

# Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice

## TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PLAN (10.27.2022)

### TTA Request Details

TTA360#: 16437

*Request Summary:* Our state advisory group is seeking assistance with developing a statewide juvenile justice plan. Some of the data has been collected and the plan has been started. The SAG is also seeking an in person retreat to develop the plan and have some training on RED.

*Previous Efforts:* There existed temporarily a contract with the Juvenile Justice Institute to evaluate the feasibility of NE becoming a participating state in Title II. The project included the development of the statewide plan. Some of the work has been started. The contract has been terminated and the SAG would like assistance from CCAS to continue with the development of statewide priorities and the plan.

*Goals and Outcomes:* The goals and outcomes would be to have a three-year plan with goals and priorities that will assist us in further our juvenile justice reform efforts and grant funding priorities. We would also like some guidance on addressing RED and evaluating the system points with RED issues.

### Points of Contact

- Crime Commission: Amy Hoffman
- Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice: Elaine Menzel
- Lancaster County: Sarah Hoyle
- Douglas County: Kim Hawekotte
- OJJDP State and Tribal Relations and Assistance Division Representative: Marisa Harris
- CCAS TTA Consultant: Cassy Blakely & Chelsea Newton
- CCAS Case Manager: Katherine Gross

### Training and Technical Assistance Goals and Deliverables

Goal 1: R/ED and Three-Year Planning with the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice (NCJJ)	
CCAS will develop and deliver a JJDP training and SAG 101 training. Training and facilitation will include a heavy focus on their R\ED data collection, current efforts, and opportunities for current and future NPS awards to partner with NCJJ. Lancaster County and Douglas County partners to be invited and Crime Commission representatives to attend.	<i>Deliverables:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NCJJ acquires a foundational knowledge of the JJDP and role of a State Advisory Group.</li><li>• NCJJ and partners receive training on OJJDP's R/ED plan requirements.</li><li>• NCJJ develops a 3-year plan for their work as a State Advisory Group, inclusive of opportunities to partner with Nebraska's non-participating Title II award grantees</li></ul>

<p><i>CCAS Content Expert:</i> Dr. Moises Prospero</p>	<p>(Lancaster and Douglas Counties) to reduce racial and ethnic disparities in Nebraska’s Juvenile Justice system.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A work group or groups are identified to explore the potential for Nebraska to fully participate in the JJDPA</li> </ul>
<p><b>Goal 2: 33-Requirement Check</b></p>	
<p>CCAS will complete a full check on Nebraska’s current ability to comply with the JJDPA’s 33 Requirements. This will include suggestions on how Nebraska leveraging existing statute, policy/procedure, or efforts; and, where new procedures or efforts would need to be identified or established to respond to the requirements. CCAS will build upon the efforts of Lancaster County’s prior consultant. CCAS will work with the Crime Commission, NCJJ’s executive committee, and (ideally) an NCJJ workgroup. Regular reports will be brought to each NCJJ quarterly meeting.</p>	<p><i>Deliverables</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nebraska will have a clear understanding of the state’s ability to respond the 33 requirements for eligibility with the Title II Formula Grant program.</li> <li>• NCJJ and the Crime Commission will have a plan for how to fill gap in eligibility prior to the FY2024 award cycle, should the state wish to pursue participation with the Title II Formula Grant program.</li> <li>• Regular updates on the committee’s work will be provided at each quarterly NCJJ meeting.</li> </ul>
<p><i>CCAS Content Expert:</i> Chelsea Newton</p>	
<p><b>Goal 3: Compliance</b></p>	
<p>CCAS will assist the Crime Commission and NCJJ in drafting a compliance manual that would adequately capture an effective system of monitoring. Through this process, selected representatives from the NCJJ and/or the Crime Commission would participate in a Compliance Monitoring Cohort program to be better equipped to assess the barriers and action steps needed for Nebraska to meet the monitor and maintain compliance with the JJDPA. This process would include working with identified individuals and/or NCJJ workgroup to identify (and potentially, establish) needed practices/plans/tools to do compliance monitoring/data collection.</p>	<p><i>Deliverables:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NCJJ and Crime Commission representatives complete Compliance Monitor 101 training.</li> <li>• An updated Nebraska Compliance Monitoring Manual is created.</li> <li>• Challenges to monitoring compliance are identified and solutions explored.</li> </ul>
<p><i>CCAS Content Expert:</i> Chelsea Newton and/or Ryan Shands</p>	
<p><b>Goal 4: Needs for Full JJDPA/Title II Formula Grant Participation</b></p>	
<p>Throughout the TTA, CCAS will capture barriers, strategies to overcome, and resources needed to participate, fully, in the JJDPA and Title II Formula Grant Program. As much as possible, CCAS will work with Nebraska and Connecticut simultaneously to leverage peer learning.</p>	<p><i>Deliverables:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crime Commission and NCJJ representatives engage in peer learning with Challenges to full participation with the JJDPA and Title II Formula Grant program are documented.</li> <li>• Support and resource needs are captured and shared with OJJDP.</li> <li>• NCJJ and the Crime Commission have all the necessary information to determine if full participation is possible and to pursue, if possible.</li> </ul>
<p><i>CCAS Content Expert:</i> Chelsea Newton</p>	

