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them, giving them basic services that could be there for this mentally ill person, we wouldn't be having these police calls in the first place. But let's talk about the other end of that system--why the police are called. Sometimes it's the only way to access services in the community. There's nothing there unless the police are involved and there's an incident and you can start the process of the mental health board. So in order to get services, family members and others are going to have to call the police first. With the new system we can put in place, that would not be the case and that would take a burden off the people who are in our law enforcement system. So between the \$2.5 million that we're committing, between the changes in the system so people have some basic monitoring in the community and doing a better job with helping families know how to access the system, we can lift a lot of the burden on the police that currently do ride around with people in the back seat handcuffed, looking for placements. When I was on the Health and Human Services Committee, I found it interesting that at one point, a week before I had the meeting with the police talking about how many people they had not been able to get into some emergency protective custody situation or to the regional center because of the waiting list, then we went to the regional center and were told at that time they had 50 people waiting to leave the regional center but because there weren't any placements in the community they couldn't get out. So we have a system that is broken and we need to improve it and we can do that. Talking about the group home situation, before I came to the Legislature, my job was executive director of the Omaha Community Partnership, and one of the things...

SENATOR JONES: One minute.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...that we did was provide a lot of training to people who worked in group homes, but it was done on a grant basis with whatever funding we had to be able to provide free training to those people, because a lot of group homes are operated on a shoestring because of the payment situation. Since that time, at the time I was leaving, we were working as a community to bring together a training program which now is in place for people who work in group homes in a variety of issues that provide help to them, and clearly this kind of training