

Nebraska Children's Commission
Strategic Planning Statutory Requirements

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1. Facilitated Conferencing

- a. Facilitated Conferencing shall be included in the strategic plan discussions by the Commission. [Neb. Rev. Stat. §43-4203\(3\)](#)

2. Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Reform

- a. Create a statewide strategic plan for reform of child welfare and juvenile justice programs and services in the State of Nebraska. [Neb. Rev. Stat. §43-4202\(a\)](#)

3. Service Area Strategies

- a. Each service area shall develop its own unique strategies to be included in the statewide strategic plan. The Department of Health and Human Services shall assist in identifying the needs of each service area. [Neb. Rev. Stat. §43-4203\(1\)](#)

4. Lead Agency

- a. The Commission shall consider [...] the potential of contracting with private nonprofit entities as a lead agency, subject to the requirements of subsection (2) of this section. [Neb. Rev. Stat. §43-4204\(1\)\(a\)](#)

5. Prevention and Early Intervention

- a. In developing the statewide strategic plan the Commission shall consider [...] provision of leadership for strategies to support high-quality evidence-based prevention and early intervention services that reduce risk and enhance protection for children. [Neb. Rev. Stat. §43-4204\(1\)\(b\)](#)

6. Realignment of Service Areas and Judicial Districts

- a. In developing the statewide strategic plan the Commission shall consider [...] realignment of service areas designated pursuant to section [81-3116](#) to be coterminous with the judicial districts described in section [24-301.02](#). [Neb. Rev. Stat. §43-4204\(1\)\(c\)](#)

7. Child Welfare Indicators

- a. In developing the statewide strategic plan the Commission shall consider [...] identification of the type of information needed for a clear and thorough analysis of progress on child welfare indicators. [Neb. Rev. Stat. §43-4204\(1\)\(b\)](#)

8. Operations of the Department of Health and Human Services

- a. The commission shall review the operations of the department regarding child welfare programs and services and recommend, as part of the strategic plan, options for attaining the legislative intent stated in section 43-4201, either by the establishment of a new division within the department or the establishment of a new state agency to provide all child welfare programs and services which are the responsibility of the state. [Neb. Rev. Stat. §43-4204\(3\)](#)

9. Other Elements as Necessary and Appropriate

- a. In developing the statewide strategic plan, the Commission shall consider [...] such other elements, as the commission deems necessary and appropriate. [Neb. Rev. Stat. §43-4204\(1\)\(e\)](#)