, young adults, and families within Buffalo County, Nebraska.

Appendices

Appendix A: Buffalo County Completed Community Needs Assessment (CNA).

Appendix B: Certification of Buffalo County Board Minutes from Tuesday, February 23, 2021.

Appendix C: Buffalo/Sherman County Interposal Cooperation Agreement for Diversion Services

Appendix D: Buffalo County Community Partners/Strengths and Support in the Lives of Buffalo County Schools Youth 2018.

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Buffalo County

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Youth Level

- Table 1: Buffalo County has some diversity, but is not as diverse as some regions of the state.
- Table 2-3: Chronic absenteeism – although Buffalo County is lower than the rest of the state, minority youth are still over represented in absenteeism (specifically Hispanic, Native American, and Black.)
- Free and reduced lunch lower than the rest of the state. IDEA plans have risen slightly. HS graduation rates higher than the rest of the state.
- Table 6: Binge drinking becomes a problem by 12th grade (15% of 12th graders.)
- Suicide is higher for 10-12th graders. In addition, (even though this is not higher than the state) 1/3 of 10th grade student report feeling depressed, which is still concerning.
- Table 11: More 12th graders report gang involvement – higher than the rest of the state.
- Table 12: Crime (assault, possession and larceny went down). Rape (small number) and motor vehicle theft have gone up.
- Table 13. There are empty spaces under Risk Assessment Domains. This is because the MAYSI is used in your county, and it is not a risk assessment tool. A statewide tool is on the horizon. A validated tool can help design interventions (using the 8 domains).
- Table 14: Table DMC/RED: law enforcement data by race would be very beneficial to have a clearer picture of RED. White youth appear more likely to be offered diversion. Hispanic youth are referred to diversion but less likely to enroll. Black youth have a very high override rate, while Hispanic youth seem to benefit from an underride rate.

Table 1.

Distribution of the Population Age 10-17 by Race/Ethnicity and Gender (5-year estimates, 2014-2018) ^a

Males

Geographic Area Name	Total Count	NonHispanic White	Hispanic or Latino	Black	American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	2+ Races
Nebraska	108,494	70.4%	16.2%	5.7%	1.4%	2.0%	4.4%
Buffalo	2,599	83.3%	10.5%	1.5%	0.0%	0.5%	4.2%

Females

Geographic Area Name	Total Count	NonHispanic White	Hispanic or Latino	Black	American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	2+ Races
Nebraska	102,658	69.9%	15.8%	5.2%	1.2%	2.5%	5.4%
Buffalo	2,297	81.8%	12.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	5.8%

[Click here to go back to RED analysis](#)

Table 2.

School Membership by Race/ Ethnicity and School Year (2014-2019) ^b

Year	Geographic Area	Total Count	Hispanic	Asian	American Indian or Alaska Native	Black or African American	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific islander	White	Two or More Races
2014-2015	Buffalo	7696	13.54%	0.92%	0.75%	1.30%	0.01%	82.52%	0.95%
	Nebraska	312,281	17.74%	2.43%	1.42%	6.70%	0.13%	68.20%	3.38%
2015-2016	Buffalo	7861	14.34%	0.88%	0.73%	1.32%	0.04%	81.81%	0.89%
	Nebraska	315,542	18.08%	2.53%	1.38%	6.67%	0.14%	67.72%	3.47%
2016-2017	Buffalo	7986	14.29%	1.08%	0.66%	1.80%	0.06%	81.52%	0.59%
	Nebraska	318,853	18.61%	2.66%	1.38%	6.69%	0.15%	66.92%	3.59%
2017-2018	Buffalo	8204	14.55%	1.01%	0.61%	1.88%	0.09%	81.03%	0.83%
	Nebraska	323,391	18.80%	2.76%	1.35%	6.67%	0.14%	66.50%	3.78%
2018-2019	Buffalo	8288	14.89%	0.92%	0.53%	1.83%	0.12%	80.76%	0.95%
	Nebraska	325,984	19.13%	2.83%	1.33%	6.63%	0.15%	66.02%	3.91%

Table 3.

Chronic Absenteeism by Race/Ethnicity and School Year (2014 - 2019) ^b

Year	Geographic Area	Total Youth with Chronic Absenteeism	Hispanic	Asian	American Indian or Alaska Native	Black or African American	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific islander	White	Two or More Races
2014-2015	Buffalo	769	23.54%	*	1.69%	3.51%	*	67.88%	3.38%
	Nebraska	35,638	24.54%	1.64%	4.42%	12.93%	0.19%	51.61%	4.68%
2015-	Buffalo	827	20.68%	*	2.78%	5.32%	*	68.44%	2.78%

2016	Nebraska	38,812	25.73%	1.55%	4.27%	13.68%	0.27%	49.68%	4.83%
2016-2017	Buffalo	896	21.76%	*	3.35%	4.91%	*	68.08%	1.90%
	Nebraska	42,290	26.90%	1.66%	4.40%	14.22%	0.24%	47.66%	4.92%
2017-2018	Buffalo	996	25.10%	*	2.51%	3.01%	*	67.77%	1.61%
	Nebraska	46,365	26.81%	1.77%	4.18%	14.49%	0.22%	47.37%	2389
2018-2019	Buffalo	884	22.29%	*	1.70%	4.30%	*	70.02%	1.70%
	Nebraska	46,356	27.64%	1.76%	4.16%	14.71%	0.23%	46.27%	5.23%

Per the Nebraska Department of Education, the * represents masked data, which they define as 10 or fewer students, for the confidentiality of the students

Table 4.
Disabilities, English Proficiency, Eligibility for Free/Reduced Lunch and School Year (2014 – 2019) ^b

Year	Geographic Area	Total Count	IDEA	504 Plan	Limited English Proficiency	Free/Reduced Lunch
2014-2015	Buffalo	7696	13.14%	0.53%	3.20%	40.54%
	Nebraska	312,281	13.66%	0.76%	5.97%	44.53%
2015-2016	Buffalo	7861	12.75%	0.47%	3.74%	40.50%
	Nebraska	315,542	13.64%	0.90%	5.90%	44.23%
2016-2017	Buffalo	7986	12.81%	0.38%	3.87%	38.94%
	Nebraska	318,853	13.80%	0.93%	6.99%	44.76%
2017-2018	Buffalo	8204	14.41%	0.79%	3.53%	40.97%
	Nebraska	323,391	15.87%	0.88%	6.59%	46.24%
2018-2019	Buffalo	8288	14.71%	0.13%	3.43%	39.36%
	Nebraska	325,984	16.13%	0.85%	6.78%	45.42%

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Table 5.
Nebraska Public High School 4-Year Graduation Rates by County (5-year estimates, 2015-2019) ^c

County	Total in Last 5 Years		Yearly Averages		Graduation Rate	Rank
	Graduates	Students	Graduates	Students		
Nebraska	100,111	112,857	20,022.2	22,571.4	88.7%	n/a
Buffalo	2,421	2,713	60.5	67.8	89.2%	79

Data are only for public school districts and their associated high schools. The figures are aggregated based on the location of the school, not the residential location of the student. The figures for Dawes County are impacted by a vocational school where graduation rates are less than 25%; in the rest of the county graduation rates equal 93%.

Table 6.

Youth Who Report Mental Health Symptoms and Substance Use by Grade (2018) ^d

		8th	10th	12th
Buffalo	Loss of sleep from worry	16.8%	17.0%	16.8%
Nebraska		18.0%	20.6%	21.6%
Buffalo	Depressed	27.4%	34.6%	29.6%
Nebraska		31.1%	34.8%	35.3%
Buffalo	Considered/Attempted suicide	15.4%	22.3%	19.6%
Nebraska		22.9%	18.2%	16.2%
Buffalo	Current alcohol	0.8%	15.6%	29.7%
Nebraska		9.8%	20.1%	34.2%
Buffalo	Current binge drinking	1.3%	5.8%	15.4%
Nebraska		1.3%	6.2%	15.0%
Buffalo	Current marijuana	3.4%	7.8%	12.8%
Nebraska		3.0%	7.3%	13.9%
Buffalo	Current tobacco	4.3%	7.2%	13.3%
Nebraska		3.7%	8.0%	15.3%
Buffalo	Current vaping	9.1%	28.8%	37.0%
Nebraska		10.4%	24.7%	37.3%
Buffalo	Hopeful for future (past week)	78.3%	77.2%	79.0%
Nebraska		78.0%	76.1%	77.6%

****JJI is currently waiting for the legal team at DHHS to approve providing this data Table 7.**

Juveniles Referred to Services ^e

Table 8.

