

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA

RESOLUTION RATIFYING CHAIRMAN'S ACTION IN SIGNING APPLICATION, CERTIFICATIONS, AND ASSURANCES ASSOCIATED WITH THE SARPY COUNTY PRETRIAL JUVENILE ASSESSMENT CENTER GRANT

WHEREAS, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-104(6) (Reissue 2007), the County has the power to do all acts in relation to the concerns of the County necessary to the exercise of its corporate powers; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-103 (Reissue 2007), the powers of the County as a body are exercised by the County Board; and,

WHEREAS, a Crime Commission Grant for the Sarpy County Pretrial Juvenile Assessment Center is available to Sarpy County; and,

WHEREAS, the grant application must be submitted to the Nebraska Crime Commission along with certain certifications and assurances by January 8, 2010.

WHEREAS, Sarpy County is committed to and supports the grant application for the Sarpy County Pretrial Juvenile Assessment Center; and;

WHEREAS, the Sarpy County Board of Commissioners gave permission to Carrie Davis-Sedlacek, Sarpy County Grant Coordinator, to write the Sarpy County Pretrial Juvenile Assessment Center grant on December 15, 2009, and;

WHEREAS, the Sarpy County Board of Commissioners Chairman signed the attached grant application, County Board letter of support, certifications, and assurances on January 8, 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Sarpy County Board of Commissioners that the action of the Board Chairman in signing the attached application, County Board letter of support, certifications, and assurances is hereby ratified.

DATED this 12th day of January, 2010.

MOVED by Tom Richards, seconded by Pat Thomas, that the above Resolution be adopted. Carried.

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NAYS:
none

ABSENT:
none

ABSTAIN:
none

Attest:

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Approved as to form:

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County Clerk

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County Attorney

**NEBRASKA CRIME COMMISSION
2009 FEDERAL TITLE II & 2010 STATE JUVENILE SERVICES
APPLICATION**

SECTION I. APPLICANT INFORMATION

1. Applicant Name: (Agency/Organization) The applicant <u>must</u> be the agency that will receive and disburse the grant funds.	Name: Sarpy County Attorney's Office	Telephone (402)593-2230 Fax (402)593-4359
2. Federal Employer ID # of Applicant:	47-600-6504	The Federal Identification Number must be the nine digit number of the applicant
3. Address:	1210 Golden Gate Drive Papillion, NE. 68046-2800 (Include last four digits of zip code)	
4. Project Title: Sarpy County Juvenile Reporting Center		
5. Project Director: (Receives all grant correspondence)	Name: Carrie Davis-Sedlacek Title: Grant Coordinator Email: carrie@sarpy.com	Telephone(402)593-1565 Fax (402)593-4304
	Address: 1210 Golden Gate Drive, Papillion, NE. 68046-2800 (Include last four digits of zip code)	
6. Project Coordinator: (Contact Person)	Name: Jean Brazda Title: Executive Director Email: jbrazda@sarpy.com	Telephone(402)593-2207 Fax (402)593-2212
	Address: 1257 Golden Gate Drive, Suite 11W Papillion, NE 68046-3033 (Include last four digits of zip code)	
7. Fiscal Officer: (Cannot be the Project Director)	Name: Brian Hanson Title: Fiscal Administrator Email: bhanson@sarpy.com	Telephone(402)593-2349 Fax (402)593-4304
	Address: 1210 Golden Gate Drive Papillion, NE. 68046-2800 (Include last four digits of zip code)	
8. Authorized Official: (NOTE: The authorized official includes county board chair, mayor, city administrator, state agency director, chair or vice-chair of non-profit agency.)	Name: Joni Jones Title: Chair, Board of Commissioners Email: jjones@sarpy.com	Telephone(402)593-4155 Fax (402)593-5781
	Address: 1210 Golden Gate Drive Papillion, NE. 68046-2800 (Include last four digits of zip code)	

9. Proposed Project Period: From: July 1, 2010

To: June 30, 2011

10. Check which grant program your project best fits:

Title II (JJ)

Juvenile Services (JS)

11. Is the proposed program a model or best-practice program? Yes No

Is the proposed program listed on OJJDP Model Programs Guide? Yes No

Link to website: <http://www2.dsgonline.com/mpg/>

Prevention Yes No

Immediate Sanctions Yes No

Intermediate Sanctions Yes No

Residential Yes No

Reentry Yes No

If yes, program name and source (agency which promotes program):

12. Impact:

Demographic: List the area served by the project (i.e. counties, cities, neighborhoods, etc.)

Service: List the number of youth, ages 10-17, projected to be served by the project.

Sarpy County, including the cities of Bellevue, La Vista, Papillion, Springfield, and Gretna. May include youth from Douglas County and other counties who are cited in Sarpy County.

The Center anticipates serving 230 juveniles during the project period.

13. Previous 5-Year Crime Commission Funding for This Project:

Grant #: 05-JJ-08

Amount: \$43,444

Grant #: 06-JJ-15

Amount: \$43,444

Grant #: 07-JJ-14

Amount: \$43,444

11. Area(s) Served by Project:
(Statewide, Counties, Cities)

Sarpy County, including the cities of Bellevue, La Vista, Papillion, Springfield, and Gretna. May include youth from Douglas County and other counties who are cited in Sarpy County.

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Grant #: 08-JJ-07	Amount: \$21,722	Sarpy County, including the cities of Bellevue, La Vista, Papillion, Springfield, and Gretna. May include youth from Douglas County and other counties who are cited in Sarpy County.
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14. Type of Agency: <input type="checkbox"/> State Agency <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unit of Local Government <input type="checkbox"/> Private Non-Profit <input type="checkbox"/> Native American Tribe or Organization <input type="checkbox"/> Technology <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	15. If Awarded, These Funds Will: <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Service/Activity <input type="checkbox"/> Enhance Existing Program <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continue Existing Program <input type="checkbox"/> Technology <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
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16. Is the amount of funds requested following the step down policy? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If no, clearly justify the need for the Crime Commission to waive the step down policy for this project.

