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Douglas County Nebraska's Deputy Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Darci Poland recently invited Uta Halee Academy students to participate in a probation officer training seminar called "Supervising the Teen Brain." The students used their acting skills as they assumed the role of teen probationers in mock scenarios between probation officers and families. In one scenario the probation officer was stern with the teen and argumentative with the parent. In the second scenario, the officer was more patient, listened to what the teen and parent had to say and asked questions to determine which services would be most beneficial to the probationer and her family.

After the role play, the students described how the mock situations made them feel. The officers were very appreciative of the students' honest feedback and resulting insights to better work with teens and families in the community.