Juveniles Referred to Services by Race/Ethnicity, Gender, and Mental Health Diagnosis ^e

Table 9.

Juveniles Who Utilized Services ^e

Table 10.

Types of Services Utilized ^e

Table 11.

Youth Who Report Gang Involvement by Grade (2018) ^d

		8 th	10 th	12 th
Buffalo	Youth Reported Gang Involvement	3.8%	3.3%	4.9%
Nebraska		3.8%	4.4%	3.8%

Table 12.

Arrest Rates for Adults and Juveniles for 2018 and 2019 with Percent Change ^f

Arrestee Age	All Arrestee Ages			Under 18		
	2018	2019	2018 - 2019 Growth %	2018	2019	2018 - 2019 Growth %
Summary Arrest Date						
Jurisdiction by Geography	BUFFALO COUNTY					
Arrest Offense						
Total	2,842	2,551	-10.24	359	373	3.90
Rape Total	5	10	100.00	2	5	150.00
Robbery Total	2	3	50.00	-	-	-
Aggravated Assault Total	28	21	-25.00	4	1	-75.00
Burglary Total	21	16	-23.81	1	2	100.00
Larceny-Theft Total	228	169	-25.88	38	19	-23.68
Motor Vehicle Theft Total	19	26	36.84	5	6	220.00
Other Assaults	258	251	-2.71	51	50	-1.96
Arson	1	2	100.00	1	2	100.00
Forgery and Counterfeiting	13	10	-23.08	0	-	-
Fraud	46	25	-45.65	2	-	-100.00
Embezzlement	5	1	-80.00	-	-	-
Stolen Property; Buying, Receiving, Possessing	31	15	-51.61	5	5	0.00
Vandalism	122	63	-48.36	18	4	-22.22
Weapons; Carrying, Possessing, etc.	16	30	87.50	2	3	50.00
Sex Offenses (Except Rape and Prostitution)	8	9	12.50	3	3	0.00
Drug Violations - Sale/Manufacturing	40	35	-12.50	1	0	-100.00

Drug Violations - Possession	509	477	-6.29	45	13	-26.67
NIBRS Unable to Classify	2		-100.00	-	-	-
Offenses Against Family and Children	137	141	2.92	85	92	8.24
Driving Under the Influence	181	173	-4.42	4	1	-75.00
Liquor Laws	167	111	-33.53	23	18	21.74
Disorderly Conduct	89	65	-26.97	22	21	-4.55
All Other Offenses (Except Traffic)	913	893	-2.19	46	63	36.96
Curfew and Loitering Law Violations	1	5	400.00	1	5	400.00

Table 13.

Risk Assessment Domains for Youth Assessed on Diversion (2015 - 2017) ^g

Score	Buffalo			All NYS Counties		
	0	1	2	0	1	2
Family Circumstance/Parenting	--	--	--	60.1%	26.7%	13.1%
Education/Employment	--	--	--	43.0%	44.0%	13.1%
Peer Relationships	--	--	--	44.7%	46.6%	8.6%
Substance Use	--	--	--	61.4%	30.3%	8.3%
Leisure/Recreation	--	--	--	50.6%	33.0%	16.5%
Personality/Behavior	--	--	--	50.1%	39.4%	10.4%
Attitudes/Orientation	--	--	--	61.3%	33.7%	5.0%
Mean Score	$M = --, SD = --, --$			$M = 5.64, SD = 3.65, 0-17$		

Could not compute because county only had 2 risk assessment completed

Table 14.

Racial and Ethnic Disparities Descriptives (2015-2019) ¹

[Click here to see Census and School Population Data](#)

See [Appendix for yearly data](#)

System Point	N	Amer. Indian/ Alaskan Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic/ Latino	Multiple/ Other	Unspec/ Missing	White
Law enforcement contact	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth taken to temporary custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth issued citation/referral	1803*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	636	0.60%	0%	4.90%	12.10%	0.60%	0%	81.80%
Youth enrolled in diversion	485	0.40%	0%	4.70%	9.10%	0.60%	0%	85.20%
Successful completion diversion	389	0.30%	0%	4.40%	9.0%	0.50%	0%	85.90%
Youth with multiple charges	98	3.10%	0%	4.10%	9.20%	0%	23.50%	60.20%
Filed on in adult court	59	0%	0%	3.40%	23.70%	0%	15.30%	57.60%
RAI Override: More Severe	14	0%	0%	28.60%	0%	0%	0%	71.40%
RAI Underride: Less Severe	16	6.20%	0%	6.20%	43.80%	6.20%	0%	37.50%
Probation intake	150	3.30%	0%	10.70%	20.00%	0.70%	0%	65.30%
Successful probation	291	2.10%	0%	7.20%	15.80%	1.70%	0%	73.20%
Revocation of probation	144	4.90%	0%	6.90%	19.40%	0.70%	0%	68.10%
Youth in OJS custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OJS custody: placed in detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Youth booked into detention more than once	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
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*Ravenna PD did not report to NCC 2015-2019

Family Level

- Table 15: Buffalo County's rate are very comparable to the rest of the state.
 - Relative high rates of high school graduation, ○ We looked at broadband internet access for purposes of COVID.
 - Slightly lower home owner rates (may be related to University student population.)
- Table 16: Buffalo County youth seems to have more adults listening to them at home and at school.

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Table 15.

Poverty/SES, Educational Attainment, Technology and Computers in Home, Housing, and Transportation (5year estimates, 2014-2018) ^a

Measurement		Buffalo	Nebraska
Poverty/SES	Children <18 in Poverty	14.5%	14.8%
	Number of children 12-17 below 185% poverty	913	43,814
	Percent of children 12-17 below 185% poverty	26.5%	28.9%
Educational attainment	Age 25+ with B.D.	34.7%	31.3%
	County Rank	5	-
	Age 25+ with some college, no degree	23.8%	23.0%
	County Rank	51	-
	Age 25+ with HS degree	93.0%	91.1%
	County Rank	35	-

Technology and computers in the home	% under 18 with a computer at home	99.0%	96.9%
	County Rank	39	-
	% under 18 with an internet subscription at home	94.6%	91.0%
	County Rank	25	-
	% under 18 with broadband internet access at home	94.3% (COVID)	90.8%
	County Rank	24	-
Housing	Owner-occupied households	12,176	498,567
	Total households	19,165	754,063
	Owner %	63.5%	66.1%
	Renters	6,989	255,496
	Renter %	36.5%	33.9%
Transportation	Households with no vehicle available	898	40,465
	Total households	19,165	754,063
	No vehicle %	4.7%	5.4%

Table 16.

Youth Who Report Supportive Adults by Grade (2018) ^d

		8th	10th	12th
Buffalo	Adult at home who listens	86.90%	84.80%	86.70%
Nebraska		87.3%	85.0%	85.6%
Buffalo	Adult at school who listens	87.90%	85.40%	89.70%
Nebraska		85.2%	85.0%	87.4%

Table 17.

Domestic Violence Reports and Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means (2019) ^h

	Aggravated Domestic Assaults Reported	Aggravated Domestic Assaults Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means	Simple Domestic Assaults Reported	Simple Domestic Assaults Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means
Buffalo	6	6	89	81
Nebraska	562	402	2512	2019

Table 18.