17. Community Plan:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	Our community has an approved current Three Year Comprehensive Juvenile Services Plan on file with the Nebraska Crime Commission.
List begin and end date of plan: 2009-2011				

18. Community Team Information: Provide information for the group responsible for developing the Comprehensive Juvenile Services Plan. Do not provide a list of members.	
Committee Name: SAFE Committee	
Number of Members: 20	
Meeting Schedule (i.e. monthly, quarterly): Quarterly	
List the agencies/groups represented on the committee: Bellevue Public Schools, Papillion-La Vista Public Schools, Gretna Public Schools, South Sarpy District 46 Public Schools, Bellevue Police Department, Papillion Police Department, La Vista Police Department, Sarpy County Sheriff's Office, Sarpy County Juvenile Justice Center, Sarpy County Diversion Services, District 5 Probation, Sarpy County Juvenile Court, Sarpy County Attorney, Sarpy County Public Defender, Sarpy/Cass Department of Health and Wellness, Sarpy County Community Service, Sarpy County Board of Commissioners.	
Committee Chair Name: Curtis Rainge	Address: 1210 Golden Gate Drive Papillion, NE. 68046
Phone Number: 402-593-4366	Email: crainge@sarpy.com

SECTION II. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Applicant Name: Sarpy County Attorney's Office

Agency Responsible for Delivery of Services: Sarpy County Pretrial Juvenile Assessment Center

Funds Requested: \$10,861

Matching Funds: \$10,861

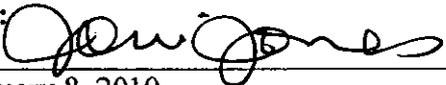
The problem to be addressed by this proposed grant application is: not all juvenile offenders are assessed in a timely manner which causes them to be placed into inappropriate levels of care significantly delaying effective service provision. Priority Two of the 2009-2011 Sarpy County Comprehensive Juvenile Services Plan states, "As part of this priority, Sarpy County will focus on the continuation of existing programs as well as enhancement. Efforts to continue programs will include securing funding that enables them to operate at their current level of service". This grant request will enable the Pretrial Juvenile Assessment Center to continue operations.

The Sarpy County Pretrial Juvenile Assessment Center functions as a entry into the juvenile justice system; it provides immediate and comprehensive assessment which gives the County Attorney's Office a reliable, objective means to determine whether to file charges, send the youth to Diversion, or dismiss the case. The goal of the PJAC is to provide comprehensive assessment services to all juvenile offenders and their families referred to the Center by the County Attorney's Office. Through the assessment process the Center will gather information to assist the Juvenile Intake/Teen Court Programs with developing individualized contracts with juvenile offenders. These contracts could include programming such as attending Young Men's Group (creating positive self esteem), Young Women's Group (empowerment), Class Action (responding to moral and ethical dilemma of alcohol/drug consumption), Drug and Alcohol Education, Victim Impact Panel and Shoplifting Education. The Center will assist the Diversion Program in holding the offender responsible for their actions. The Center will work with the juvenile justice system to provide the individual with consequences based upon restorative principles and to assist them in comprehending and accepting the consequences of the criminal behavior.

SECTION III. BUDGET SUMMARY

Category	Requested Amount	Match Share	Total Project Cost
A. Personnel	\$10,861	\$10,861	\$21,722
B. Consultants/Contracts			
C. Travel			
D. Supplies/ Operating Expenses			
E. Equipment			
F. Other Costs			
TOTAL AMOUNT	\$10,861	\$10,861	\$21,722
% Contribution	50%	50%	100%

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify the information in this application is accurate and, as the Authorized Official for the project, hereby agree to comply with all provisions of the grant program and all other applicable state and federal laws.

Name of Authorized Official: Joni Jones
Title: Chair, Sarpy County Board of Commissioners
Address: 1210 Golden Gate Drive
City, State, Zip+4: Papillion, NE. 68046-2800
Telephone: 402-593-4155
Signature: 
Date: January 8, 2010

NOTE: The authorized official includes county board chair, mayor, city administrator, state agency director, chair or vice-chair of non-profit agency.)

Category A - Personnel

Position	Annual Salary	% Time Devoted	Amount Requested	Match	Subtotal	Requested Fringe	Match Fringe	TOTAL COSTS
FT Juvenile Assessment Officer	\$32,159	100%	\$7,868	\$10,861	\$18,729	\$2,993	\$0	\$21,722
PERSONNEL TOTAL			Amount Requested	Match	Subtotal	Fringe Requested	Fringe Match	TOTAL COSTS
			\$7,868	\$10,861	\$18,729	\$2,993	\$0	\$21,722

CATEGORY A – PERSONNEL NARRATIVE:

Funding is being requested for one full time Juvenile Assessment Officer Position to provide comprehensive risk and needs assessments to youth offender's ages 8-18 cited with offenses in Sarpy County.

1. This position funds a FTE Juvenile Assessment Officer at \$32,159 (\$15.461 X 2080 hours) + \$12,235 for benefits (social security \$2,460; health insurance \$6,972; dental insurance \$419; life insurance \$59; long term disability \$154; and retirement \$2,171) = \$44,394. This position provides direct service to juvenile offenders ages 12-18 through comprehensive risk and assessment intakes of youth and their families. The position will submit testing results and written recommendations to the Sarpy County Attorney's Office. This position will be housed at the Juvenile Intake Diversion Office and will complete assessments M-F from 8:00 – 5:00. The Center is requesting \$10,861 to fund \$7,868 for the salary and \$2,993 for the benefits for this position. \$10,861 of the salary for this position will be used as match and will be provided by the Sarpy County General Budget.
- **The total request for personnel is \$10,861. An additional \$10,861 will be provided as match from the Sarpy County General Budget.**

SECTION IV. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

A.

Gender, Race & Ethnicity	Total Population of Grant Area		Total Juvenile Population of Grant Area	
	Number	% of total #	Number	% of total #
Male	60,919	49.7%	19,928	51%
Female	61,676	50.3%	19,166	49%
White	109,335	89.2%	35,700	91%
Black	5,340	4.4%	2,224	6%
American Indian and Alaska Native	515	0.4%	190	0.5%
Asian	2,331	1.9%	980	3%
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	108	0.1%	NA*	NA*
Other	2,275	1.9%	NA*	NA*
Total	122,595	100%	39,094	100%
Hispanic or Latino	5,358	4.4%	2,821	7%
Not Hispanic or Latino	117,237	95.6%	36,273	93%
Total	122,595	100%	39,094	100%

Cities, Counties, Towns included above: Sarpy County

Source of data: U.S. Census website & OJJDP website

*This data was not available (NA) from the U.S. Census website or the OJJDP website for the most recent year.

B. Sarpy County is a unique county where Nebraska's origins began. Located in the southeast area of Nebraska, Sarpy County is directly adjacent to the greater Omaha metropolitan area to the north. Sarpy County is composed of a rural population in the Gretna and Springfield area to the west, Offutt Air Force Base to the southeast, the cities of Papillion and LaVista in the center, and the rapidly growing city of Bellevue to the east.

The Department of Health and Human Services, the Sarpy County Juvenile Probation Office, the Sarpy County Juvenile Court System, the Sarpy County Juvenile Diversion program, the Sarpy County Drug Court, the Office of Juvenile Services, and the Staff Secure Hold Over work together to ensure that juvenile offenders are properly evaluated when they enter the Sarpy County Juvenile Justice System. The agencies provide youth involved in the juvenile justice system access to quality, thorough assessments and substance abuse treatment. Eligible youth involved in the juvenile justice system receive assessment screening that includes, but are not limited to risk assessment screening, medical/mental health screen, family history, and academic profile. When appropriate, court ordered evaluations may include, but are not limited to, a thorough psychological, and in some cases a psychiatric, profile report.

