

LANCASTER COUNTY GRANT FORM

Submitted by: Sara Hoyle Today's date: October 22, 2018

1. Funding source: Department of Justice
2. Grant due date: October 25, 2018
3. Amount requested: \$216,187
4. Other sources of funding anticipated: N/A

| Funding Source | In-kind | Cash | Committed | Pending |
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5. Project Contact: Sara Hoyle
Phone Number: (402) 441-6868
6. Number of years grant will run if funded: 3
7. This grant is: New or Continuing
8. General purpose for grant: (2-3 sentences)
Provide training for juvenile prosecutors.
9. Attach a one page summary of grant.
10. Attach a one page budget of grant.

All grant funds will be used for training for juvenile prosecutors

Summary of Grant

Nebraska's juvenile justice system has experienced a significant reform during the last decade. This reform resulted in the juvenile code being significantly revised. There is not a unified understanding across the state concerning this reform or the research behind reform efforts. Additionally, there is currently no formalized training process to deliver necessary professional development for prosecutors practicing in juvenile courts.

The application is requesting funding to provide training that increases the understanding and knowledge base of all Nebraska prosecutors practicing in juvenile court on best practices in: (1) Pre-trial diversion; (2) Community supervision and resources; (3) Adolescent brain development; and (4) Addressing racial and ethnic disparities. Specifically, attorneys will be trained using the new curriculum developed through the National Juvenile Justice Prosecution Center that covers the following topics: assessing risk and needs of juvenile offenders; risk principle of reoffending; best practices in juvenile diversion; restorative justice practices; detention alternatives; community resources; family engagement; dual status youth; adolescent brain development; mental health needs of juveniles; impact of trauma in a youth's life; reducing racial and ethnic disparity; and implicit bias.

Through partnerships, these juvenile trainings will be incorporated into the Nebraska County Attorneys Association semiannual conferences. The Nebraska Bar Association will record trainings and make them available through webcast and on demand. Finally, the aforementioned curriculum and training will become a staple for professional development of juvenile prosecutors.

While funds are not requested for an evaluation, surveys will be completed of all participants in training to assist in gaining an understanding of knowledge attained by the participants as a result of the training.

Nebraska is moving in the right direction concerning juvenile justice reform. While legislation has been developed and many policies are being drafted to comply with legislation, without collective impact and belief in a system, change will not occur. Training and professional development is the catalyst to effectuate any type of understanding and movement to better our children's lives.