Child Abuse and Neglect Reports (2018) ⁱ

	Abuse/Neglect Calls	Reports Assessed	Substantiated	Unfounded
Buffalo	838	39%	15%	70%
Nebraska	36,480	33.4%	16.0%	68.3%

Community Level

- Table 19: Fair amount of assaults happening in the community.
- Table 20: Youth view the community as thinking alcohol, marijuana are not appropriate to use (in some communities youth think the adults are accepting of these substances.)
- Table 21: Sealing juvenile records is problematic. Juvenile record sealing is not “automatic” even if statute requires it to seal. Sealing a record requires administrative staff to initiate the process. Dismissed or dropped cases should be sealed at a rate of 100%. All others should be sealed at the rate to which youth successfully complete their court requirements (completion of diversion, probation, restorative practice, or other treatment).

- Table 19.

Community Violence Measured by Arrests for Violent Crime (2019) ^j

Type of Violence	Buffalo	Nebraska
Murder and Nonnegligent manslaughter	0	34

Rape	10	264
Robbery	3	367
Aggravated Assault	21	1,639
Other Assaults	251	8,782

Table 20.

Youth Perceptions of Community Attitudes on Substance Use by Grade (2018) ^d

		8 th	10 th	12 th
Buffalo	Wrong/very wrong – Marijuana	95.5%	91.5%	88.7%
Nebraska		94.4%	89.8%	85.2%
Buffalo	Wrong/very wrong – alcohol	91.0%	86.3%	78.2%
Nebraska		89.1%	80.4%	68.7%
Buffalo	Wrong/very wrong – cigarettes	93.8%	91.3%	84.5%
Nebraska		92.9%	89.0%	78.7%

Table 21.

Juvenile Court Record Sealing Analysis (2015 – 2019) ^m

see [Appendix for yearly data](#)

	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	308	365	57.6%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	-
Filed in Juv. Court	1106	2994	36.9%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	163	219	74.4%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	1578	3798	41.5%

*Cases offered diversion, mediation or RJ are not available data points in in JUSTICE. All cases filed in adult court and transferred to juvenile court overlapped with cases that were filed in adult court as a misdemeanor or infraction; as such, they were omitted from analysis

Policy, Legal and System Level

- Table 22: Access to counsel is relatively high. Despite not being in a county required to provide counsel under statute, access to counsel is similar to the state average.
- Table 23-24: Truancy and uncontrollable have gone down. But there are very few curfew and 3A, 3B, and 3C filings in court so the community is diverting appropriately.
- Table 25: With respect to diversion practices, the community does an excellent job of following EB practice. (i.e. issue warning letter for low level offenses, not filing all unsuccessful cases, if the youth completed most of the diversion plan, Having a process for sealing records for youth on diversion with law enforcement and JCMS, as required by statute.

Table 22.

Percent of Youth in Juvenile Court Who Had Access to Counsel (2018) ⁿ

	Buffalo	Nebraska
Access to Counsel	60.0% -- 79.9%	73.5%

Neb. Rev. 43-272. Right to counsel; appointment; payment; guardian ad litem; appointment; when; duties; standards for guardians ad litem; standards for attorneys who practice in juvenile court.

(1)(a) In counties having a population of less than one hundred fifty thousand inhabitants, when any juvenile shall be brought without counsel before a juvenile court, the court shall advise such juvenile and his or her parent or guardian of their right to retain counsel and shall inquire of such juvenile and his or her parent or guardian as to whether they desire to retain counsel.

(b) In counties having a population of one hundred fifty thousand or more inhabitants, when any juvenile court petition is filed alleging jurisdiction of a juvenile pursuant to subdivision (1), (2), (3)(b), or (4) of section [43-247](#), counsel shall be appointed for such juvenile.

Table 23.

Frequency of Youth with a Curfew Violation (2015 – 2019) ^m

	Buffalo	Nebraska
Curfew Court Filing	7	352

Table 24.

Court Filing for 3A, 3B, and 3C cases (2015 – 2019) ^m

	Buffalo					
Filed Subtype	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
3A- Homeless/Neglect	0	0	0	0	0	0
3B – Absenteeism/Truancy	0	8	7	5	5	25
3B - Uncontrollable	1	5	4	5	2	17
3C – Mentally Ill and Dangerous	2	0	1	0	0	3

	Nebraska					
Filed Subtype	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
3A- Homeless/Neglect	0	2	0	2	3	7
3B – Absenteeism/Truancy	96	510	493	423	475	1997
3B - Uncontrollable	47	118	125	119	82	491
3C – Mentally Ill and Dangerous	22	48	37	22	23	306

Table 25.

County Diversion Procedures and Protocols Compared to Statewide Responses (2020) °

	Buffalo	Nebraska *
Refer ALL juveniles who are first time offenders to diversion	Yes	Yes: 27.3% No: 63.6% Not sure: 9.1%
File a juvenile's charges at the time of the referral to diversion	No	Yes: 18.2% No: 70.5% Not sure: 11.4%
File a juvenile's charges if they are unsuccessful on diversion	Sometimes	Always: 47.7% Sometimes: 47.7% Not sure: 4.5%
Allow a juvenile to complete diversion more than once	Yes	Yes: 61.4% No: 34.1% Not sure: 4.5%
Charges/offenses that make a juvenile ineligible for diversion	Yes: Felony with assault w weapon, a t, sexual assault DUI	Yes: 86.4% No: 9.1% Not sure: 4.5%
Warning letters instead of intervention	Yes Do you track this?	Yes: 27.3% No: 61.4% Not sure: 11.4%
Currently drug test	No	Yes: 31.8% No: 65.9% Not sure: 2.3%
Fees beyond restitution	Yes; \$75	Yes: 86.4% No: 13.6% Not sure: 0.0%
Use of graduated responses prior to discharge	Yes; additional consequences (more community service, drug/alcohol assessments, additional classes)	Yes: 47.7% No: 25.0% Not sure: 27.3%

Sealing diversion records	Yes; our office files an affidavit with a JCMS face sheet and sends to law enforcement; seal within JCMS	Yes: 59.1% No: 22.7% Not sure: 18.2%
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*responses included 44 juvenile diversion programs; representing 68 counties/tribe (91.9% response rate)

Community Team Level

- Table 26-27: A community lead should be able to get roughly a 75% response, to ensure active participation on planning issues, your response rate was quite low, at 8.3%. However, this is likely because it went to a very large team of 109. The nine that reported –gave the team very high mean scores for collective impact.
- Table 28: It might be beneficial to add diversity to your team (especially because of the patterns of over and under representation.)
 - On the survey –no probation, law enforcement, defense counsel in your team – but perhaps they did not respond to the survey.
 - Good representation of person formerly involved in the system.
 - Only one person did not feel heard, but that is likely not representative – due to low response rate.

Table 26.

Collective Impact Survey Response Rates ^p

	Buffalo		Nebraska	
	2019	2020	2019	2020
Number of surveys sent	40	108	1407	780
Number of completed surveys	7	9	221	345
Response rate	17.5%	8.3%	28.3%	24.5%

Table 27.

Collective Impact Survey Scores

	Buffalo	Nebraska
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Year of survey	2019	2020	2019	2020
	Mean Score		Mean Score	
Common agenda	5.31	6.25	5.29	5.69
Mutually reinforcing	5.54	6.38	5.37	5.50
Shared measurement	5.37	6.13	5.21	5.45
Continuous communication	5.83	6.25	5.49	5.55
Backbone agency	5.77	6.50	5.52	5.78

The five elements of Collective Impact are:

- **Common agenda:** Participants have a shared vision and common understanding of both the problem and potential solutions to that problem.
- **Mutually reinforcing activities:** Participant activities must be differentiated while still being coordinated through a mutually reinforcing plan of action.
- **Shared measurement:** Collecting data and measuring results consistently across all participants ensures efforts remain aligned and participants hold each other accountable.
- **Continuous communication:** Consistent and open communication is needed across stakeholders to build trust, assure mutual objectives, and create common motivation.
- **Backbone support:** Creating and managing Collective Impact often requires a separate organization(s) with staff and a specific set of skills to serve as the backbone for the entire initiative and to coordinate participating organizations ^q

Table 28.