C. At the time of submission for this grant, DMC data from 2008 and 2009 was not available to Sarpy County. However, according to DMC data from 2007, a DMC concern for Sarpy County exists in the higher incidence of arrests of Black, Hispanic, and Asian youth.

D. In the past, the County collaborated on a grant request with Douglas and Lancaster Counties to hire a DMC Coordinator to assess DMC issues in Sarpy County and begin planning to mitigate those issues. Unfortunately the request was not approved and Sarpy County has not taken any formal steps to address DMC issues.

E.

Relative Rate Index Compared with White Juveniles							
				Reporting Period 1/1/2007 through 12/31/2007			
State : Nebraska							
County : Sarpy							
	Black or African- American	Hispanic or Latino	Asian	Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islanders	American Indian or Alaska Native	Other/ Mixed	All Minorities
2. Juvenile Arrests	3.04	1.78	0.32	*	*	*	2.00
3. Refer to Juvenile Court	**	**	**	*	*	*	1.26
4. Cases Diverted	**	**	**	*	*	*	**
5. Cases Involving Secure Detention	**	**	**	*	*	*	**
6. Cases Petitioned	--	--	--	*	*	*	--
7. Cases Resulting in Delinquent Findings	**	**	**	*	*	*	**
8. Cases resulting in Probation Placement	**	--	--	*	*	*	**
9. Cases Resulting in Confinement in Secure Juvenile Correctional Facilities	**	--	--	*	*	*	--
10. Cases Transferred to Adult Court	--	--	--	*	*	*	**
Group meets 1% threshold?	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	

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According to the data above, a DMC issue exists at the point of arrest; the Pretrial Juvenile Assessment Center will not make an impact at that contact point.

SECTION V. PROBLEM STATEMENT

- 1. Problem Statement:** The problem to be addressed by this proposed grant application is: not all juvenile offenders are assessed in a timely manner which causes them to be placed into inappropriate levels of care significantly delaying effective service provision.
- 2. Description of the Problem:** Sarpy County is the fastest growing county in Nebraska. Approximately one-third of the total population in the County is made up of juveniles between the ages of 0-17. The juvenile population in Sarpy County is projected to grow by 2% per year through 2020. This rapid increase in population has placed a strain on the current juvenile justice system's ability to keep up with the demand for services and to provide the necessary services youth need.

An increase in the juvenile population of Sarpy County, combined with unlimited and unstructured time after school, on weekends, and in the summer, has factored into the increase of crime in the County. The results of youth participating in risky behavior such as substance abuse, gang activity, assaults, and other criminal mischief has also contributed to youth involvement in the juvenile justice system.

By the time a youth is sent to detention, he or she has usually committed multiple law offenses. Initial encounters with law enforcement often begin with status offenses such as running away, truancy, or minor in possession of alcohol, tobacco or other drugs, and escalate to violations that are more serious.

The types of crimes committed by juveniles in Sarpy County are changing and so must the juvenile justice system. In the past year alone the Juvenile Court has heard a 1st degree sexual assault, multiple cases involving 3rd degree sexual assault, 3rd degree assault, terroristic threats, 3rd degree arson, use of a weapon and cases involving felony burglary.

Research continues to show that children who are victims of violent crimes or witness violence in their homes are more likely to become involved in the juvenile/criminal justice system at some point in their lives. In addition to the changes in the types of cases in the juvenile court system, the adult criminal system has experienced changes in the number of families that are being served as well. From 2006 to 2008 there was a 60% increase in the number of child sexual abuse cases the Sarpy County Victim Witness Unit assisted with. There was also a 27% increase from 2006 to 2008 in the number of children (ages 0-17) the Unit served. The Unit provided 452 people with protection order information and assistance.

There has been a continuous population of juvenile offenders charged with drug and alcohol violations within the county, which significantly influences juvenile crime. Between July 1, 2009 and December 31, 2009 (1,261) were referred to the Juvenile Diversion Program. A total of 833 (66%) were referred for minor in possession of alcohol, 24% (298) for possession of marijuana, and 108 (8%) for paraphernalia. From July 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009 a total of 22 youth referred to the Diversion Program had received citations for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

From January 1, 2009 until December 31, 2009 a total of 557 youth participating in the Juvenile Diversion Program were tested for alcohol and illegal drugs. Of those participating in Random Drug/Alcohol Testing 90% (504) passed their tests and was able to remain abstinent from the use of

drugs and alcohol. A total of 12% (65) failed their tests and were subsequently sent to substance abuse treatment or were referred to the Sarpy County Attorney's Office for court action.

Assessment is most critical at a youth's earliest point of contact with the juvenile justice system. Prior to the implementation of the PJAC only juvenile offenders who were detained at the Sarpy County Juvenile Justice Center or who were in court proceedings receive assessment. This led to a significant delay in the systems ability to appropriately identify and respond to the youth's risks and needs and the risks/needs of juvenile offenders were not identified on the front end of the system. Youth who commit status offenses did not receive complete assessments and all juvenile justice agencies were using their own risk/needs assessment tools. In addition there was no comprehensive, uniform assessment process in place and none of the completed assessments followed the youth through each point of the juvenile justice system.

Early assessment identifies youth who are at risk for entering the juvenile justice system due to mental health and/or substance abuse issues. It also assists in determining those who pose a threat to themselves or the community, as well as those who can be placed in a community-based or staff secure program or who need secure detention. Early assessment are also be used to identify youth who are appropriate to be diverted from the formal court process.

Statistical documentation of the problem:

	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	% Of Change from 2006 to 2008
Total juvenile population between the ages of 0-18 in Sarpy County	39,094	39,094	39,094	39,094	0%
Total population of Juvenile offenders involved in the Sarpy County Juvenile Justice System	2,314	2,304	█	█	█
Number of juveniles referred to Diversion	692	617	614	256	-13%
Number of juveniles referred for assessment	119	119	163	36	+27%
Number of juveniles completing the assessment process	119	207	162	36	+27%
Number of juveniles entering Diversion	542	483	411	175	-32%
Number of juveniles successfully completing Diversion	329	353	383	151	+14%
Number of juveniles unsuccessfully completing Diversion	274	287	346	121	+21%
Number of juveniles detained at the Sarpy County Juvenile Justice Center (JJC)	490	806	899	973	+49%
Total number of days served by youth at the JJC	6,202	6,260	8,696	7,687	+29%

Number of juveniles involved in the CARE program	263	269	366	322	+28%
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Source of data State Probation Office, Lincoln, NE.; Sarpy County JAMIN database system, Papillion, NE.; LB640 Annual Report statistics; OJJDP Website Statistics State and County Quick Facts

The reported statistics reflect activity on a fiscal year basis; therefore FY 2009 statistics reflect activity from July 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009. Furthermore, percent of change is shown from 2006-2008 due to the incomplete statistics for FY 2009. Brief explanation of statistics provided:

