

Probation Semi-Annual Report



January-June 2013

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 2013: Through the Court for the Community

The first half of 2013 signified the passage of Legislative Bill 561 (LB561). This passage required Nebraska's Probation System to begin skillful planning, scheduling, and cooperation with many local community and State partners to ensure successful juvenile justice system expansion. While continuing to serve our courts and the citizens of this great State, the Administrative Office of Probation carried out the planning for implementation of LB561.

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.

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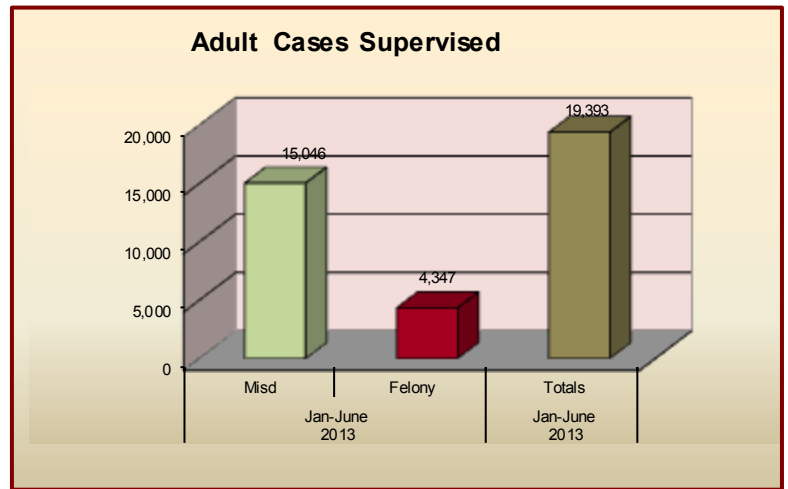
Our goals:

- 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.

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 26% 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 Resource (CBR) level include approximately 58% 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 16% of probationers are in an administrative status (such as jails, absconds, warrants and transfers out-of-state) or are unclassified.

From January 2013 through June 2013, approximately 19,400 adult probationers were supervised. During this period, 22% were for a



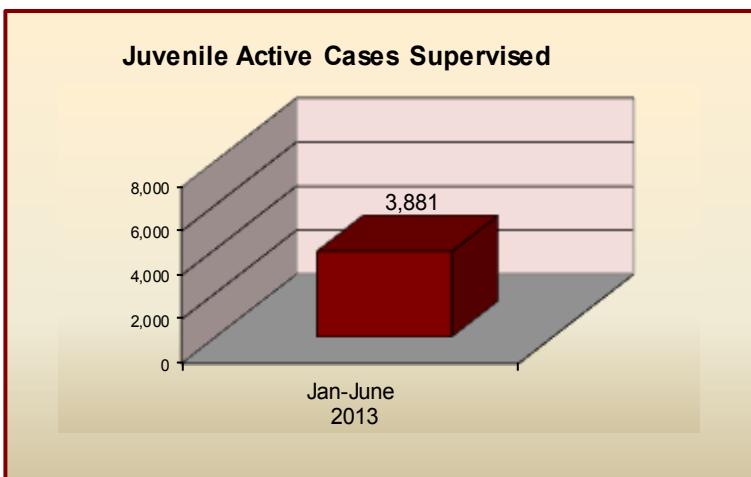
felony offense and 78% were a misdemeanor offense.

During the period of January to June 2013, 74% of adult probationers were discharged successfully from probation. During this period, Probation served a total adult population of approximately 19,000 individuals.