Community Planning Team Diversity ^p

	Buffalo		Nebraska	
	N = 9	(%)	N = 345	(%)

Gender				
Male	2	22.2%	101	29.3%
Female	7	77.8%	229	66.4%
Missing	--	--	15	4.3%
Age				
Under 30	--	--	19	5.6%
30-39	3	33.3%	68	19.6%
40-49	--	--	88	25.4%
50-59	2	22.2%	90	25.8%
60 and over	2	22.2%	44	13%
Missing	2	22.2%	36	10.4%
Race/Ethnicity				
White	7	77.8%	230	66.7%
Black	--	--	10	2.9%
Hispanic	1	11.1%	13	3.8%
Native American	--	--	6	1.7%
Asian	--	--	1	0.3%
Other	--	--	2	0.6%
Provided town name	1	11.1%	63	18.3%
Missing	--	--	19	5.5%
Previous System Involvement				
Yes	3	33.3%	98	28.4%
No	6	66.7%	242	70.1%
Missing	--	--	5	1.4%
System Point *				
Law enforcement	--	--	34	7.8%
County attorney/ juvenile court	1	9.1%	32	7.3%
K-12 or secondary education	2	18.2%	65	14.9%
Ministry/faith based	1	9.1%	10	2.3%
Diversions	1	9.1%	55	12.6%
Probation	--	--	31	7.1%
Public defender/ defense counsel/ guardian ad litem	--	--	8	1.8%
DHHS or Child Welfare	--	--	13	3.0%
Treatment provider	1	9.1%	40	9.2%
Post adjudication or detention	--	--	8	1.8%

Community based program	3	27.3%	109	25.0%
Elected official or government	--	--	6	1.4%
Restorative practices	1	9.1%	6	1.4%
Backbone or system improvement	--	--	3	0.7%
Other	1	9.1%	16	3.7%
Voice on Team				
Feel heard	8	88.9%	270	78.3%
Do not feel heard	1	11.1%	75	21.7%

**note.* Team members could have selected more than one system point; as such, they do not add up to 100%

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Appendix: RED Descriptives

2015

System Point	N	Amer. Indian/ Alaskan Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black	Hispani :/ Latino	Multiple/ Other	Unspec/ Missing	White
Law enforcement contact	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth taken to temporary custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth issued citation/referral	442	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	183	1.10%	0%	2.70%	18.60%	0%	0%	77.60%
Youth enrolled in diversion	109	0.90%	0%	1.80%	13.80%	0%	0%	83.50%
Successful completion diversion	89	0%	0%	0%	13.50%	0%	0%	86.50%
Youth with multiple charges	11	0%	0%	0%	9.10%	0%	0%	90.90%
Filed on in adult court	8	0%	0%	0%	12.50%	0%	12.50%	75%
RAI Override: More Severe	3	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
RAI Underride: Less Severe	7	0%	0%	14.30%	71.40%	0%	0%	14.30%
Probation intake	37	5.40%	0%	2.70%	35.10%	0%	0%	56.80%
Successful probation	89	1.10%	0%	4.50%	19.10%	0%	0%	75.30%
Revocation of probation	30	6.70%	0%	0%	16.70%	0%	0%	76.70%
Youth in OJS custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

OJS custody: placed in detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention more than once	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

2016

System Point	N	Amer. Indian/ Alaskan Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black	Hispani :/ Latino	Multiple/ Other	Unspec/ Missing	White
Law enforcement contact	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth taken to temporary custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth issued citation/referral	330	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	114	0.90%	0%	8.80%	14.90%	0.90%	0%	74.60%
Youth enrolled in diversion	77	0%	0%	10.40%	9.10%	1.30%	0%	79.20%
Successful completion diversion	64	0%	0%	9.40%	9.40%	1.60%	0%	79.70%
Youth with multiple charges	14	0%	0%	0%	14.30%	0%	21.40%	64.30%
Filed on in adult court	5	0%	0%	0%	40%	0%	60%	0%
RAI Override: More Severe	4	0%	0%	50%	0%	0%	0%	50%
RAI Underride: Less Severe	3	0%	0%	0%	33.30%	0%	0%	66.70%
Probation intake	28	3.60%	0%	21.40%	21.40%	0%	0%	53.60%
Successful probation	49	4.10%	0%	2%	26.50%	2%	0%	65.30%
Revocation of probation	38	0%	0%	21.10%	21.10%	0%	0%	57.90%

Youth in OJS custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OJS custody: placed in detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention more than once	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

2017

System Point	N	Amer. Indian/ Alaskan Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic/ Latino	Multiple/ Other	Unspec/ Missing	White
Law enforcement contact	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth taken to temporary custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth issued citation/referral	299	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	101	0%	0%	4%	4%	1%	0%	91.10%
Youth enrolled in diversion	86	0%	0%	2.30%	2.30%	0%	0%	95.30%
Successful completion diversion	71	0%	0%	2.80%	2.80%	0%	0%	94.40%
Youth with multiple charges	40	5%	0%	0%	15%	0%	7.50%	72.50%
Filed on in adult court	27	0%	0%	3.70%	29.60%	0%	3.70%	63%
RAI Override: More Severe	1	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
RAI Override: Less Severe	2	50%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	50%
Probation intake	28	3.60%	0%	10.70%	14.30%	0%	0%	71.40%
Successful probation	49	0%	0%	10.20%	10.20%	2%	0%	77.60%
Revocation of probation	32	0%	0%	0%	25%	0%	0%	75%
Youth in OJS custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

OJS custody: placed in detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention more than once	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

2018

System Point	N	Amer. Indian/ Alaskan Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic/ Latino	Multiple/ Other	Unspec/ Missing	White
Law enforcement contact	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth taken to temporary custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth issued citation/referral	359	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	118	0%	0%	5.10%	8.50%	1.70%	0%	84.70%
Youth enrolled in diversion	101	0%	0%	5.90%	9.90%	2%	0%	82.20%
Successful completion diversion	80	0%	0%	6.20%	10%	1.20%	0%	82.50%
Youth with multiple charges	12	0%	0%	8.30%	0%	0%	41.70%	50%
Filed on in adult court	15	0%	0%	6.70%	20%	0%	20%	53.30%
RAI Override: More Severe	4	0%	0%	50%	0%	0%	0%	50%
RAI Underride: Less Severe	1	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Probation intake	26	3.80%	0%	11.50%	11.50%	0%	0%	73.10%
Successful probation	53	1.90%	0%	17%	9.40%	0%	0%	71.70%
Revocation of probation	13	0%	0%	0%	15.40%	0%	0%	84.60%
Youth in OJS custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OJS custody:	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

placed in detention								
Youth booked into detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention more than once	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

2019

System Point	N	Amer. Indian/ Alaskan Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic/ Latino	Multiple/ Other	Unspec/ Missing	White
Law enforcement contact	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth taken to temporary custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth issued citation/referral	373	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	120	0.80%	0%	5%	10%	0%	0%	84.20%
Youth enrolled in diversion	112	0.90%	0%	4.50%	8.90%	0%	0%	85.70%
Successful completion diversion	85	1.20%	0%	4.70%	8.20%	0%	0%	85.90%
Youth with multiple charges	21	4.80%	0%	14.30%	0%	0%	57.10%	23.80%
Filed on in adult court	4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	25%	75%
RAI Override: More Severe	2	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
RAI Override: Less Severe	3	0%	0%	0%	33.30%	33.30%	0%	33.30%
Probation intake	31	0%	0%	9.70%	12.90%	3.20%	0%	74.20%
Successful probation	51	3.90%	0%	3.90%	11.80%	5.90%	0%	74.50%
Revocation of probation	31	16.10%	0%	6.50%	16.10%	3.20%	0%	58.10%
Youth in OJS custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OJS custody: placed in detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Youth booked into detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention more than once	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Appendix: Sealed Court Records by Year