- Sarpy County experienced a [REDACTED] increase in the number of juvenile offenders involved in the Juvenile Justice System from 2006 to 2008.
- The Juvenile Intake Diversion Program experienced a 13% (692 to 614) decrease in the number of juveniles referred to Diversion from 2006-2008.
- From 2006 to 2008 the Juvenile Intake Diversion Program experienced a 14% (329 to 383) increase in the number of juveniles successfully completing Diversion.
- From 2006 to 2008 the Pretrial Juvenile Assessment Center experienced a 27% (119 to 163) increase in the number of juveniles referred for assessment.
- From 2006 to 2008 the Pretrial Juvenile Assessment Center experienced a 27% (119 to 162) increase in the number of juveniles completing the assessment process.
- The CARE program experienced a 28% (263-366) increase in the number of juveniles served by the program from 2006-2008.
- The Sarpy County Juvenile Justice Center (JJC) has experienced a 49% (490-899) increase in the number of juveniles detained at the JJC.
- The average length of stay for youth detained at the JJC has increased due to a decrease in the number of youth sent to the Douglas County Youth Center. Also changes in the Department of Health and Human Services at the state level have had a significant impact on the average length of stay at the JJC for youth awaiting court ordered evaluations.

These increases have created a greater need for the expansion of programs offered to the juvenile court system by the County.

Although Sarpy County is an affluent county compared to others in Nebraska, there are a substantial number of youth experiencing risk factors for delinquency. These factors include, but are not limited to, poverty, mental illness, alcohol/substance abuse, school truancy/dropout, family/living instability, child abuse and neglect, family conflict, and learning disorders. The Sarpy County juvenile population is projected to grow by 2% per year through 2020, compared to the 1% growth per year experienced between 1980 and 2000 (2004 Chinn Study).

According to the 2004 Chinn System Assessment, many youth that enter the juvenile justice system do not have a comprehensive assessment of risk and needs at the front end of the system. This can lead to placement in an inappropriate program, or worse, it can result in a youth being in the juvenile justice system for a long period of time before the most appropriate services are identified. Sarpy County does conduct risk/needs assessment on youth placed in the staff secure detention center, but this is only a small portion of juveniles involved in the juvenile justice system.

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's (OJJDP) Comprehensive Strategy stresses the importance of both risk and needs assessment to an effective juvenile justice system. According to OJJDP, risk assessments help communities maintain public safety, use resources efficiently, and treat youth equitably and

3. The SAFE Committee developed and adopted the 2009-2011 Sarpy County Comprehensive Juvenile Services Plan in September 2008. The purpose of the Plan is to: reduce juvenile delinquency, and enhance public safety by 1) identifying the risk factors related to delinquency and abuse/neglect; 2) developing appropriate prevention and intervention programs for delinquency and abuse/neglect; and 3) fostering system communication, coordination, and cooperation across agencies and with the public to strengthen system effectiveness.

The Plan identifies four prioritized needs: 1) Improve system operation and coordination; 2) Enhance existing programs and services for juvenile offenders; 3) Expand continuum of services and sanctions; and 4) Establish new programs for youth involved in the Sarpy County Juvenile Justice System. In addition to these priorities that create or enhance new programs and service, it is an established priority of Sarpy County to continue existing programs. It is imperative that current programming be maintained to ensure proper service provision to Sarpy County youth and their families.

The top three priority problems include:

1. Improve system operation and coordination by developing an integrated information sharing system. The integration of agency information is crucial to assisting youth and their families in receiving the help they need. Increased coordination among agencies and the development of an information management system are vital in overcoming the current duplication of services occurring in the Sarpy County juvenile justice system. In addition, enhancements to system information collection and sharing will lead to a greater understanding of the trends and profile of juvenile offender service requirements.
2. Enhance existing programs and services for juvenile offenders. Sarpy County currently operates several programs that either divert youth from formal court processing or provide an alternative to residential placements. As part of this priority, Sarpy County will focus on the continuation of existing programs as well as enhancement. Efforts to continue programs will include securing funding that enables them to operate at their current level of service.
3. Expand continuum of services and sanctions by expanding drug and alcohol treatment programs and prevention/intervention programs will also provide Sarpy County youth and their families with necessary resources and programming.

SECTION VI. CURRENT EFFORTS

It is the goal of the Sarpy County Board of Commissioners and the SAFE Committee to work with key agencies and stakeholders of the Sarpy County juvenile justice system to implement services to improve and enhance the current system. A study of the Sarpy County juvenile justice system conducted by Chinn Planning in 2004 and an updated plan in 2008 determined that a gap in the current continuum of services existed in the area of a Pretrial Juvenile Assessment Center (PJAC).

The PJAC functions as a entry into the juvenile justice system; it provides immediate and comprehensive assessment which gives the County Attorney's Office a reliable, objective means to determine whether to file charges, send the youth to Diversion, or dismiss the case.

The PJAC is based upon the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's (OJJDP) assessment center program model. OJJDP research indicates that delinquent youth often face multiple risk factors; as risk factors accumulate higher levels of delinquency and other problem behaviors result. By facilitating early and efficient prevention and intervention services at the point of entry into the juvenile justice system, the potential to positively impact the lives of youth and divert them from serious, violent, and chronic delinquency improves.

The goal of the PJAC is to provide comprehensive assessment services to all juvenile offenders and their families referred to the Center by the County Attorney's Office. Through the assessment process the Center will gather information to assist the Juvenile Intake/Teen Court Programs with developing individualized contracts with juvenile offenders. These contracts could include programming such as attending Young Men's Group (creating positive self esteem), Young Women's Group (empowerment), Class Action (responding to moral and ethical dilemma of alcohol/drug consumption), Drug and Alcohol Education, Victim Impact Panel and Shoplifting Education. The Center will assist the Diversion Program in holding the offender responsible for their actions. The Center will work with the juvenile justice system to provide the individual with consequences based upon restorative principles and to assist them in comprehending and accepting the consequences of the criminal behavior.

SECTION VII. PROJECT OPERATION

The PJAC provides a centralized intake function, early intervention and identification of problems, uniformity in assessment, coordinated case management, equal treatment of youth, placement of youth into appropriate treatment programs, risk and needs classification, a focus on meeting the needs of the youth and their family, and a cost effective use of a continuum of services (Chinn 2004). The Sarpy County Attorney's Office includes assessment results and recommendations from the PJAC in the offender's social file. This information provides Sarpy County juvenile justice agencies and stakeholders the means to refer juvenile offenders and their families to appropriate treatment services in the community.

The PJAC is housed at the Sarpy County Juvenile Intake Diversion Office. The full time JAO provides assessments at the Diversion Office between 8-5 Monday through Friday. The target population of the PJAC is juvenile offenders between the ages of 12 through 17 referred to the Juvenile Intake Diversion and Teen Court Programs.