Juvenile Probation

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



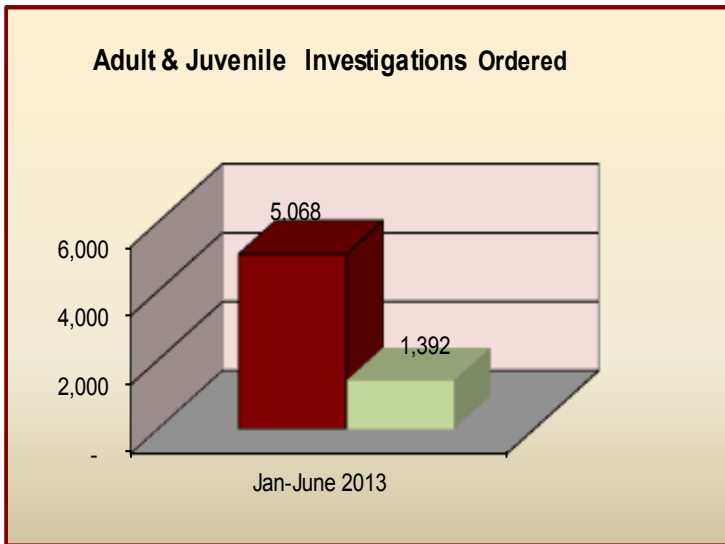
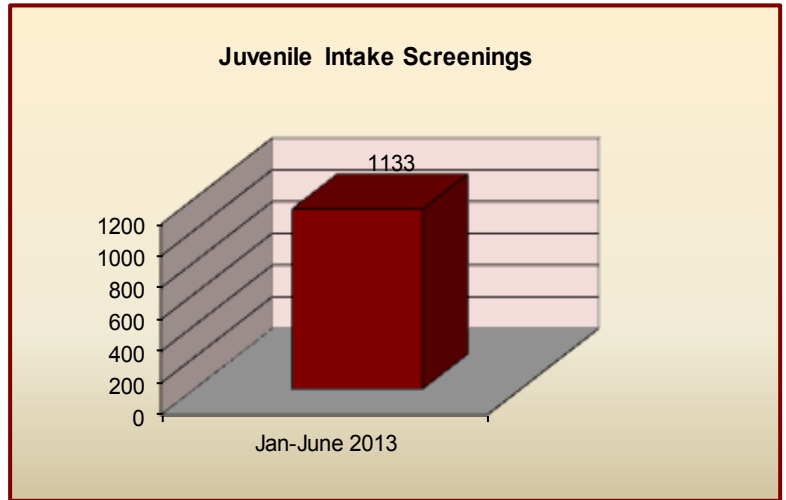
continuing negative behaviors. Probation recognizes there are specific juvenile populations that require additional and unique approaches to community supervision. Less than 1% of the juvenile population served is committed to the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers located in Kearney and Geneva. Approximately 33% of juveniles on probation are supervised at the Juvenile Community-Based Intervention or highest level, 62% are supervised at the Juvenile Community-Based Resource level, and 5% are Administrative or cases awaiting classification. From July to December 2013, over 3,800 were supervised.

During this half of 2013, 72% of Juveniles completed probation successfully.

Juvenile Intake Interviews

The Juvenile Intake process was enhanced in 2013 when Probation revised the Detention Screening Risk Assessment based on national best practices and philosophy of the Annie E. Casey Foundation’s vision, research, and success of surrounding detention reform.

During the period January through June 2013, a total of 1,133 total intakes were performed.



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 early 2013, Probation engaged in a project to evaluate the tool that is used to assess for specific risk as it relates to domestic violence. The outcome of this project supported the effectiveness of this tool for our purposes. In the period January through June 2013, the number of adult investigations ordered by the courts was 5,068 and the number of juvenile investigations completed was 1,392.



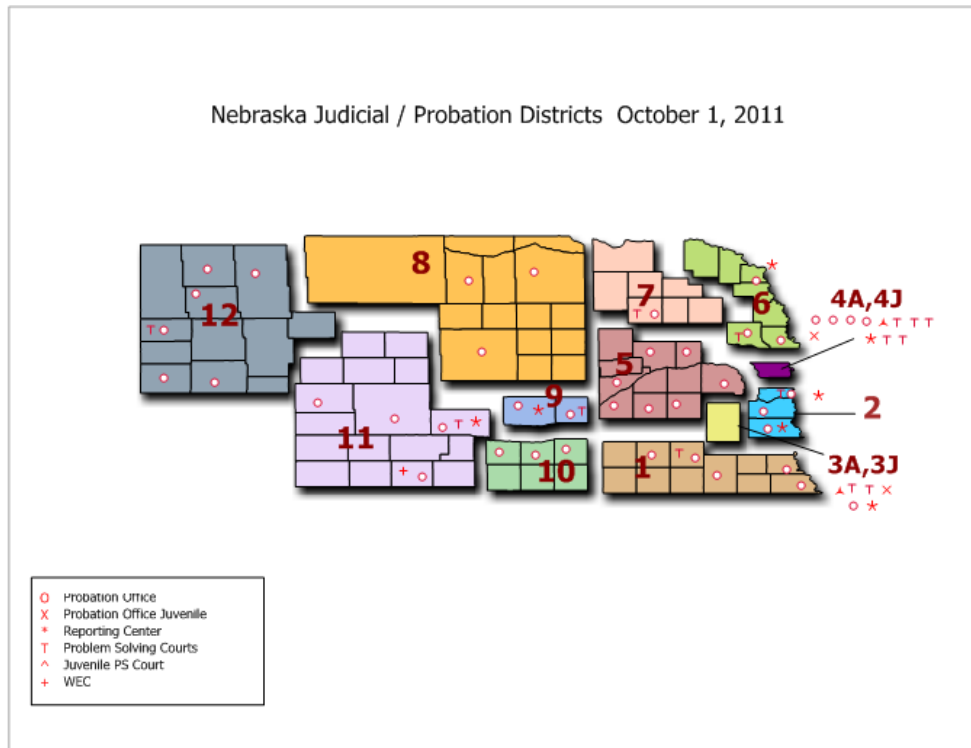
Probation Officer Caseload

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 involve the supervision of a high/very-high risk specific offender group; Community-Based Resource Officer, at least 85% of their duties involve the supervision of a moderate-risk specific probationer group; and Investigation Officer, at least 85% of their duties involve 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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