*Cases offered diversion, mediation or RJ are not available data points in in JUSTICE. All cases filed in adult court and transferred to juvenile court overlapped with cases that were filed in adult court as a misdemeanor or infraction; as such, they were omitted from analysis

2015	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	62	129	48.1%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	257	605	42.5%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	56	76	73.7%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	375	810	46.3%

2016	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	38	67	56.7%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	157	450	34.9%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	15	32	46.9%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	210	576	36.5%

2017	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	73	109	67.0%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	342	679	50.4%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	55	59	93.2%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	470	849	55.4%

2018	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	51	95	53.7%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	167	568	29.4%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	30	35	85.7%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	249	719	34.6%

2019	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	84	135	62.2%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	183	692	26.4%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	7	17	41.2%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	274	844	32.5%

Appendix C

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March 26, 2019

Buffalo County Juvenile Services
Doug Kramer, Administrator
Buffalo County Attorney
PO Box 67
Kearney, NE 68848

RE: Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Juvenile Diversion Services

Dear Doug:

Enclosed please find two original Interlocal Cooperation Agreements for Juvenile Diversion Services which have been signed by the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for Sherman County. Once you are able to get them signed by the Buffalo County Board of Commissioners, please return a signed copy to me for my file. I will then also forward a copy of the agreement to the Crime Commission so they can get things set up on their end.

We appreciate all of your assistance in getting this partnership with Buffalo County going to provide diversion services for Sherman County.

Sincerely,



Heather L. Sikyta

HLS:slc

Enclosures

**INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR
JUVENILE DIVERSION SERVICES BY AND BETWEEN
THE COUNTIES OF BUFFALO AND SHERMAN**

This Agreement is made by and between the County of Buffalo, a body politic and corporate and a political subdivision of the State of Nebraska, hereinafter referred to as “Buffalo”, and the County of Sherman, a body politic and corporate and a political subdivision of the State of Nebraska, hereinafter referred to as “Sherman”,

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-804 provides that any power or powers, privileges, or authority exercised or capable of exercise by a public agency of this state may be exercised and enjoyed jointly with any other public agency of this state and jointly with any public agency of any other state or of the United States to the extent that laws of such other state or of the United States permit such joint exercise or enjoyment. Any agency of state government when acting jointly with any public agency may exercise and enjoy all of the powers, privileges, and authority conferred by the Interlocal Cooperation Act upon a public agency; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this agreement is to make the most efficient use of each county’s taxing authority and other powers by enabling them to cooperate with each other on a basis of mutual advantage and thereby to provide services and facilities in a manner and pursuant to forms of governmental organization that will accord best with geographic, economic, population, and other factors influencing the needs and development of Buffalo County and Sherman County.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises contained herein, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Purpose. The purpose of this agreement is to establish an agreement between Buffalo and Sherman in regards to the provision of juvenile diversion services.
2. Duration. This contract will begin July 1, 2019 and will remain in effect until June 30, 2020. This contract will renew automatically each fiscal year thereafter unless either party gives notice to the other prior to April 1st of its desire to cancel or amend the contract.
3. Organization. There shall be no separate legal or administrative agency created pursuant to this Interlocal Cooperation Agreement.
4. Agency. Buffalo, through the Office of the Buffalo County Attorney, will provide juvenile diversion services for residents of Sherman who are referred for services by the Sherman County Attorney.
5. Consideration. Sherman shall pay to Buffalo an administrative fee of \$3,000.00 within 30 days of the commencement of each fiscal year. Sherman program participants shall be required to pay to the Office of the Buffalo County Attorney the same program fees as are assessed to Buffalo program participants, and said Sherman program participant fees shall remain the property of Buffalo.
6. Services Provided. Through the juvenile diversion office of the Buffalo County Attorney, Buffalo agrees to enroll, monitor, and supervise Sherman's program participants in Buffalo's Diversion Course, in the same manner that Buffalo participants are enrolled, monitored and supervised. At a minimum, Buffalo will provide the following services to Sherman's participants:
 - a. Assign and monitor appropriate courses;
 - b. Monitor school attendance and behavior;

- c. Monitor community service work, if required under Diversion contract;
 - d. Monitor restitution payments, if required under Diversion contract;
 - e. Monitor counseling or other required rehabilitative treatments;
 - f. Verify that apology letters have been sent to victims;
 - g. Report violations of Diversion contracts to Sherman County Attorney.
7. Financing. Each party shall be responsible for financing their respective obligations hereunder, including the levying, collecting, and accounting for any tax required for the establishment and maintenance of required budgets.
 8. Property. Any property acquired through this agreement shall be the property of the party acquiring the same.
 9. Administration. The Office of the Buffalo County Attorney shall provide for the administration of this program.
 10. Appropriation of Funds; Supply of Personal Property and Personnel. Either party may appropriate funds and may sell, lease, give, or otherwise supply personal property or provide such personnel or services therefore as may be within it's legal power to furnish for the performance of this agreement.
 11. Entire Agreement. It is agreed that the above represents the entire agreement for juvenile services between the parties.

APPROVED BY THE COUNTY
 COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY
 OF BUFFALO, THIS 9th DAY OF
April, 2019.

William C. McMillan
 Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

APPROVED BY THE COUNTY
 COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY
 OF SHERMAN, THIS 26th DAY OF
MARCH, 2019.

Donna K. Hasler
 Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Denise
 County Clerk



Attest

Denise
 County Clerk



Appendix D



Strengths and Support in the Lives of Buffalo County Schools Youth 2018

Overall DAP Scores

- Total Assets
 - 2016: 41.8
 - 2018: 40.4
- External Assets
 - 2016: 21.5
 - 2018: 20.7
- Internal Assets
 - 2016: 20.3
 - 2018: 19.7

Mean Scores for 8 Categories of Assets

- Support
 - 2016: 22.3
 - 2018: 21.4
- Empowerment
 - 2016: 21.9
 - 2018: 21.1
- Boundaries & Expectations
 - 2016: 22.3
 - 2018: 21.2
- Constructive Use of Time
 - 2016: 19

- 2018: 18.6
- Commitment Learning
 - 2016: 19.8
 - 2018: 19.4

- Positive Values
 - 2016: 20.7
 - 2018: 20.1
- Social Competencies
 - 2016: 20.7
 - 2018: 20.7
- Positive Identity
 - 2016: 19.2
 - 2018: 18.2

Mean Scores for 5 Asset-Building Categories

- Personal
 - 2016: 19.9
 - 2018: 19
- Social
 - 2016: 21.2
 - 2018: 20.7
- Family
 - 2016: 23.1
 - 2018: 22.6
- School
 - 2016: 20.9
 - 2018: 20
- Community
 - 2016: 19.8
 - 2018: 19.2

Percentages of Challenged to Thriving Youth in the Five Asset-Building Contexts

	Challenged/Vulnerable 2016	Adequate/Thriving 2016	Challenged/Vulnerable 2018	Adequate/Thriving 2018
Personal	54%	46%	59%	41%
Social	42%	58%	45%	55%
Family	30%	70%	32%	68%
School	47%	54%	54%	47%
Community	52%	48%	60%	40%

Percentage of Challenged to Thriving Youth in the Eight Asset Categories

External Assets

	Challenged/Vulnerable 2016	Adequate/Thriving 2016	Challenged/Vulnerable 2018	Adequate/Thriving 2018
Support	35%	65%	41%	59%
Empowerment	37%	63%	43%	57%
Boundaries & Expectations	36%	64%	40%	60%
Constructive Use of time	62%	38%	62%	38%

Internal Assets

	Challenged/ Vulnerable 2016	Adequate/Thriving 2016	Challenged/Vulnerable 2018	Adequate/Thriving 2018
Commitment to Learning	57%	43%	60%	41%
Positive Values	48%	53%	53%	48%
Social Competences	49%	51%	51%	49%
Positive Identity	48%	53%	53%	48%

