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State Court Administrator



**Ellen Fabian Brokofsky**  
State Probation Administrator

Date: August 1, 2017  
To: Julie Rogers Inspector General for Child Welfare  
From: Ellen Brokofsky, Probation Administrator *EW*  
Re: OIG Annual Report for 2016-2017

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This correspondence is in response to your July 14, 2017 letter to me regarding the duty of the Office of Inspector General to provide an annual report pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 43-4331. That statute requires, as you mention, that the annual summary detail the recommendations made by your office and the status of implementation of those recommendations.

Given the nature of the incidents which led your office to investigate the cases involving the juveniles who were the subject of your Probation investigative reports, Probation Administration took these reports, your findings and your recommendations very seriously. As I have previously indicated, the recommendations from both of your investigations have been thoroughly reviewed and are included as considerations within Probation's ongoing evaluation of its evidence-based practices and policies. In addition, the OIG's Probation Report recommendations are beneficial in evaluating judicial branch education and training targeted to Probation system employees.

Probation's ongoing evaluation of its evidence-based practices and juvenile justice reform efforts are addressed, in part, on the Supreme Court's website, with several web links which will provide insight into some of the Juvenile Services Division initiatives and projects aimed at improving the provision of services within the juvenile justice system. For example, the following web addresses may be of value in gauging the efficacy of Probation's programs and services aimed at Nebraska youth. Juvenile Services Division at

<https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/probation/juvenile>

Annual Statistical Report of Juvenile Justice System, 2016 at

<https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/2016-juvenile-justice-system-statistical-annual-report-printing.pdf>

Specific Reports on Probation's Juvenile Justice Reform (including statistical charts)

<https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/juvenile-justice-reform-efforts-may-2017.pdf>

Biannual Supreme Court Strategic Agenda

<https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/2017-2019-strategic-agenda.pdf>

All of this information cited above reflects Probation's commitment to improving the lives of Nebraska juveniles which are placed under our supervision by the courts, highlights the progress we have made and our commitment to future improvements within the Probation system.

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