

## Nebraska Children's Commission Membership

Member Name	Member Type	Contact Information	Representation	Other Committees/Workgroups/Taskforces
Vacant	Voting	<b>Title:</b> <b>Organization:</b> <b>Phone:</b> <b>Email:</b>	Community Representative - Northern Service Area	
Vacant	Voting	<b>Title:</b> <b>Organization:</b> <b>Phone:</b> <b>Email:</b>	Community Representative - Southeast Service Area	
Vacant	Voting	<b>Title:</b> <b>Organization:</b> <b>Phone:</b> <b>Email:</b>	Biological Parent Currently Or Previously Involved In The Child Welfare System	
Vacant	Voting	<b>Title:</b> <b>Organization:</b> <b>Phone:</b> <b>Email:</b>	Representative of a federally recognized Indian tribe residing within the State of Nebraska	
<b>Teresa Anderson</b>	Voting	<b>Title:</b> Health Director <b>Organization:</b> Central District Health Department <b>Phone:</b> 308-379-5676 <b>Email:</b> tanderson@cdhd.ne.gov	Community Representative - Central Service Area	COCWB Workgroup, NCC
<b>Karen Authier</b> (Past Chair)	Voting	<b>Title:</b> Chief Executive Officer <b>Organization:</b> Nebraska Children's Home Society <b>Phone:</b> 402-898-7754 <b>Email:</b> kauthier@nchs.org	Child Welfare Service Agency	DTAR Workgroup, NCC (Past Chair), NCC Executive Committee, Normalcy Task Force (Interim Co-Chair)
<b>Beth Baxter</b> (Chair)	Voting	<b>Title:</b> Administrator <b>Organization:</b> Behavioral Health Region 3 <b>Phone:</b> 308-237-5113 x222 <b>Email:</b> bbaxter@region3.net	Administrator of a Behavior Health Region	Lead Agency Taskforce (Chair), Meds Committee, NCC (Chair), NCC Executive Committee, SOC Workgroup
<b>Holly Brandt</b>	Voting	<b>Title:</b> Executive Director <b>Organization:</b> CAPstone Child Advocacy Center <b>Phone:</b> 308-632-7274 <b>Email:</b> director@capstonenebraska.com	Community Representative - Western Service Area	NCC, Workforce Workgroup (Co-Chair)

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<b>Jennifer Chrystal-Clark</b>	Voting	<b>Title:</b> Attorney <b>Organization:</b> Douglas County <b>Phone:</b> 402-444-7051 <b>Email:</b> jennifer.clark@douglascounty-ne.gov	Prosecuting Attorney Who Practices in Juvenile Court	Lead Agency Taskforce, Legal Parties Taskforce, NCC
<b>Vernon Davis</b>	Voting	<b>Title:</b> <b>Organization:</b> Young Adult Previously in Foster Care <b>Phone:</b> 402-516-4401 <b>Email:</b> vernon-J@vernon-J.com	Young Adult previously in Foster Care	NCC
<b>Kim Hawekotte</b>	Voting	<b>Title:</b> Executive Director <b>Organization:</b> Foster Care Review Office <b>Phone:</b> 402-430-6599 <b>Email:</b> kim.hawekotte@nebraska.gov	Executive Director of the Foster Care Review Office	DTAR Workgroup, Lead Agency Taskforce, Legal Parties Taskforce (Chair), Grievance Subcommittee (Co-Chair), Meds Committee, NCC, Normalcy Task Force, OJS Committee (Co-Chair), TFC Workgroup
<b>Gene Klein</b> (Vice Chair)	Voting	<b>Title:</b> Executive Director <b>Organization:</b> Project Harmony <b>Phone:</b> 402-595-1326 <b>Email:</b> gklein@projectharmony.com	Director of a Child Advocacy Center	FCRRC (Co-Chair), NCC (Vice Chair), NCC Executive Committee, SOC Workgroup (Chair)
<b>David Newell</b>	Voting	<b>Title:</b> President & CEO <b>Organization:</b> Nebraska Families Collaborative <b>Phone:</b> 402-982-9613 <b>Email:</b> david.newell@nebraskafc.com	Community Representative - Eastern Service Area (Lead Agency)	DTAR Workgroup (Chair), FCRRC, LOR Workgroup, NCC, TFC Workgroup, Workforce Workgroup
<b>Deb O'Brien</b>	Voting	<b>Title:</b> FCRB Member <b>Organization:</b> <b>Phone:</b> 402-580-5794 <b>Email:</b> debrakay_80@yahoo.com	Member of a Local Foster Care Review Board	NCC, System of Care Workgroup
<b>Mary Jo Pankoke</b>	Voting	<b>Title:</b> President <b>Organization:</b> Nebraska Children and Families Foundation <b>Phone:</b> 402-476-8251 <b>Email:</b> mjpankoke@nebraskachildren.org	Representative Of A Child Advocacy Organization	B2I Committee (Chair), COCWB Workgroup (Chair), JJ Extension Taskforce, Lead Agency Taskforce, NCC, Normalcy Task Force
<b>Susan Thomas</b>	Voting	<b>Title:</b> CASA Volunteer <b>Organization:</b> Nebraska CASA Association <b>Phone:</b> 402-729-6243 <b>Email:</b> susan.shadyacres@gmail.com	Court Appointed Special Advocate Volunteer	NCC