Survey Questions

	2016		2018	
	Not at all/Sometimes	Often/Always	Not at all/Sometimes	Often/Always
1. I tell other people what I believe in	23%	78%	28%	73%
2. I feel in control of my life and future	27%	73%	31%	70%
3. I feel good about myself	29%	71%	37%	63%
4. I say no to things that are dangerous or unhealthy	34%	66%	33%	68%
5. I enjoy reading	57%	42%	62%	39%
6. I build friendships with other people	21%	79%	23%	77%
7. I care about school	27%	73%	26%	74%
8. I do my homework	17%	83%	19%	81%
9. I say no to tobacco,	13%	87%	21%	78%

alcohol, and other drugs				
10. I enjoy learning	38%	62%	40%	60%
11. I express my feelings in proper ways	34%	66%	41%	59%
12. I feel good about my future	19%	81%	27%	73%
13. I ask my parents for advice	37%	63%	40%	60%
14. I deal with disappointment without getting too upset	47%	54%	52%	48%

	2016		2018	
	Not at all/Sometimes	Often/Always	Not at all/Sometimes	Often/Always
15. I find good ways to deal with things that are hard in my life	27%	73%	34%	67%
16. I think it is important to help other people	8%	91%	8%	92%
17. I feel safe at home	6%	93%	9%	91%
18. I plan ahead and make good choices	18%	82%	22%	77%
19. I stay away from bad influences	23%	77%	25%	76%
20. I resolve conflicts without anyone getting hurt	26%	75%	21%	79%
21. I feel valued and	33%	67%	36%	63%

appreciated by others				
22. I take responsibility for what I do	13%	88%	14%	86%
23. I tell the truth even when it is not easy	21%	78%	34%	66%
24. I accept people who are different from me.	9%	90%	9%	91%
25. I feel safe at school.	19%	82%	27%	72%
26. I am trying to learn new things.	23%	77%	27%	72%
	2016		2018	
	Not at all/Sometimes	Often/Always	Not at all/Sometimes	Often/Always
27. I am thinking about what my purpose is in life.	20%	80%	26%	74%
28. I am encouraged to try things that might be good for me.	17%	83%	21%	79%
29. I am included in family tasks and decisions.	22%	78%	21%	79%
30. I am helping to make my school, neighborhood, or city a better place.	38%	62%	42%	58%
31. I am involved in a church, synagogue, mosque, or	40%	60%	44%	56%

other religious group.				
32. I am developing good health habits.	21%	79%	28%	71%
33. I am encouraged to help others.	13%	87%	14%	86%
34. I am involved in a sport, club, or other group.	18%	82%	19%	81%
35. I am trying to help solve world problems like hunger or disease.	41%	59%	44%	56%
	2016		2018	
	Not at all/Sometimes	Often/Always	Not at all/Sometimes	Often/Always
36. I am given useful roles and responsibilities.	24%	76%	30%	70%
37. I am developing respect for other people.	10%	90%	12%	88%
38. I am eager to do well in school and other activities.	13%	87%	14%	86%
39. I am sensitive to the needs and feelings of others.	21%	78%	24%	76%
40. I am involved in creative things such as music, theater, or art.	48%	52%	49%	50%
41. I am serving others	46%	54%	55%	45%

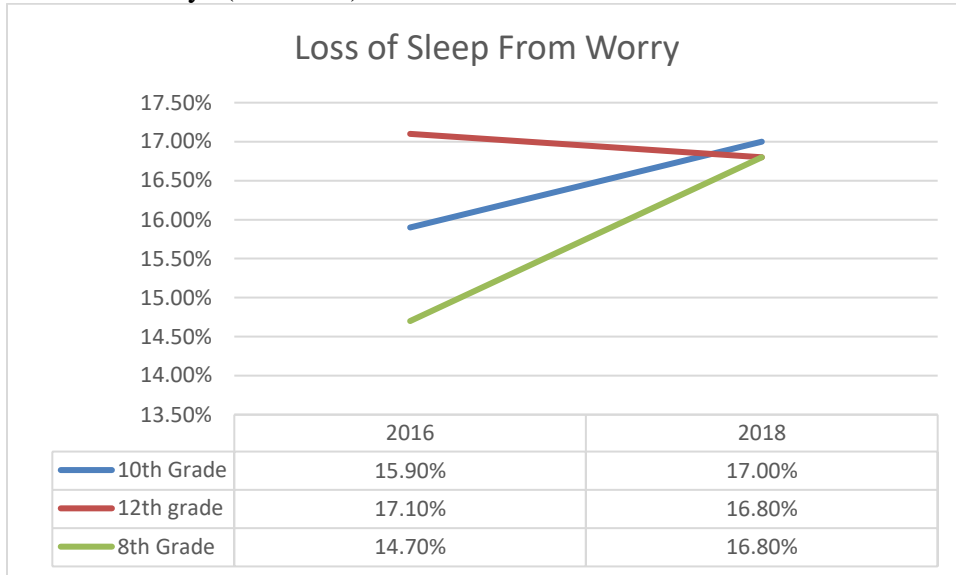
in my community.				
42. I am spending quality time at home with my parent(s) when we do things together.	33%	67%	37%	63%
43. I have friends who set good examples for me.	20%	79%	27%	73%
44. I have a school that gives students clear rules.	18%	82%	29%	70%
45. I have adults who are good role models for me.	11%	89%	15%	55%

	2016		2018	
	Not at all/Sometimes	Often/Always	Not at all/Sometimes	Often/Always
46. I have a safe neighborhood.	6%	93%	11%	89%
47. I have parent(s) who try to help me succeed.	7%	93%	9%	91%
48. I have good neighbors who care about me.	30%	69%	38%	62%
49. I have a school that cares about kids and encourages them.	18%	82%	33%	68%

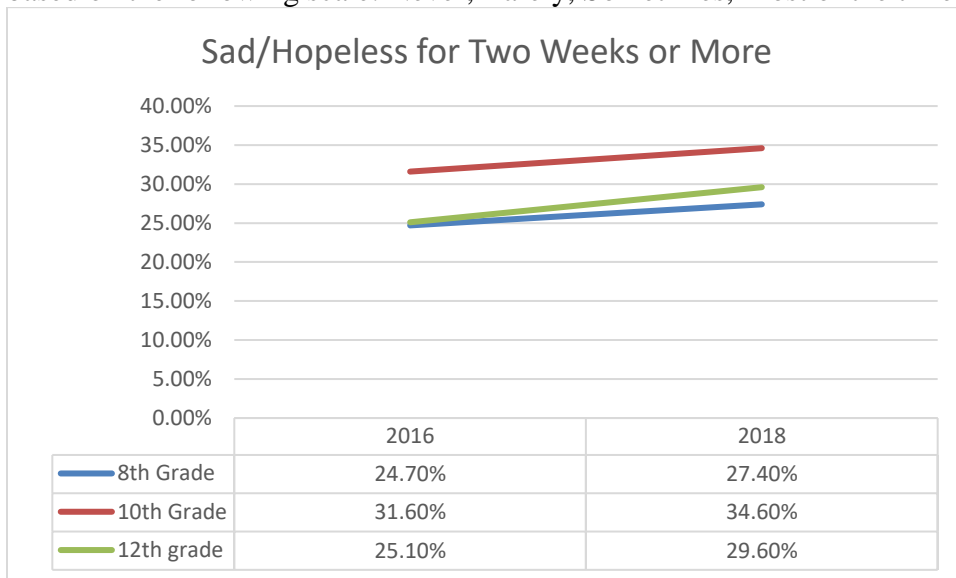
50. I have teachers who urge me to develop and achieve.	11%	89%	22%	78%
51. I have support from adults other than my parent(s).	11%	89%	21%	80%
52. I have a family that provides me with clear rules.	12%	88%	15%	85%
53. I have parent(s) who urge me to do well in school.	5%	95%	7%	93%
54. I have a family that gives me love and support.	7%	92%	9%	91%
55. I have neighbors who help watch out for me.	42%	59%	46%	53%
	2016		2018	
	Not at all/Sometimes	Often/Always	Not at all/Sometimes	Often/Always
56. I have parent(s) who are good at talking with me about things.	22%	78%	26%	74%
57. I have a school that enforces rules fairly.	29%	71%	45%	55%
58. I have a family that knows where I am and what I am doing.	14%	86%	18%	82%

