

# Lincoln Vital Signs Behavioral Health Supplement

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The Lincoln Vital Signs Behavioral Health Supplement 2016 is now available online at <http://go.unl.edu/lvsbh2016>

The supplement to the Lincoln Vital Signs reports (2014, 2015) compiles information about persons with mental health and/or substance abuse needs. Areas explored in the report include trends in Nebraska-funded behavioral health clients, homelessness and police interactions.

The need for the report was highlighted over the past two years as people requested information about behavioral health trends at presentations of Lincoln Vital Signs data. To respond to this need, the City of Lincoln, Lincoln Community Foundation, Region V Systems, UNL Center on Children, Families and the Law, and University of Nebraska Public Policy Center successfully collaborated on a proposal to the USDA and the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Agency (through a subaward to Michigan State University) to compile a behavioral health-focused supplement to Lincoln Vital Signs.

The report was co-authored by Dr. Nancy Shank and Dr. Stacey Hoffman of the University of Nebraska Public Policy Center. Just as Lincoln Vital Signs reports have been used extensively throughout Lincoln, the Behavioral Health Supplement provides information which offers insights into public services for persons with mental health and substance abuse needs.