

"The clients that attend the community justice program are given the opportunity to open their minds to a world that many of them have never seen. The candid, honest discussions about how crime impacts so many facets of a community is brought to life and clients are able to focus on their responsibility and learn to begin to make changes in their thoughts and their behaviors. We are grateful for the work the Community Justice Center does and will continue to utilize the program as often as possible".

**Julie Micek, LIMHP Reporting Center Coordinator
Sarpy County**

Class Participant Comments

"WOW, this was amazing. I needed to see the reality of how I have affected my victims and learn how to cope with problems."

"It made me realize how I hurt my victims and that it wasn't just one victim involved."

"I was able to identify ways to deal with my anger and understand what impact i have on the community and victims of my crime. Very up front and constructive instruction was very beneficial to my learning styles.
THANK YOU SO MUCH!"

To register for classes visit our website at
www.communityjusticecenter.org

Classes are only held on Saturdays
from 7:30am – 5pm Class cost \$125

Class Locations:

Lincoln, Omaha, Bellevue, Norfolk,
Hastings, Columbus, Scottsbluff,
Lexington and South Sioux City, NE



Interested in offering CJC programming
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Offenders Motivational / Victims Impact Classes

An exclusive program for adult
and juvenile offenders

"I now know how my victims were impacted
and how to take full responsibility without
pointing blame or making excuses."

Class Participant

Proven Results Since 2000!
Reducing Crime and Saving Tax Dollars

Making a Difference

The Community Justice Center (CJC) was incorporated in 2000 as a 501 (C) 3 not-for-profit public safety organization. In 2001 CJC began offering “**Offenders Motivational/Victims Impact Classes**” at Nebraska Department of Correctional Services (NDCS) and for Nebraska Adult and Juvenile Probation offices 2006.

After taking the class offenders:

- Know who their victims really are
- Are easier to supervise
- Are able to understand and apply treatment techniques easier
- Are open to other programming.

A Powerful Crime Victims Curriculum:

CJC offers offenders a unique eight hour victims empathy course that inspires offenders to change. Many organizations use the class as a powerful prerequisite - improving offenders outcomes in other programming. Class cost \$125.

The class is an effective tool teaching offenders the true HARM and DAMAGES suffered by their direct and indirect victims including the harm done to their communities because of their actions.

Community Benefits:

- Lower Recidivism Rates
- Reduced Crime and Safer Communities
- Saved Tax Dollars!



CJC Classes Participants Recidivism Rates

Prison Inmates (released 869) 2001–2010*

17% return to prison within 3 years for new crimes

11% return to prison for technical (rule) violations

Probationary Individuals (513) 2006–2010**

A 2012 University of Nebraska (UNL) program evaluation study shows that **68.5%** of those in the control group recidivated, while **33.2%** of those taking the CJC class recidivated.

Over **60%** showed some level of empathy and/or insight into the effect of their actions on the victim/community.

Specifically, those attending the CJC classes were **2 times LESS** likely to recidivate than those not attending the class.

Source: *Nebraska Dept. of Correctional Services
** 2012 UNL Study (NCIS & N-CJIS)

Law Enforcement Comments:

“As a judge who has been using the classes in my juvenile cases, I have found this class to be invaluable. The juveniles learn what it means to be a victim and to appreciate what they have done to others. I have had many positive responses from the juveniles who took the class. Jim is truly making a difference in the lives of the juveniles he teaches.”

Judge Pat McArdle
Gage County

“The CJC serves our courts and corrections agencies by providing day reporting, victim impact training, and other alternatives to incarceration, or enhancements to unsupervised release.

Tom Casady
Director of Public Safety – Lincoln, NE

“Over the past ten years I have seen so many women who truly believed that THEY were the only victim of their crime. After a class, they come away with a realization, and a new attitude about what they have done, and how many people were affected. The class is one of the single most effective things I have seen done at Nebraska Correctional Center for Women.”

Mary Alley - Vocational Teacher II / Victims Advocate
Nebraska Correctional Center for Women

“This is a truly important program that helps offenders understand the impact of their actions on their victims, their own families, their community, and themselves. I thank you for your commitment to justice, and for selflessly sharing your personal experiences so that the class participants can better understand the physical, emotions, financial, social and spiritual impact of crime on victims.”

Anne Seymour
National Crime Victim Advocate