Appendix D graphs:

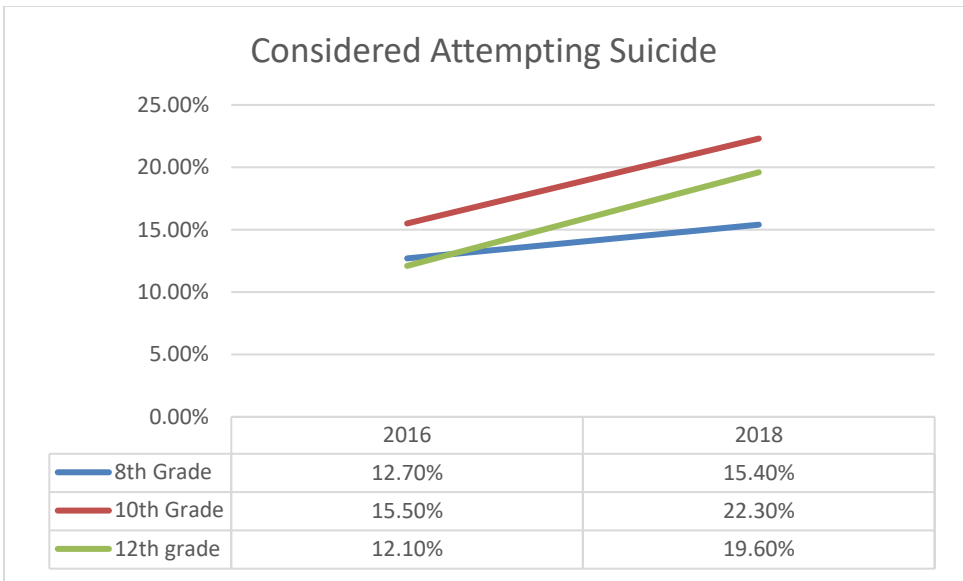
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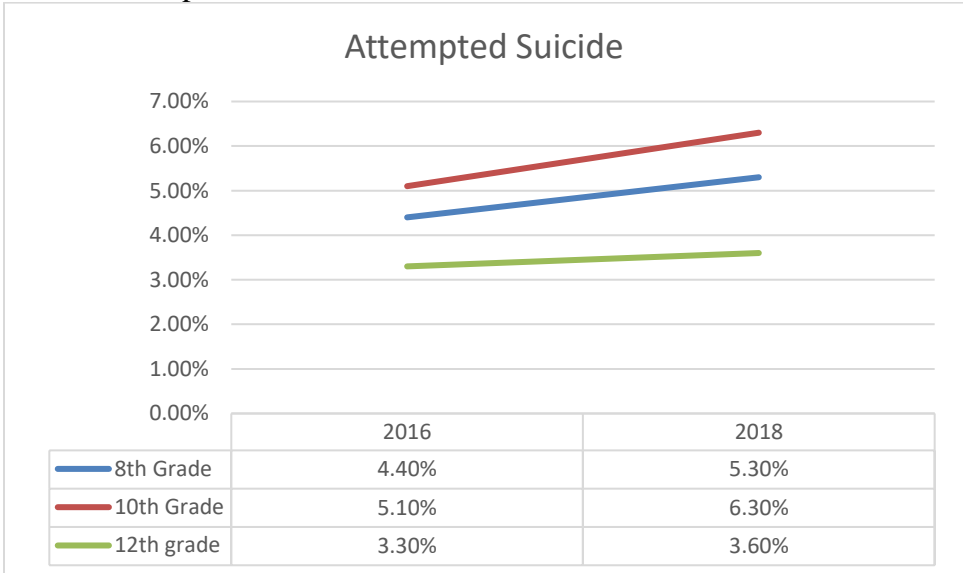
* Percentage of Buffalo County students who reported during the past 12 months being so worried about something they could not sleep well at night most of the time or always based on the following scale: Never, Rarely, Sometimes, Most of the time, Always.*



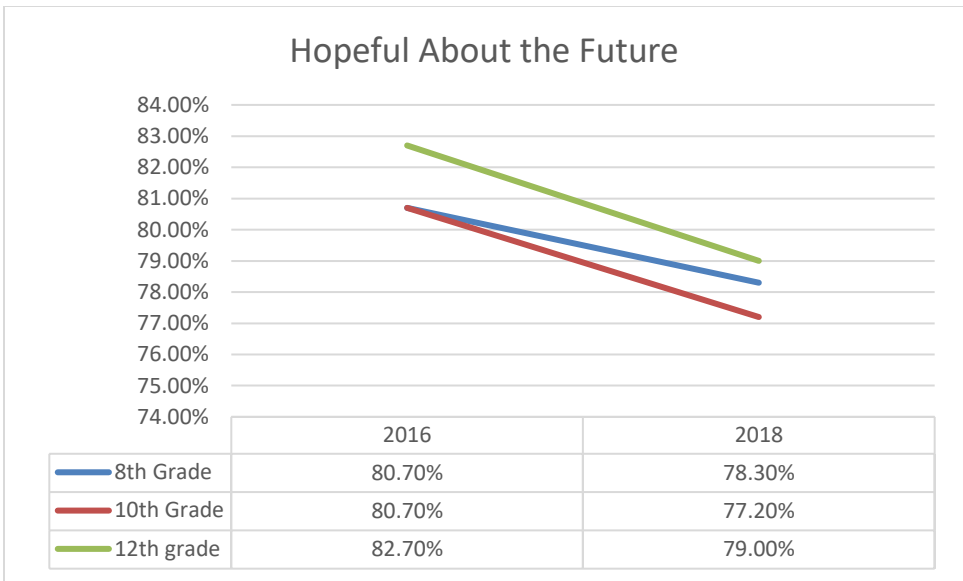
Percentage of Buffalo County students who reported "Yes" to the question "During the past 12 months, did you ever feel so sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more in a row that you stopped doing some usual activities?



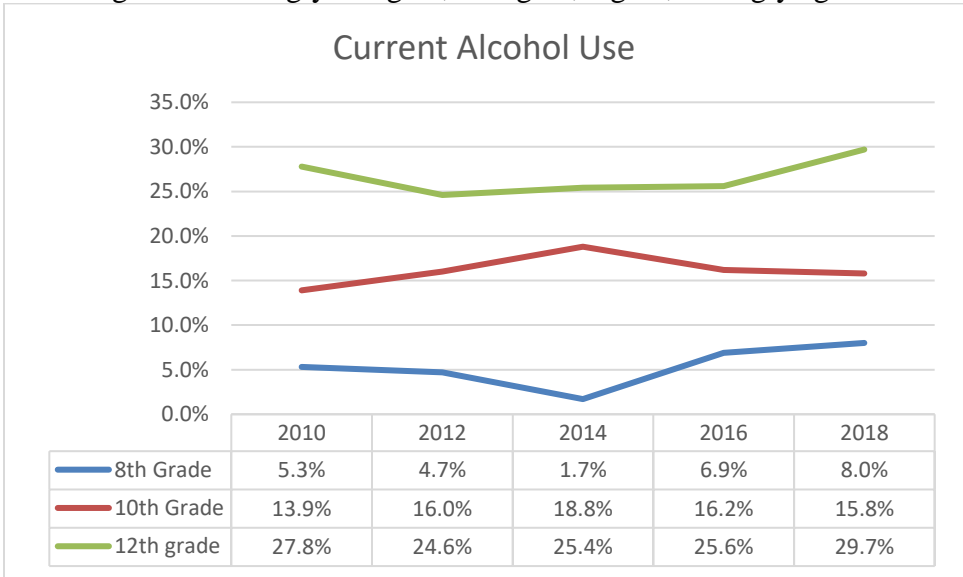
Percentage of Buffalo County students who reported that they considered attempting suicide in the past 12 months.