Currently when a juvenile commits a crime in Sarpy County and receives a citation from law enforcement a police report is sent to the County Attorney's Office for review. The County Attorney's Office may dismiss the case, refer the case to the Juvenile Intake Diversion Program, or file formal charges in the Separate Juvenile Court. If a decision is made to refer the case to the Diversion Program the file is reviewed by the Assistant Director to determine if the juvenile offender is eligible and suitable to participate in the Program. Cases that are eligible for the Program are randomly selected to take part in the Assessment Center evaluation process through the PJAC. A letter is sent to the juvenile and their parents within 7-10 days of receiving the police report. Youth who do not respond to the letters are referred back to the County Attorney who files charges and begins court proceedings. If the case is not selected for the PJAC then the offender is sent through the traditional intake process and begins the Program. If the case is selected to participate in the PJAC and the offender and their family enter the Program they exit the PJAC at the completion of their assessment. The case is then transferred to a Diversion Officer to monitor the youth's participation in the Diversion Program.

Youth and their families are assessed at the PJAC to identify both individual and family issues that contributed to the youth entering the juvenile justice system. Each assessment includes the Simple Screening Inventory (SSI), the Youth Level of Services/Case Management Inventory (YLS/CMI), the Maysi-2, the Suicide Risk Inventory, the Strength Based Questionnaire, and a parent interview. Based on the personal, family, social, educational, and legal circumstances each youth presents, recommendations are shared with the assigned Juvenile Diversion Officer who is assigned to monitor the case.

Completed assessments are reviewed by the JAO and all Diversion Officers on a weekly basis. The Officers and JAO utilize the assessment recommendations and scores to design individualized case management programs to assist the youth in developing the skills necessary to decrease the likelihood of becoming further involved in the juvenile justice system. A copy of the assessment and the diversion contract is forwarded to the County Attorney's Office and is placed in the youth's social file which is accessible to counsel of record, Diversion, Probation, and the Separate Juvenile Court.

From January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009 a total of 585 juvenile offenders were referred to the Diversion Program and 68% (395) completed the intake process and began receiving services. Since the PJAC began serving youth in December 2006 a total of 517 assessments have been completed by the JAO. Currently there are 5 juveniles waiting to complete the assessment process at this time.

Of the 517 offenders served by the PJAC the Program has valid data on 517 youth and will be updating the database in the next quarter to reflect the total population of offenders served. Of the 517 youth served by the PJAC a total of 284 (55%) were males; 235 (45%) were females; 458 (89%) were Caucasian; 48 (.9%) were other African-American; 27 (.5%) were Hispanic; 7 (1%) were Asian; and 5 (.09%) were unknown; 1 (.001%) was nine; 6 (01%) were eleven; 11 (.02%) were twelve; 49 (.9%) were thirteen; 67 (1%) were fourteen; 114 (22%) were fifteen; 149 (29%) were sixteen; 116 (22%) were seventeen; 6 (.01%) were eighteen.

Since the Assessment Center started more in depth problems are being discovered, i.e., cuttings, suicide, abuse in the home, additional substance abuse, homelessness. The Program is dealing with more than the original offense on many of these cases. Because of the Juvenile Assessment, Juvenile Intake Officers are now spending more time with their clients dealing with more serious issues going on with the family as well as the juvenile. The JAO collects a more detailed family history/family dynamics report than regular intake which focuses more on the juveniles past family history, family dynamics, and presenting problems. By collecting a more detailed report, the Diversion Office is now capable of assisting the juvenile and their family in long term change. This long term change assists in the juvenile receiving services which increases the likelihood that the juvenile will not re-offend and end up in the court system.

The implementation of the PJAC is making a difference in the youth being served by Diversion. One measure of concern to watch for on the Maysi-2 is if a juvenile has experienced a traumatic event in their lives that is affecting their behavior. The instrument described a traumatic event as something terrifying that happened to them, having been badly hurt, or in danger of being hurt or killed, having been raped or been in danger of being raped, and ever having bad thoughts or dreams about a bad or scary event that happened to them. Data collected from assessments conducted from December 2006 to present indicates that offenders age eleven and twelve reported higher incidences of traumatic events in their lives than their older counterparts. This is significant because when Diversion is able to find the core issues the offender is facing early then the program is able to provide services to the juvenile and their families. In doing this, Diversion assisted the juvenile in developing the resources and tools they need in their lives to make better choices so that they do not re-offend in the future. This is important to note because this assessment elaborates the normal line of questions found in the standard intake.

Data also showed that female offenders were more at risk of having issues related to anger/irritability, depression/anxiety, suicide, and traumatic events and were more likely to score significantly higher under the anger/anxiety and suicide categories than their male counterparts. As a result of the implementation of YLS/CMI instrument the JAO has found multiple cases where the parents had to participate in parent education classes and counseling as a result of the assessment scores. In the past these questions would not have been elaborated on and parenting issues may not have been addressed in less severe crimes by the Program.

The implementation of the PJAC is not the only change occurring in the Sarpy County juvenile justice system. Agencies in the community are collaborating with the system by participating on the Underage Drinking Task Force, truancy prevention committees, the Gretna Community Forum to discuss issues facing youth and families in that area of the County, and law enforcement agencies are taking minor in possession parties more seriously. Law enforcement agencies are working with the system to present a united front against substance abuse in the County and are citing more youth with MIP. The system is anticipating that the increase in the number of youth referred to the PJAC and the implementation of comprehensive assessments in the front end will provide long term change assists in the juvenile receiving services which increase the likelihood that the

juvenile will not re-offend and end up in the court system. The Program anticipates serving 230 youth during the 2010-2011 grant period.

This grant request is \$10,861 which is 25% of the initial grant award and will be used for a portion of the salary and benefits for the current full time JAO. The County match is \$10,861 which is a portion of the remaining salary of the JAO and will be drawn from the Sarpy County general fund. The day-to-day oversight of the Center will be provided by the Assistant Director of the Sarpy County Juvenile Intake Program.

SECTION VIII.

ACTIVITY/TIMELINE

1. Reoccurring Activities:

Position	Activity Responsible For
JAO	Provide comprehensive risk and needs assessment services to youth and their families
JAO	Submit comprehensive risk and needs assessments findings to the Juvenile Intake/Teen Court Officers to design a program plan for juvenile offenders
Project Coordinator and JAO	Submit comprehensive risk and needs assessments to the Sarpy County Attorney's Office and other agencies in the juvenile justice system
Project Coordinator, JAO and Support Staff	Gather and analyze data on youth served
Project Coordinator	Oversee the day-to-day operations of the Center
Project Coordinator and JAO	Continue to work with key stakeholders in the community to assess the effectiveness of the Center's programming
Project Coordinator	Write and submit quarterly reports to Crime Commission
Project Coordinator	Work with the SAFE Committee to monitor the development of the Center
Project Director and Project Coordinator	Continue to assess future programming needs and enhancements
Project Director and Project Coordinator	Meet with members of community groups to develop funding sources for the Center
JAO	Continued participation in training to effectively assess youth and families.

