



Probation Semi-Annual Report

January-June 2011

July-December 2011

Purpose of this Report:

This report was completed in compliance with Neb. Rev. Stat.

§ 29-2252.01 (Appended 2001).

On December 31 and June 30 of each year the administrator shall provide a report to the Department of Administrative Services and the Legislative Fiscal Analyst.

Note: In this report traditional probation is referred to as Community-Based Resources and ISP is referred to as Community-Based Intervention.

Mission Statement: We the leaders in community corrections, juvenile and restorative justice are unified in our dedication to delivering a system of seamless services which are founded on evidence-based practices and valued by Nebraska's communities, victims, offenders and courts. We create constructive change through rehabilitation, collaboration, and partnership in order to enhance safe communities.

Vision: Be a national recognized leader in the field of justice committed to excellence and safe communities.

Probation 2011: Through the Court for the Community

The year 2011 was a year of celebration for the Nebraska Probation System. While continuing to serve our courts and the citizens of this great State, the Administrative Office of Probation re-instated the formal swearing in of all probation officers. The first in a series of ceremonies was held in Lincoln, where a class of new probation officers were sworn in by Chief Justice Heavican. In October of 2011, all of the Chief Probation Officers were sworn in together by Judge John Icenogle. Following that event, Districts held individual ceremonies for existing officers to ensure that all received this distinguished honor.

The Nebraska Probation System is driven by a belief that introducing evidence-based policies and practices into the system will produce positive individual outcomes in addition to meeting our system's goals.

Our Goals:

- o Provide our courts effective sentencing and dispositional alternatives.
- o Reduce recidivism in both juvenile and criminal justice populations.
- o Provide for a more efficient and effective use of Probation's limited staff resources.
- o Support community-based programs and service initiatives to reduce prison overcrowding.

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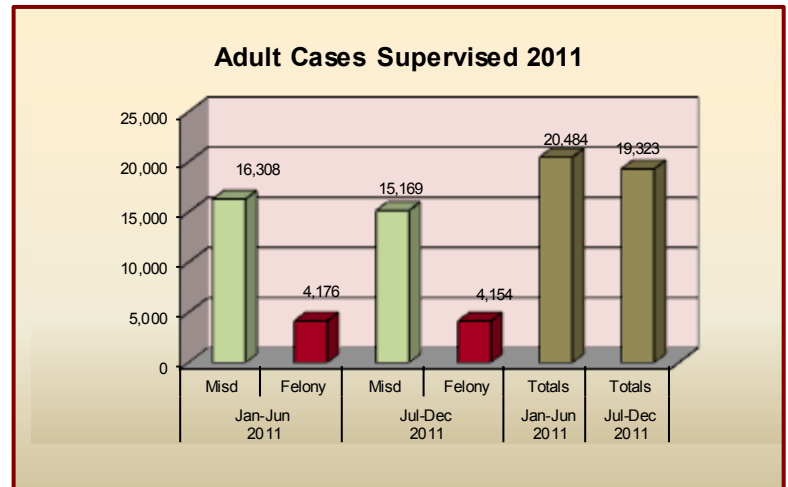
Adult Probation

The Probation System’s Adult Community Safety Impact Model encompasses a public safety approach to case management. Offenders are prioritized for assessment, supervision and treatment services according to their risk of re-offending. Approximately 23% of individuals on probation are supervised at the highest level, Community-Based Intervention (CBI). CBI is the supervision approach designed for offenders who are at a high risk of re-offending. It combines intensive supervision and treatment resources to maximize community safety.

Probationers supervised at the Community-Based Resources (CBR) level include approximately 67% of probationers. Services for the CBR level must be accessible while under community supervision for optimum success. Each CBR supervision level is guided by different responsive case management standards, each appropriate for optimal supervision of the probationer. The remaining 10% of probationers are in an administrative status (such as jails, absconds, warrants and transfers out-of-state) or are unclassified.

Probation Administration initiated a statewide evaluation of the supervision of domestic violence offenders in 2011. This information will be used to guide practices moving forward.

From January 2011 through June 2011,



approximately 20,000 adult probationers were supervised and, from July 2011 through December 2011, 19,400 probationers were supervised. In both time periods approximately 21% were for a felony offense and 79% were a misdemeanor offense.

During the Months from January through June, 73% of adult probationers were discharged successfully from probation.