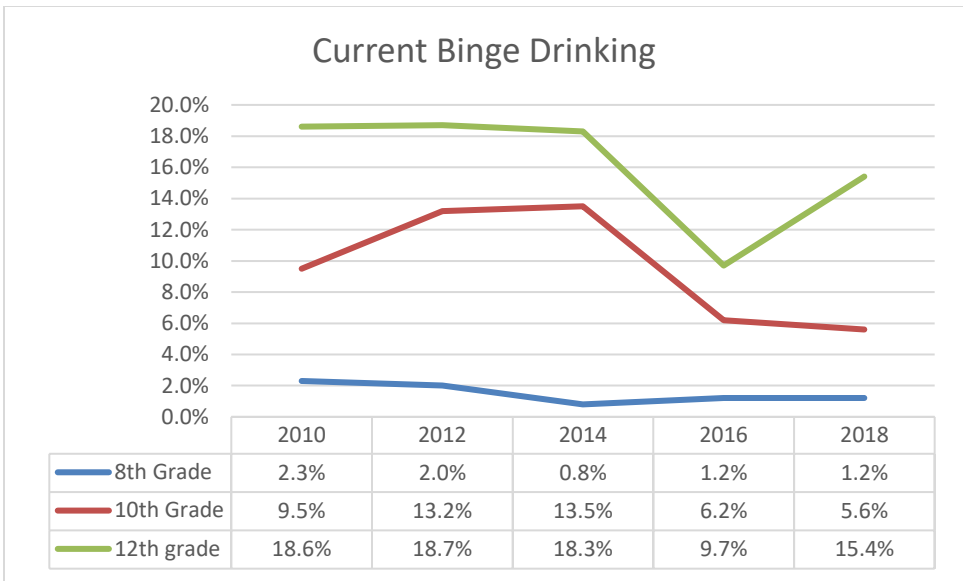
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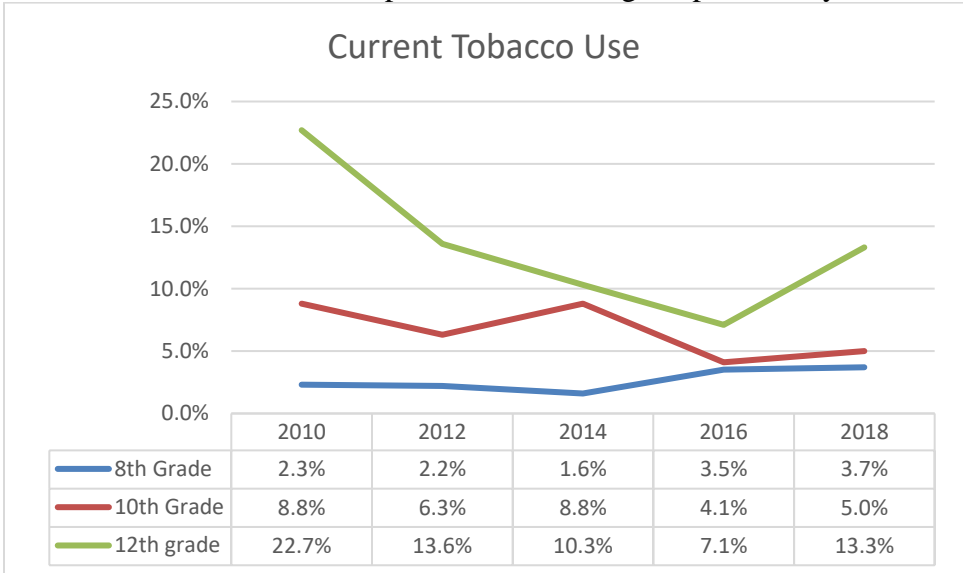
Percentage of Buffalo County students who reported they "Agree" or "Strongly agree" to the question "In the past week, I have felt hopeful about the future." Based on the following scale: Strongly disagree, Disagree, Agree, Strongly agree.



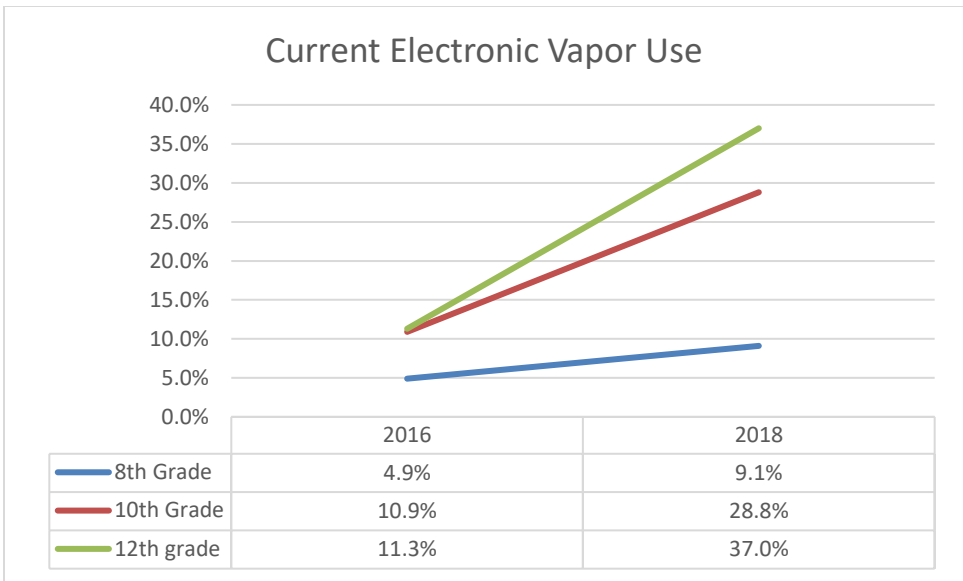
Percentage of Buffalo County students who reported using alcohol one or more times during the past 30 days.



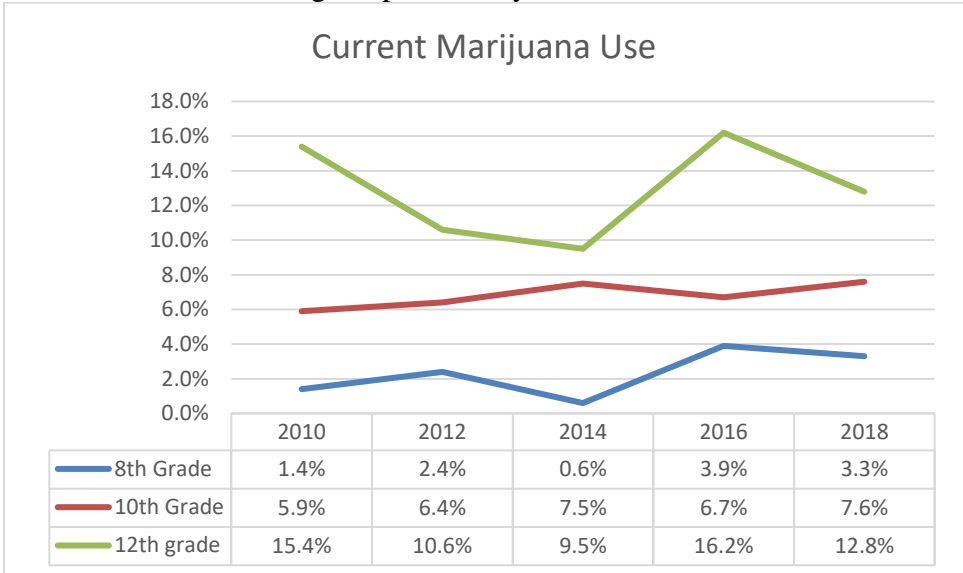
Percentage of Buffalo County students who reported having five or more drinks of alcohol in a row, within a couple of hours, during the past 30 days.



Percentage of Buffalo County students who reported using tobacco (includes cigarettes and smokeless tobacco) one or more times during the past 30 days.



Percentage of Buffalo County students who reported using an electronic vapor product one or more times during the past 30 days.



Percentage of Buffalo County students who reported using marijuana one or more times during the past 30 days.