2. Specific Quarterly Activities:

QUARTER #1:	
Position	Activity Responsible For
Project Coordinator	Provide training for JAO on assessment tools and conducting assessments
QUARTER #2:	
Position	Activity Responsible For
JAO	Shadow other agencies that provide similar services and assessments.
Project Director and Project Coordinator	Present to the County Board an update on JAO and statistical documentation to support the position.
QUARTER #3:	
Position	Activity Responsible For
Project Director and Project Coordinator	Present budget and funding request to County Board.
Project Director and JAO	Review all assessment tools to ensure quality programming.
QUARTER #4:	
Position	Activity Responsible For
Project Director and Project Coordinator	Secure programming contracts for the next fiscal year
JAO	Attend Nebraska Juvenile Justice Association Conference

SECTION IX. SUSTAINABILITY

The Sarpy County Pretrial Juvenile Assessment Center's sustainability plan consists of the following strategies:

1. Staff of the Sarpy County Pretrial Juvenile Assessment Center, in cooperation with the Sarpy County Grant Coordinator and representatives from the SAFE Committee, will continue to work with the County Fiscal Department to seek funding from the Sarpy County Board of Commissioners.
2. The SAFE Committee and PJAC continue to secure funding from outside sources including, but not limited to, private organizations, community agencies, the Nebraska Crime Commission, federal funding sources, and other avenues.
3. Center staff will work with the SAFE Corporation 501©3 to receive donations and gifts that will assist the Center in the future.

SECTION X. CONTINUATION INFORMATION

A.

	Dates July 2006 – June 2007	Dates July 2007 – June 2008	Dates July 2008 – June 30, 2009	Dates July 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009
Youth Referred	119	208	163	34
Youth Accepted into Program	119	207	163	34
Youth Completed Program (unduplicated)	119	207	162	34
Did not complete program, and why A. New Law Violation B. Drop Out C. Moved D. Other: _____	0	1 D. Went to Court	1 D. Went to Court	0
RACE/ETHNICITY				
White	109	184	144	26
Asian	1	4	1	1
Black or African American	8	19	16	5
Other / Unknown	1	1	2	2
Hispanic	6	20	2	0
GENDER				
Male	63	106	35	
Female	56	102	27	
AGE				
9			1	
11	1	1	4	
12	4	5	2	
13	14	16	13	6
14	16	30	20	3
15	28	47	35	5
16	37	55	48	10
17	19	52	36	10
17		2	4	

B. During this quarter, staff of the Program completed the development of the new satisfaction surveys. The Juvenile Assessment Officer resigned so during this quarter (November 2009), we hired and trained a new officer. The number of youth coming in for assessment has therefore dropped over the past quarter however the numbers should return as the officer is comfortable with the process.

C. The previous assessment officer attended various workshops held at The Child Saving Institute regarding issues such as children and sexual abuse and reporting child abuse. The new assessment officer was trained in the YLS/CMI assessment in November, 2009.

D. All quarterly Activity and Cash Reports been submitted in a timely manner.

SECTION XI. EVALUATION

ACTIVITY	DOCUMENTATION	KEY INDICATORS
Entry Point		
Youth receiving a citation and released to parents	Citation/arrest/ computer booking database	# of youth cited and released to parents
Youth arrested and detained for placement recommendation and released to parents	Court order/computer booking database/paper folder/computer case management system	# of youth cited/arrested/detained and released to parents
Citations received by the County Attorney's Office	Citation/arrest/computer documentation	# of citations received at the County Attorney's Office
Cases referred to the Juvenile Intake Program	Juvenile offender soft/hard files	# of youth files received at the Juvenile Intake Program
Intake		
Initial short interview with PJAC staff	Computer management system/paper biography	# of youth completing the short interview process
Assessment		
SSI	Computer case management system/paper file of the assessment/screening and grading tool	Average score by age and demographics
YLS/CMI	Computer case management system/paper file of the assessment/screening tool	Average score by age and demographics
Maysi-2	Computer case management system/paper file of the assessment/screening and grading tool	Average score by age and demographics
Suicide Risk Inventory	Computer case management system/paper file of the assessment/screening and grading tool	Average score by age and demographics
Strength Based Questionnaire	Computer case management system/paper file of the assessment/screening and grading tool	Average score by age and demographics
Parent Interview	Computer management system/paper biography	Average score by age and demographics
Service Provision		

Staff provides assessment information to the Juvenile Intake/Teen Court Programs to develop case management plans.	Computer case management system/paper file of the assessment	# of assessments used by the Juvenile Intake/Teen Court Program.
Staff provides assessment information to the Sarpy County Attorney's Office to be placed in the offenders social file	Computer case management system/paper file of the assessment	# of assessments provided to the Sarpy County Attorney's Office and placed in the offenders social file e
Exit from Program		
Completion of an satisfaction survey	Computer case management System/ hard copy kept separate	
Completion of the assessment process	Computer case management system/paper file of the assessment	

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January 8, 2010

Nebraska Crime Commission
PO Box 94946
Lincoln, NE. 68508

Dear Nebraska Crime Commission,

The Sarpy County Board of Commissioners supports the grant application for the Pretrial Juvenile Assessment Center. The Pretrial Juvenile Assessment Center provides a single point of entry at the front end of the juvenile justice system where youth are given an immediate and comprehensive assessment. This information offers a means to determine the least restrictive and most appropriate level of service for each juvenile offender.

Once again the Sarpy County Board of Commissioners supports this application and requests positive consideration from the Crime Commission.

Sincerely,

Joni Jones
Chairperson, Sarpy County Board of Commissioners



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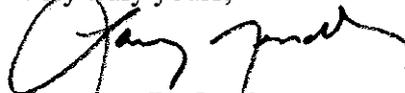
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This office fully supports this request for funding assistance. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or suggestions. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Very truly yours,


Lawrence D. Gendler, Judge
Separate Juvenile Court

LDG:po



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L. Kenneth Polikov
Sarpy County Attorney

January 6, 2010

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I still maintain an interest in seeing the establishment of a program for the pretrial assessment of juvenile offenders. The community would greatly benefit from such a program.

The Pretrial Juvenile Assessment Center (PJAC) would give the County the ability to perform risk and needs assessments on youth at the front end of the juvenile justice system. Youth who are cited and released by law enforcement would be scheduled for assessment within 7-10 days of the County Attorney's Office receiving the police report. Assessment Officers at the PJAC would contact these youth and their families to schedule a comprehensive assessment. The results of the assessment and recommendations from the Assessment Officers would then be forwarded to the County Attorney's Office where a decision to charge, divert, or dismiss would be made.

Such a program would put more information into the hands of the prosecuting attorney before the charging decision would be made and would result in decisions better designed for the individual offender. Additionally, detention time would be shortened and the best suited rehabilitative efforts could begin sooner.