## Timeline

Month/Year	Key Activities
October 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Present plan to NCJJ and Crime Commission.</li> <li>Set date and plan for NCJJ Retreat.</li> </ul>
November 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CCAS conducts initial 33-Requirements review.</li> <li>Planning for NCJJ Retreat, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agenda and material development,</li> <li>Review of current R/ED efforts, and</li> <li>Logistics planning.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
December 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nebraska delegation attends OJJDP-STRAD National Training Conference and participates in Non-participating State Listening session at OJJDP STRAD Conference.</li> <li>Finalize logistics and review materials.</li> </ul>
January 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At January NCJJ Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore current status on 33-Requirements, review priority area themes, and select Three-Year Plan priorities.</li> <li>Initiate Compliance, Three-Year Plan, and R/ED data committees.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Begin Compliance Monitor cohort program.</li> <li>Begin peer sessions with Connecticut.</li> </ul>
February – April 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At March NCJJ Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>R/ED Strategic Planning</li> </ul> </li> <li>Complete Compliance Monitor cohort.</li> <li>Compile and present R/ED reflections/recommendations and Three-Year Plan to Crime Commission, NCJJ, and identified partners.</li> <li>Complete any follow-up R/ED support.</li> <li>Meet with workgroup, Crime Commission staff, and/or NCJJ representatives to work through gaps in 33-requirements.</li> <li>Continue peer sessions with Connecticut.</li> </ul>
May – August 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compliance Monitoring Manual development meetings with workgroup.</li> <li>Meet with workgroup, Crime Commission staff, and/or NCJJ representatives to work through gaps in 33-requirements.</li> <li>Continue peer sessions with Connecticut.</li> </ul>
September 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finalize all deliverables and compile into final report, inclusive of action steps for compliance data collection, strategies to close 33-requirement gaps, needed statutory and policy changes, leveraging future Title II non-participating state awards, R/ED efforts, and NCJJ Three-Year Plan.</li> </ul>

## Reflections on Past Work and Upcoming CCAS Efforts

- Process will be simplified, while leveraging the information collected.
- Need to complete a crosswalk of the current NCJJ membership and that is outlined in statute with the fillable OJJDP SAG Roster will identify where the NCJJ would need to change or grow. JJI crosswalk captures some points about aligning with Nebraska statute, but not how well the current NCJJ make-up meets the required membership.
- Statutes, policies, procedures, or other efforts to meet the all 33-requirements need to cover the full state, only certain counties. All 33-requirements will need to be outlined. JJI efforts capture some requirements. NCJJ members should be leveraged to access the needed information.

- The use of the Valid Court Order exception will require exploration. It appears this may be out of alignment with the amended JJDPA.
- It appears Section 223(a)11(B) will require exploration and possible training or statute/procedure change. CCAS has a number of resources that can help judges in understanding and ensuring compliance.
- The rural exception under Jail Removal may be necessary for Nebraska. JJI's note on the 6-hour rule is correct. It's 6 hours total, not before *and* after.
- Nebraska statute seems to set the state up for compliance with OJJDP's R/ED 3-step process and action planning. Essentially, capture and focus on specific challenges, locales, or data points to articulate a clear R/ED plan.
- The R/ED Survey and focus group provides some good information on efforts underway across the state. What data points are counties required to report on in their CBA plans? Are those collected in a consistent way and in line with the OJJDP mandated data points?
- The Committee Plan Priorities Matrix could be used to help answer some of the 33-requirements.
- Crime analysis provides a solid foundation for that component of a Title II application.
- We'd suggest starting from scratch on the Three-Year Plan, R/ED plan, and Compliance Monitoring. The 2012-2014 plan is too dated to be overly helpful. The 2022-2025 CBA plan is a better supporting document for planning.

### Questions

- Would you be interested in peer learning with Connecticut?
- Tell us a bit about the workgroup the Juvenile Justice Institute worked with for their review.
- Can you send the NCJJ statute that changed following Nebraska's decision to withdraw?
- Where is NCJJ in review of the community priorities and SWOT analysis to determination of plan priorities?