

Data, Technology and Reporting (DTAR) Workgroup

Report to the Nebraska Children's Commission

March 15, 2016

Strategic Plan Goal: Utilize technological solutions to information exchange and ensure measured results across systems of care.

The DTAR workgroup has continued meeting to work on its stated goals in the Nebraska Children's Commission's 2015 Annual Report. The group's focus was to support ongoing quality improvement through data transparency and comparability by (a) endorsing the public release of the Nebraska Foster Care Profile and Hot Spot report produced by Chapin Hall, (b) recommending that Nebraska should increase the amount of juvenile justice data available to stakeholders and the public, and (c) supporting Nebraska's migration from the Children and Family Services Review (CFSR) Round 2 measures to the CFSR Round 3 measures (or closest proxies) as soon as possible. To support these goals, the DTAR workgroup recommends the following:

- 1. Increase the amount of juvenile justice data available to stakeholders and the public:**
 - a. The DTAR workgroup requests an update from the Data Mapping and Analysis Task Force of the Juvenile Services Committee when the Task Force has created a report regarding the data supporting a potential juvenile justice pilot project.** This group has been active following the Juvenile Services Committee's recommendation that the taskforce identify the information and data needed for the Committee to create recommendations regarding a pilot site for a regional facility and determine the type of youth to be served, the kinds of programs to be offered, and intake requirements.
 - b. The Nebraska Children's Commission should request that Probation provide a quarterly update regarding the measures it has identified as areas of focus.** The Commission currently receives regular updates from Probation which often include data measures. To facilitate a broad focus, the DTAR workgroup recommends that once a quarter the update from Probation have a data focus that will allow the Commission to identify trend lines in the outcomes monitored by Probation.
- 2. Support Nebraska's migration from the CFSR Round 2 measures to the CFSR Round 3 measures:**
 - a. The Nebraska Children's Commission should review the seven outcome measures of the CFSR Round 3 on a quarterly basis in order to support the Department of Health and Human Services in migrating to these measures, and provide for a clear and thorough analysis of progress on child welfare indicators.** The seven outcome indicators will serve as an opportunity for the Commission to support the Department as it moves to new CFSR standards, and to gain an understanding of the progress being made on these key child welfare indicators. The Department will provide the Commission with background, context, and education on these important measures, and in turn the Commission can support the Department in its work to meet and exceed the expectations for these outcomes. Following the initial presentation of these measures in March 2016, the

measures will be distributed to the DTAR Workgroup for their review and discussion before being presented to the Children's Commission on a quarterly basis.

3. **Utilize technological solutions to information exchange and ensure measured results across systems of care:**
 - a. **The DTAR workgroup requests an update from the Out-of-Home Data Pilot Advisory created by LB265 (2015) when it has made substantial progress on its Out-of-Home Data Pilot Project.** This group is engaged in important work regarding the creation of a data warehouse that would allow for information exchange between state agencies regarding children and juveniles in out-of-home care. The DTAR workgroup would receive information about this project and remain available for support if needed.

The DTAR workgroup intends to continue its work, with its next meeting in 4-6 months to obtain information from the DMA Task Force and the LB265 Group. DTAR will also remain in contact with the Department of Health and Human Services regarding the migration to CFSR Round 3 measures.