I hope that this grant application will receive positive action from the Crime Commission. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lee Polikov
Sarpy County Attorney



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The Sarpy County Sheriff's Department fully supports this request for funding assistance. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or suggestions. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,


Jeffrey L. Davis
Sarpy County Sheriff

JLD/pv



Bellevue Police Department

John W. Stacey, Chief of Police

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The Bellevue Police Department fully supports this request for funding assistance. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or suggestions. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

John W. Stacey
Chief of Police

JWS/pk

SECTION XIII. REQUIRED FORMS

CERTIFIED ASSURANCES

Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act Grant Funds

- (e) **THE HATCH ACT:** Federal law prohibits certain partisan political activity by an officer or employee of the state or local agency if his or her principal employment is in connection with an activity which is financed in whole or part by loans or grants made by the United States or a federal agency. The law is enforced by the United States Civil Service Commission.
- (f) **UNIFORM RELOCATION:** Pursuant to the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policy Act of 1970, P.L. 91-646, 84 Stat. 1984, and Guideline G 4061.1A, as amended any program which uses federal financial assistance to pay all or part of the cost of any program or project which will result in the displacement of any person shall provide that:
- Fair and reasonable relocation payments and assistance shall be provided to or for displaced persons as are required in such regulations as are issued by the U.S. Attorney General.
 - Relocation or assistance programs shall be provided for such persons in accordance with such regulations issued by the U.S. Attorney General.
 - Within a reasonable period of time prior to displacement, decent, safe and sanitary replacement must be available to the displaced person in accordance with such regulations as issued by the U.S. Attorney General.
- (g) **ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT:** No portion of any grant which might have an effect on the environment will be approved until an environmental evaluation form has been submitted and a determination made that the project will not have an adverse effect on the environment. An environmental evaluation will be required with the grant application if the applicant's project involves any of the following:
- New construction projects;
 - The renovation or modification of a facility which leads to an occupancy of more than 25 persons;
 - The implementation of programs involving the use of pesticides or other harmful chemicals.
 - The implementation of programs involving the use of microwaves or radiation.
 - Research and technology whose anticipated or intended future application could be expected to have a potential effect on the environment.
 - Other actions which require the substantial commitment of resources or trigger such a substantial commitment by another as determined by the responsible federal official to possibly have a significant effect on the quality of the environment.
- (h) **PROCUREMENT OF SPECIAL EQUIPMENT:** The Juvenile Justice Advisory Group expects that the subgrantee will procure such special equipment being purchased in whole or in part with grant funds by that method, authorized by state law or local ordinance, which results in the lowest price for goods of the kinds or type required.
- (i) **NON-SUPPLANTING REQUIREMENT:** The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act contains a non-supplanting requirement. This requirement stipulates that federal funds under Title II may not be used to supplant state and local funds that would have been available in the absence of federal aid. In complying with this requirement, the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice will rely on written certification by state agencies and local government units to the effect that federal funds have been used to increase state or local funds available for law enforcement.
- (j) **BUILDING ACCESSIBILITY AND USE BY PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED:** Any construction, design or alteration of a building or facility which will be used by the public or which may result in the employment or residence of physically handicapped persons shall provide for accessibility and use to physically handicapped persons through appropriate items such as ramps, handrails, guardrails as required by 42 U.S.C. 4152 1970 and 34 Fed. Ref. 12828 1969.
- (k) **CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** Requests for proposals or invitations for bid issued by the grantee or subgrantee to implement the grant or subgrant project are to provide notice to prospective bidders that the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention organizational conflict of interest provision is applicable in that contractors that develop or draft specifications, requirements, statements of work and/or RFP's for a proposed procurement, shall be excluded from bidding or submitting a proposal to compete for the award of such procurement.
- (l) **ACCOUNTING:** The applicant assures that fund accounting, auditing, monitoring, and such evaluation procedures as may be necessary will be maintained to assure fiscal control, proper management, and efficient disbursement of received funds.
- (m) **RECORD KEEPING:** The applicant assures that it shall maintain required data and information and shall submit required reports deemed necessary by the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice.
- (n) **CERTIFICATION:** The applicant certifies that the programs contained in its application meet all the requirements, that all the information is correct, that there has been appropriate coordination with affected agencies, and that the applicant will comply with all provisions of applicable federal and state laws.
- (o) **COMPLIANCE:** The applicant assures that it will comply and all of its contractors will comply, with the non-discrimination requirements of the Juvenile Services Act; Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975; and the Department of Justice Non-Discrimination Regulations 28 CFR Part 42, Subparts C, D, E, and G and the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- (p) **REPORTING OF LEGAL ACTION:** The applicant assures that in the event a federal or state court, or federal or state administrative agency makes a finding of discrimination after a due process hearing on the grounds of race, color, religion, national origin or sex against a recipient of funds, the recipient will forward a copy of the finding to the Crime Commission and the Office of Civil Rights Compliance (OCRC) of the Office of Justice Programs.
- (q) **EQUAL EMPLOYMENT:** The applicant assures that, if required, it will formulate an equal employment opportunity program (EEO) in accordance with 28 CFR 42.301 et seq., and submit a certification to the state that it has a current EEO on file which meets the requirements therein.
- (r) **SINGLE AUDIT REQUIREMENT:** Pursuant to Office of Management and Budget Circular A-128, AAudits of state and Local Governments: and A-133,

Private Non-Profit agencies, each applicant must comply with the Single Audit Act. A copy of the audit is to be submitted to the Crime Commission.

- (s) **CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION:** No recipient of monies under the Juvenile Services Act shall use or reveal any research or statistical information or other type of information acquired or furnished under this program by any person/juvenile and identifiable to any specific private person/juvenile for any purpose other than the purpose for which such information was obtained in accordance with the Act.
- (t) **FINANCIAL REPORTING:** The applicant agrees to submit financial reports and progress reports indicating activities undertaken, expenditures, and general progress of the project. A final report (using the same report forms) is required to be submitted at the end of the project period. The final report will include data necessary to verify the success or failure of the project.
- (u) **ADHERENCE TO LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS:** The applicant also understands and agrees: (1) that funds received are to be expended only for the purposes and activities covered by the applicant's approved application and budget, (2) that the grant may be terminated by the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice if the applicant fails to comply with the provisions of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act and all amendments thereto, any of the certified assurances listed above, or any other requirements of the Crime Commission.
- (v) **OTHER CONDITIONS:** The applicant also understands and agrees: (1) that any grant received as a result of this application shall be subject to the grant conditions and other policies, regulations, and rules issued by the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention for the administration of grant projects under the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act and any other applicable Federal Acts, Executive Orders, and Guidelines; (2) that funds awarded are to be expended only for the purposes and activities covered by the applicant's approved application and budget; (3) that the grant may be terminated in whole or in part by the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice at any time that the Commission finds a substantial failure to comply with the provisions of the Act or regulations promulgated there under including these grant conditions, or plan or application obligations but only after notice and hearing and pursuant to Juvenile Justice Advisory Group and Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention procedures; (4) that appropriate grant records and accounts will be maintained and made available for audit as prescribed by the Commission; and (5) that the appropriate share of the total costs of this project shall be contributed by the Applicant from non-federal funds which are not being used in connection with any other program which is receiving federal financial assistance.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that I have read and reviewed the above assurances and the applicant will comply with all provisions and requirements of the Crime Commission, the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 (as amended) and all other applicable federal and state laws.

