



# PROGRAM & PROJECT QUICK LOOK

## NEBRASKA JUDICIAL BRANCH

### REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

Rehabilitative Services supports the Administrative Office of the Courts & Probation's mission by providing access to behavioral health and supportive services through exceptional technical assistance, developing and maintaining a network of quality Registered Service Providers, defining service standards, and ensuring service fidelity while decreasing financial barriers for justice-involved adults, youth, and families.

#### ORIGIN & AUTHORIZATION:

- Nebraska Supreme Court Rule § 6-1301 (Standardized Model for the Delivery of Substance Use Services)
- Nebraska Revised Statute 29-2246 (Definitions for Nebraska Probation Administration Act)
- Nebraska Revised Statute 29-2252 (Duties of Probation Administrator)
- Nebraska Revised Statute 43-281 (Adjudication of jurisdiction; temporary placement for evaluation; restrictions on placement; copy of report or evaluation.)
- Nebraska Revised Statute 43-290 (Costs of care and treatment; payment; procedure)
- LB561 - 103rd Legislature (Change provisions and transfer responsibilities regarding the juvenile justice system)

#### PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

Nebraska Supreme Court Rule § 6-1301 created the Standardized Model for the Delivery of Substance Use Services and established guidelines for Probation's Registered Service Providers related to the evaluation and treatment of high-risk, substance-using individuals. Since 2006, the Administrative Office of the Courts & Probation has continued to expand its focus on Rehabilitative Services to encompass a spectrum of adult and juvenile behavioral health services for Probation, Problem-Solving Court, and Post-Release Supervision individuals. These services include mental health, substance use and co-occurring evaluations and treatment; non-clinical supportive services; criminogenic education and service requirements for Registered Service Providers; financial assistance for individuals and families otherwise unable to access needed services; and in-system training for probation officers statewide.

#### PRIORITIES:

##### **Reduce Recidivism**

- Connecting individuals to needed behavioral health treatment and supportive services addresses criminogenic risk and responsivity factors that reduce the risk of recidivism.
- Rehabilitative Services maintains current knowledge of evidence-based practices for effective treatment for justice-involved adults, youth and families and provides regular education and training to Officers and Registered Service Providers that promotes an understanding of the role treatment plays in resolving justice system involvement.

##### **Targeted Service Referral**

- Ensuring new probation officers receive extensive training in mental health and substance use disorders, evidence-based screening instruments, suicide prevention, trauma and resiliency to better understand how unmet behavioral health needs contribute to an individual's involvement with the justice system.
- Training Probation Officers on appropriate risk and responsivity approaches to services referrals to reduce criminogenic risk, demonstrate fiscal responsibility, and assisting individuals to access services and communicating with providers to coordinate care.

##### **Reduce Barriers to Service Access**

- The Nebraska Legislature allocates funds to Probation to provide financial assistance for youth and adults who otherwise would be unable to access/afford needed services.
- Rehabilitative Services works with a network of Registered Service Providers and a variety of system partners to identify service gaps, build new services, and promote service expansion.
- Rehabilitative Services supports the use of Telehealth and other technology to bridge service gaps and increase accessibility to services.

## Ensure Quality

- Rehabilitative Services manages a network of Registered Service Providers who commit to ongoing training to enhance knowledge of criminogenic risk factors.
- Registered Service Providers agree to follow Probation's service definitions and standards of practice, including using evidence-based practices, to provide the greatest opportunity to target services and ultimately reduce the risk of recidivism for youth and adults.
- District Probation Officers and Juvenile Justice Resource Supervisors provide front-line communication and quality assurance with Registered Service Providers; Rehabilitative Services staff ensure overall system quality and accuracy of all financial assistance provided.

## RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Rehabilitative Services in coordination with Administrative Office of the Courts & Probation's Information Technology Division implemented a new information management system for the registration of providers and provision of voucher payments in January of 2023.
- Rehabilitative Services maintains service definitions and administers financial assistance for a wide variety of adult and juvenile services including evaluation, treatment and non-treatment services including out of home placement options for youth.
- The Judicial Branch hosted the 2022 Justice and Behavioral Health Conference, A Shared Vision with Problem Solving Courts. The conference was attended by over 900 justice professionals including probation, community corrections and behavioral health with workshops covering Working Within Multi-Disciplinary Teams, Substance Use and Mental Health Treatment, Emerging Drug Trends, Individualized Programming, Due Process, and Equity and Inclusion.

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## REFERENCES:

[Nebraska Supreme Court Website](#)

[Standardized Model for the Delivery of Substance Use Services](#)

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