

Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice  
Diversion Subcommittee Report  
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Long Term Planning. The Diversion Subcommittee has been engaged in strategic planning to set goals for the committee itself as well as goals for Diversion throughout Nebraska. The Diversion Subcommittee met on December 7, 2017. Members of the committee conducted follow up meetings with Amy Hoffman and Cynthia Kennedy to help work out the goals and strategies that include but are not limited to:

- Promotion of networking opportunities to provide encouragement, facilitate discussion and exchange of ideas between diversion programs and stakeholders.
- Providing a Diversion Academy for current and new Diversion officers throughout the State to ensure that all Diversion programs have equal opportunities at training and education no matter their size or caseload.
- Making Diversion available in all counties.
- Educating county officials on the importance of Diversion programs, their successes and the value of Diversion to their communities.
- Developing handouts to be used at professional conferences such as the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) and the Nebraska County Attorney's Association conferences.
- Providing training and strategies to Diversion Programs about how to educate and advocate to county officials, state officials and the general public about their Diversion programs.
- Identify and educate state senators and legislative staff on the current use of Community Based Aid funds and the value of Diversion.
- Provide training to Diversion programs about why data collection is important and how it can be used at the local level to improve programs.
- Promote the proper use of screening and assessment tools to be in compliance with state statutes.
- Find resources to create a standardized Diversion intake tool that can be used statewide.
- Increase the diversity on the Diversion Subcommittee

The Diversion Subcommittee will continue to finalize these goals and strategies and will submit them to the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice.

Respectfully submitted,



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