



## COMMUNITY-BASED JUVENILE SERVICES AID PROGRAMS



**NEARLY  
13K  
YOUTH**  
PARTICIPATED IN A  
CBA PROGRAM IN FY 2016-2017

The Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Division (CBA) is a program within the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice. The guiding statute requires that funds be used for programs and services that will divert juveniles from the juvenile justice system, impact and effectively treat juveniles within

the system, reduce the juvenile detention population, and assist juveniles in transitioning from out-of-home placements to in-home treatments.

In FY 2016-2017, a total of \$6,300,000 was distributed across 67 counties and 2 Indian tribes. Ten percent of funds are set aside for the development of a common data set and evaluation of the effectiveness of programs funded under the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program. The common data set is currently maintained by the Crime Commission. The goal of collecting data in a common dataset is to have comparable measures across the state and to help programs determine if they are effectively keeping youth out of the system.



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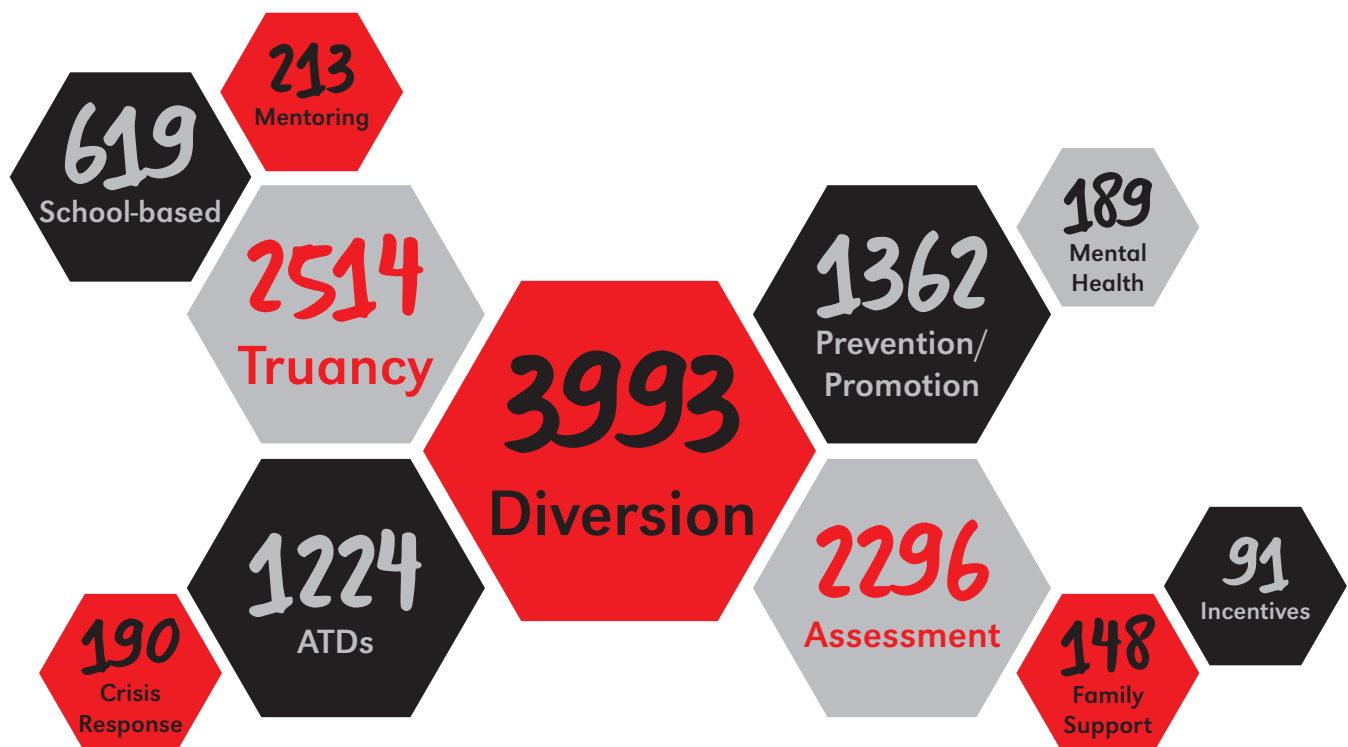
## WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE EFFECTIVE?

The Juvenile Justice Institute is statutorily charged with assessing the effectiveness of programs. In FY 2016-2017, **JJI worked with 263 programs across the state**, with the goal of helping each program better understand how they can work more effectively with the youth they serve. Using the statute as guidance, JJI is examining whether programs or services are effectively serving youth, diverting youth from ever entering the juvenile justice system, and implementing programs to reduce recidivism.

## COMMUNITY-BASED AID HIGHLIGHTS

- Almost **13,000 Nebraska youth**, in both rural and urban parts of the state, participated in a program receiving Community-based Aid funds.
- To date, a secure online common data system has been developed for **20 different types of juvenile justice programs**. Program staff have received training and ongoing technical support to promote data quality.
- JJI evaluated all programs receiving funds in FY 2015-2016 by measuring whether a youth who participated in a funded program had any future law violations after being discharged from that program. Overall, **at a 6 month follow-up, approximately 87.3% of youth did not have any subsequent contact with the system** for a status offense or legal violation.
- To date, JJI has conducted in-depth evaluations for several program types including Juvenile Diversion Programs, Truancy Diversion and Early Intervention Truancy Programs, and Alternatives to Detention Programs.
- For additional measures of effectiveness, JJI is currently surveying youth participating in Diversion and Electronic Monitoring Programs on their perceptions of the programs and other measures related to program success.

### TOTAL NUMBER OF YOUTH SERVED IN FY 2016-2017 BY PROGRAM TYPE



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