

January 7, 2026

Dear JSC and NCJJ members,

In 2017, the Nebraska Children's Commission - Juvenile Services Committee (JSC) and the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice (NCJJ) made the decision to combine meeting times to enhance collaboration, eliminate duplication, responsibly use resources, and to coordinate juvenile justice work across Nebraska. Leadership at this time proposed the merger due to duplication in membership, and to support the NCJJ since Nebraska had moved to a Title II non-participating state.

Since Nebraska is participating in Title II, and the Nebraska Crime Commission has resources to support the NCJJ, leadership of the JSC and NCJJ made the decision to decouple the meetings. There will be a final joint meeting on January 22, 2026, but beyond that, the meetings for the JSC and the NCJJ will be separate. There is a desire to provide opportunities for cross-commission information sharing, which will be discussed at the January meeting.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the chair or co-chairs of your committee.

Sincerely,



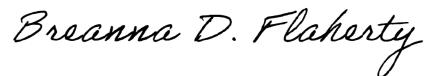
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