

Sarpy County Juvenile Justice Needs Assessment Study

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In September 2004, Sarpy County contracted with Chinn Planning, Inc. to conduct a Needs Assessment Study of the Juvenile Justice System. In order to update the Sarpy County Comprehensive Juvenile Services Plan, the County requested that the study evaluate programs and services of the Sarpy County Juvenile Justice System, and how they meet the needs of offenders and their families. This included an assessment of program and service trends, a cost benefit analysis; options for meeting secure detention capacity requirements, and development of overall system and service recommendations

The S.A.F.E. P.O.L.I.C.Y. Committee was established in 1991 to develop and review the County's Comprehensive Juvenile Services Plan. The same 30 member committee served as the Project Advisory Committee for the Needs Assessment Study.

As part of the study, a cost comparison of various juvenile justice services was developed. Low cost programs (community supervision programs) include probation, CARE, Diversion, and Day Reporting Center (which is proposed). The most costly services are staff secure and secure detention. The cost per youth served in the Drug Court is \$7,188, which includes program operations and treatment services.

COST COMPARISON Sarpy County Juvenile Services - 2003	
	FY03 COST
<u>Diversion Program</u>	
> 514 Youth Served	\$400 Per Youth Served
> \$204,573 Operating Cost	
<u>Probation (Statewide Average)</u>	
> Traditional Probation	\$360 Per Youth Served
> Intensive Probation	\$1,573 Youth Served
> 146 Average Monthly, Caseload	
<u>Drug Court¹</u>	
> 28 Youth Served in 2003	\$7,188 Per Youth Served
> \$201,280 Operating Cost (FY03)	
<u>CARE Program</u>	
> 46 Youth ADP (FY03)	\$20 Per Diem
> \$344,467 Operating Cost (FY03)	
<u>Sarpy County Juvenile Justice Center (FY03 Audit)</u>	
> FY03 ADP = 14	\$213 Per Diem
<u>Douglas County Youth Center</u>	
> FY05 Contract Amount	\$170 Per Diem
> FY03 ADP = 5.2	
<u>Day Reporting Center</u>	\$40 Per Diem
> Proposed	
Note: (1) Includes cost of treatment services.	

Source: Sarpy County Finance Department.