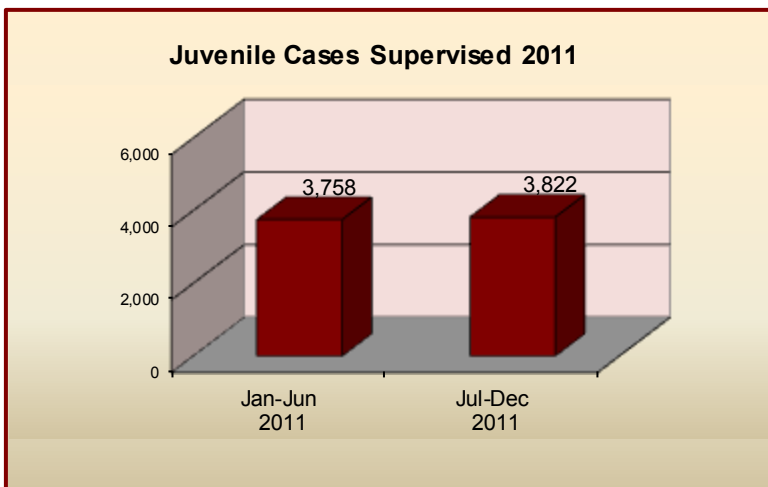
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During calendar year 2011, Probation served a total adult population of approximately 26,000 individuals.



Juveniles on Probation

Juveniles are prioritized for supervision and treatment services according to their risk of



continuing negative behaviors. Probation recognizes there are specific juvenile populations that require additional and unique approaches to community supervision. Approximately 26% of juveniles on probation are supervised at the Juvenile Community Based Intervention or highest level, 69% are supervised at the Juvenile Community Based Resources level, and 5% are administrative or unclassified cases.

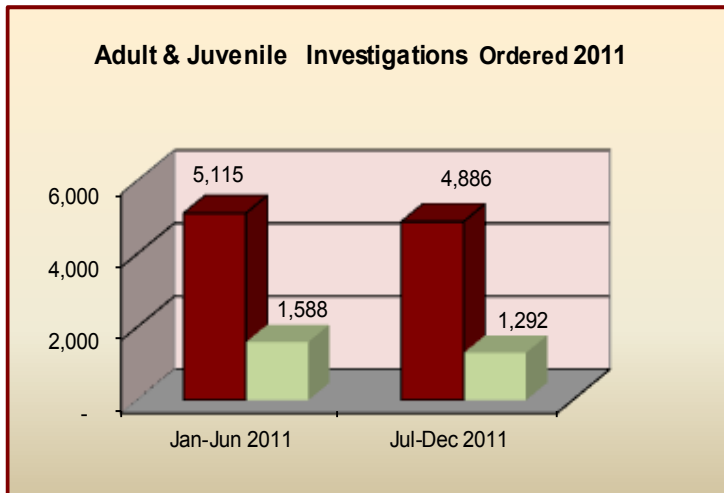
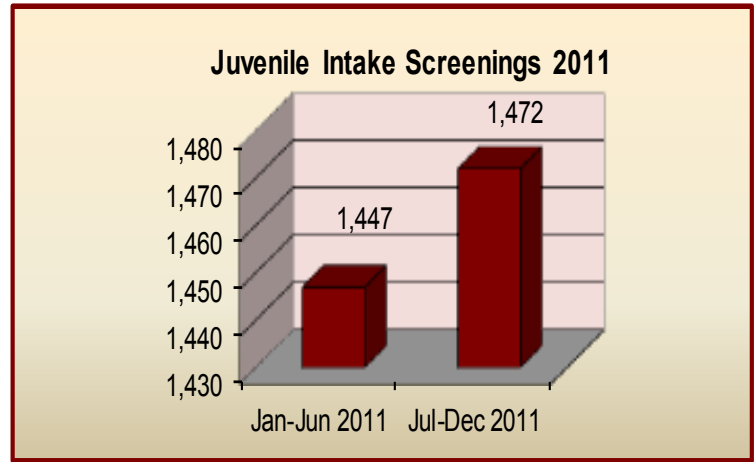
From January to June 2011, approximately 3,800 juveniles were supervised; from July to December 2011, approximately 3,800 were supervised.

During the Period from January through June 2011, 62% of Juveniles were discharged from probation Successfully. During the period from July through December 68% of Juveniles were discharged from probation successfully.

Juvenile Intake Interviews

A peace officer may retain temporary custody of a juvenile taken into temporary custody, pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statute 43-248 and 43-250. It is the responsibility of law enforcement to deliver youth to probation intake. Probation intake administers a standardized juvenile detention screening instrument to guide the intake decision. Additionally, legal warrants for juveniles pass through Probation’s intake process.

During the period January through June, 1,447 detention screenings were conducted, during the period July through December, 1,472 screenings were conducted.



