

2021-12

**Memorandum of Understanding**  
**between**  
**Chase County, Dundy County, Furnas County,**  
**Hayes County, Hitchcock County, Red Willow County,**  
**Perkins, Keith, and Arthur for**  
**Juvenile Services in All Nine Counties**

The Board of Commissioners in all nine counties do hereby agree to work collaboratively to implement the 2021 – 2025 Southwest Nebraska Juvenile Services Comprehensive Community Plan. All nine counties understand that they must sign a Memorandum of Understanding yearly as part of the application for funding process that is submitted to the Crime Commission. This Memorandum is for the fiscal year beginning in July 2021 and continuing through June 2025.

As a team, the Southwest Youth Task Force will identify new services to help address the priority areas identified in the 2021-2025 Juvenile Services Community Plan. In an effort to address the identified priority areas, the following service providers have already been identified. Two local mental health providers along with Region II will provide mental health and substance abuse services to address the top priority identified in the Plan and Central Mediation Center will provide truancy mediation services to help address priority area two. For the third priority area, diversion services will primarily be provided through the County Attorney Offices in each county, but those offices may also access services through Region II and Central Mediation Center to provide additional diversion services including counseling and Victim Youth Conferencing. Each of these organizations will have day-to-day responsibilities for carrying out the identified services.

In August 2018, it was agreed that Chase County would be the lead county in the joint grant application and will be responsible in the distribution of grant funds and financial aid reports.

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Chairperson, Chase County Board of Commissioners

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Chairperson, Dundy County Board of Commissioners

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Chairperson, Furnas County Board of Commissioners

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Chairperson, Hayes County Board of Commissioners

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Chairperson, Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

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Chairperson, Red Willow County Board of Commissioners

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Chairperson, Perkins County Board of Commissioners

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Chairperson, Keith County Board of Commissioners

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Chairperson, Arthur County Board of Commissioners