	
(SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL)	
January 8, 2010	
(DATE)	
Joni Jones	Chair, Sarpy County Board of Commissioners
(TYPED NAME)	(TITLE)
402-593-4155	
(TELEPHONE NUMBER)	

EEOP SHORT FORM

STEP 1: INTRODUCTORY INFORMATION

Grant Title: Sarpy County Pretrial Juvenile Assessment Center

Grantee Name: Sarpy County Attorney's Office

Address: 1257 Golden Gate Drive, Suite 11W
Papillion, NE. 68046-2800

Contact Person: Jean Brazda

Phone Number: 402-593-2207

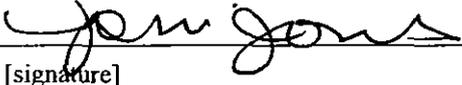
Grant Number: Award Amount:

Date and effective duration of EEOP:

Policy Statement:

CERTIFICATION (EEOP ON FILE)

A. I, Joni Jones, certify that the Sarpy County Sheriff's Office has formulated an Equal Employment Opportunity Plan in accordance with 28 CFR 42.301, et. seq., subpart E, that it has been signed into effect by the proper agency authority and disseminated to all employees, and that it is on file in the Office of Debra J. Houghtaling, 1210 Golden Gate Drive, Papillion, NE. 68046, Sarpy County Clerk, for review or audit by officials of the cognizant State planning agency or the Office for Civil Rights, Office of Justice Programs as required by relevant laws and regulations.

 [signature]	January 8, 2010 [date]
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CERTIFICATION (NO EEOP REQUIRED)

B. I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FUNDED AGENCY HAS LESS THAN 50 EMPLOYEES AND THEREFORE IS NOT REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN AN EEOP, PURSUANT TO 28 CFR 42.301, ET. SEQ.

 [signature]	 [date]
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OMB Approval No. 1121-0140
Expiration Date: 12/31/98

Revised 9/20/95

CERTIFICATIONS REGARDING LOBBYING; DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTER; AND DRUG-FREE WORPLACE REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should refer to the regulations cited below to determine the certification to which they are required to attest. Applicants should also review the instructions for certification included in the regulations before completing this form. Signature of this form provides for compliance with certification requirements under 28 CFR Part 69, "New Restrictions on Lobbying" and 28 CFR Part 67, "Government-wide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) and Government-wide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants)." The certifications shall be treated as a material representation of fact upon which reliance will be placed when the Department of Justice determines to award the covered transaction, grant, or cooperative agreement.

1. LOBBYING

As required by Section 1352, Title 31 of the U.S. Code, and implemented at 28 CFR Part 69, for persons entering into a grant or cooperative agreement over \$100,000, as defined at 28 CFR Part 69, the applicant certifies that:

- (a) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making of any Federal grant, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal grant or cooperative agreement;
- (b) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal grant or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form - LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions;
- (c) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subgrants, contracts under grants and cooperative agreements, and subcontracts) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

2. DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS (DIRECT RECIPIENT)

As required by Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, and implemented at 28 CFR Part 67, for prospective participants in primary covered transaction, as defined at 28 CFR Part 67, Section 67.510-

A. The applicant certifies that it and its principals:

- (a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, sentenced to a denial of Federal benefits by a State of Federal court, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department of agency;
- (b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- (c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and
- (d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default; and

B. Where the applicant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, he or she shall attach an explanation to this application.

3. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE (GRANTEES OTHER THAN INDIVIDUALS)

The applicant certifies that it will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

A. Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition:

B. Establishing an on-going drug-free awareness program to inform employees about—

- (a) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
- (b) The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
- (c) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
- (d) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violation occurring in the workplace;

C. Notifying the employee in the statement that the employee will:

- (a) Abide by the terms of the statement; and
- (b) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such convictions;

The subgrantee shall notify the Crime Commission in writing of any conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction.

The subgrantee certifies that it will take one or more of the following actions within 30 calendar days of receiving notice of the conviction:

- A. Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or
- B. Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purpose by a Federal, State or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;

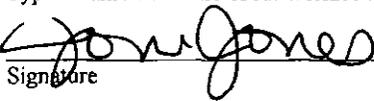
The subgrantee certifies that it will make a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace.

Sarpy County Attorney's Office

Organization Name and Address:

Joni Jones, Sarpy County Board of Commissioners Chairperson

Typed Name and Title of Authorized Representative



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To: Sarpy County Board

From: Carrie Davis-Sedlacek

Re: Sarpy County Pretrial Juvenile Assessment Center grant

On January 12, 2010, the County Board will be asked to ratify the signing of the 2010-2011 Pretrial Juvenile Assessment Center grant. The grant was due to the Crime Commission on January 8, 2010; due to the submission deadline and the December and January Board meeting schedules, the grant application, County Board letter of support, assurances, and certifications were signed by the Board Chair on January 8, 2010.

This is a continuation grant that will fund the Center at 25% of the initial grant award which was \$43,444. Last year's funding was \$32,583. Due to the "step-down" funding formula, the Center is eligible for and will be requesting \$10,871 for the 2010-2011 fiscal year which will cover a portion of the salary and benefits of the Juvenile Assessment Officer. The County match has been increased due to comments received from the reviewers on the 2009-2010 grant application. The review committee strongly suggested the County show a higher match amount. The County will match with \$10,871 which is a portion of the remaining salary and benefits for the Juvenile Assessment Officer.

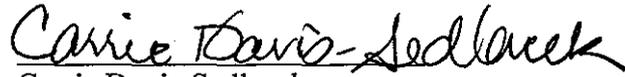
Youth and their families are assessed at the PJAC to identify both individual and family issues that contributed to the youth entering the juvenile justice system. Each assessment includes the Simple Screening Inventory (SSI), the Youth Level of Services/Case Management Inventory (YLS/CMI), the Maysi-2, the Suicide Risk Inventory, the Strength Based Questionnaire, and a parent interview. Based on the personal, family, social, educational, and legal circumstances each youth presents, recommendations are shared with the assigned Juvenile Diversion Officer. The Diversion Officer and Juvenile Assessment Officer utilize the assessment recommendations and scores to design individualized case management programs to assist the youth in developing

the skills necessary to decrease the likelihood of becoming further involved in the juvenile justice system.

I will be present to answer questions related to the grant application and the application process.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have comments or recommendations.

January 7, 2010



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