Adult and Juvenile Investigations

The purpose of an investigation is to provide the court with timely, relevant, and accurate information about an adult or juvenile prior to the sentencing or disposition of a case. In 2011, Probation Administration completed a statewide evaluation of investigations completed on those individuals convicted of a domestic violence related offense. Information from this evaluation was used to guide training and future practices. The number of adult investigations ordered in the first half of 2011 was 5,115 and the number of juvenile investigations was 1,588; during the second half, 4,886 adult investigations and 1,292 juvenile investigations were ordered.

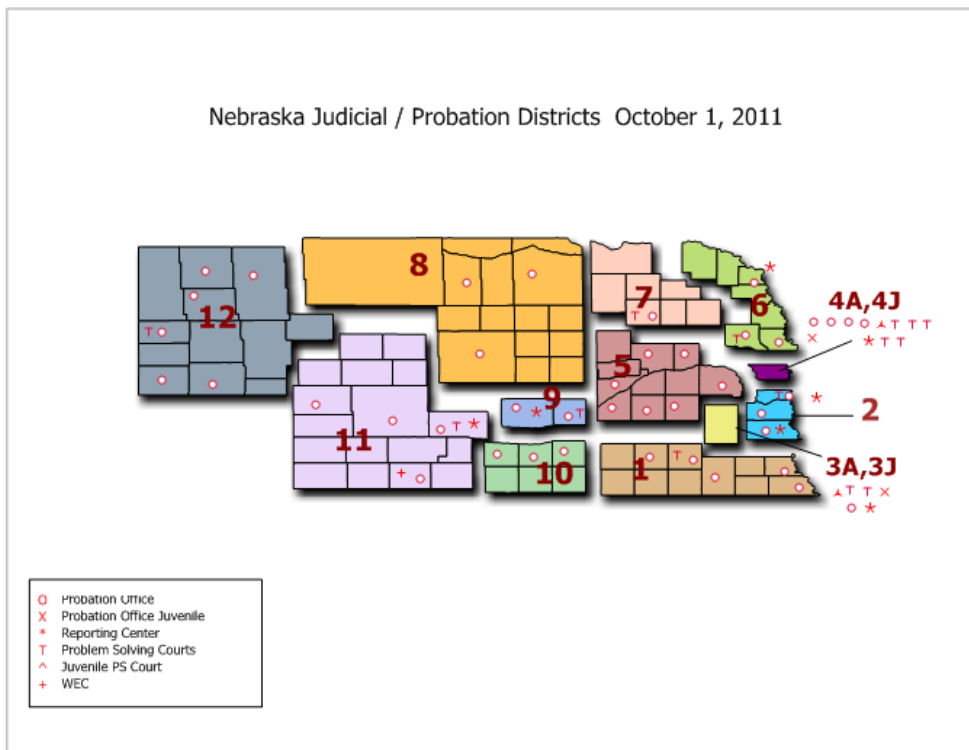
Probation Officer Caseload

There are probation officers supervising probationers in 14 judicial districts, serving all 93 counties in Nebraska. In the Probation System’s Community Safety Impact model, probationers are prioritized for supervision based on their risk to re-offend. An officer should have a caseload of 30 or less very-high-risk offenders, 50 or less high-risk, 200 or less medium-risk, 500 or less low-risk and 1,000 or less very-low-risk. The types of officers are: Blended Officer, at least 85% of duties are supervision of moderate/low-risk probationers and/or investigations;

Community-Based Intervention Officer, at least 85% of duties are supervision of high/very-high-risk probationers; Community-Based Intervention Specialized Officer, at least 85% of duties involves the supervision of a high/very-high risk specific offender group; Community-Based Resource Officer, at least 85% of their duties involves the supervision of a moderate-risk specific probationer group; and Investigation Officer, at least 85% of their duties involves the investigation and assessment of probationers.

Nebraska Supreme Court/Office of Probation Administration

NEBRASKA PROBATION SYSTEM



Specialized Probation Programs:

Adult

- Presentence Investigation/Risk & Needs Assessment Screening
- Community-Based Intensive Intervention
- Young Adult Court/Drug Courts
- Specialized Substance Abuse Supervision
- Day & Evening Reporting Centers
- Fee for Service Voucher
- Interstate Compact
- Work Ethic Camp
- Rural Improvement for Schooling & Employment (RISE)
- Strength-Based Case Management

Juvenile

- Juvenile Intake 24/7
- Predisposition Investigation/Risk & Needs Assessment Screening
- Community-Based Intervention
- Drug Courts
- Interstate Compact
- Victim Services
- Rural Improvement for Schooling & Employment (RISE)
- Strength-Based Case Management

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