

Bridging the Gap Between Youth and Law Enforcement

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Nebraska

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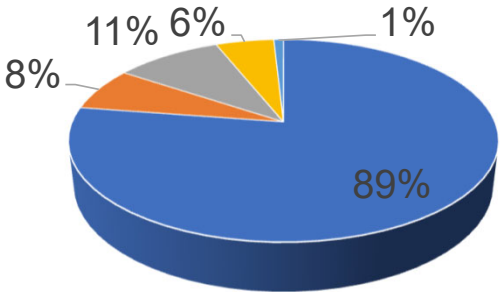
Lincoln, Nebraska

- 292,657 population
- 2.4% unemployment rate
- 79% of households have both parents in the workforce
- \$60,063 is the median income
- 56% home ownership
- 12.8% people in poverty



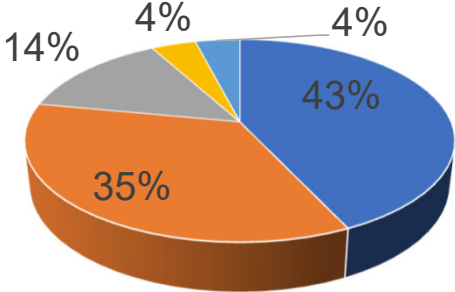
Brief Overview of Lincoln Youth (Ages 10-17) Demographics

Percent of Total Population by Race (30,537)



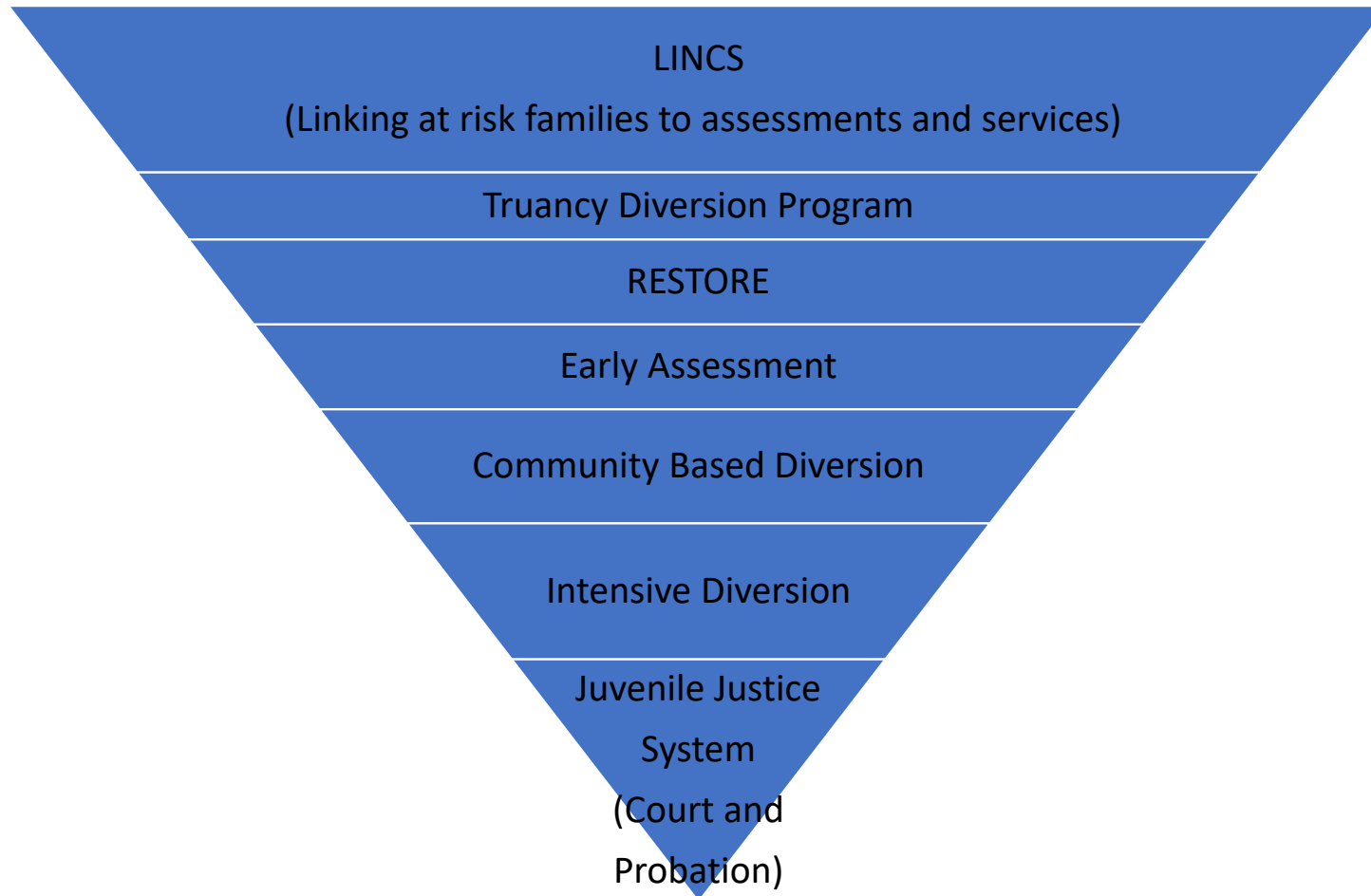
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Percent of Detention Population by Race (549)



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Lincoln/Lancaster County Tiered Diversion Approach



Mission

To create positive interactions between teens, their families and the Lincoln Police Department. These interactions work to create trust, respect and understanding between the police and community members.





Curriculum: Restores and builds relationships through activities that promote teamwork and critical conversations with participants. Youth guide the activities to empower them to build these relationships.

Discussion topics are chosen by the coordinator in collaboration with the officers.



Program Initiatives

- Crime Prevention & Violence Reduction
- Networking etiquette (Manners and social development training)
- Teamwork and cooperation (collaborative problem solving and planning training)
- Effective and appropriate communication (orator and language training)
- Domestic Abuse prevention (problem resolution and conduct training)
- Healthy lifestyle choices (health and wellness training)
- Diverse Perspectives (exposure to varying opinions and situational experiences)



Outcomes/Goals

- Productive Communication skills
- Cooperative Skills pertaining to teamwork in a professional setting
- Ethical Reasoning and decision-making skills
- Diverse Perspectives
- Paradigm shift on positive possibilities of their future opportunities and interactions





Building Relationships and Trust



Building Teamwork & Trust

Youth and police examine the meaning of teamwork through:

- Scavenger hunt
- Sharing a meal and conversation
- Small groups discuss the future of building trust with community and law enforcement





School Resource Officer

Assignment:

- Middle School and High Schools

Training:

- 686 hours of training (2021-2022)
 - Basic SRO training (NASRO)
 - Implicit Bias Training
 - Policing the Teen Brain (Strategies for Youth)
 - Active Shooter and Critical Incidents
 - Behavioral Health and Treatment Assessment
 - Mental Health Disorders
 - Cultural Awareness
 - Legal Updates
 - Use of Control and De-escalation
 - Lincoln Public Schools early training

Outcomes

- 85 Youth Successfully Participated Annually
- Pre & Post Measurements of Law Enforcement Perception
- Exit Surveys
 - Youth
 - Officers







Q&A

Thank You

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