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<b>Janine Ucchino</b>	Voting	<b>Title:</b> Attorney <b>Organization:</b> Law Office of Janine Ucchino <b>Phone:</b> 402-934-8406 <b>Email:</b> jucchino@cox.net	Guardian Ad Litem	Legal Parties Taskforce, NCC
<b>Paula Wells</b>	Voting	<b>Title:</b> Foster Parent <b>Organization:</b> <b>Phone:</b> 402-556-4504 <b>Email:</b> paulabwells@aol.com	Foster Parent	Meds Committee (Co-Chair), NCC
<b>Steve Milliken</b>	Ex-Officio (Alternate)	<b>Title:</b> Administrator <b>Organization:</b> Nebraska Department of Education <b>Phone:</b> 402-471-4324 <b>Email:</b> steve.milliken@nebraska.gov	Designee of the Commissioner of the Department of Education (alternate for when Blomstedt is unavailable)	NCC, OJS Committee
<b>Vacant</b>	Ex-Officio	<b>Title:</b> <b>Organization:</b> <b>Phone:</b> <b>Email:</b>	Appointed by the State Court Administrator	
<b>Matthew Blomstedt</b>	Ex-Officio	<b>Title:</b> Commissioner <b>Organization:</b> Nebraska Department of Education <b>Phone:</b> 402-471-5020 <b>Email:</b> Matt.Blomstedt@nebraska.gov	Commissioner of the Department of Education	NCC, (Designated Steve Milliken for OJS Committee)
<b>Sen. Kate Bolz</b>	Ex-Officio	<b>Title:</b> Senator <b>Organization:</b> Nebraska Legislative Council <b>Phone:</b> 402-471-2734 <b>Email:</b> kbolz@leg.ne.gov	Designee of the Chairperson of the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature	B2I Committee, NCC
<b>Jeanne Brandner</b>	Ex-Officio	<b>Title:</b> Deputy Administrator of the Division of Juvenile Services <b>Organization:</b> Administrative Office of Probation <b>Phone:</b> 402-471-4976 <b>Email:</b> jeanne.brandner@nebraska.gov	Appointed by the State Court Administrator	Evaluation/Assessment Workgroup, NCC, FCRR, TFC Workgroup
<b>Sen. Sara Howard</b>	Ex-Officio	<b>Title:</b> Senator <b>Organization:</b> Nebraska Legislative Council <b>Phone:</b> 402-471-2723 <b>Email:</b> showard@leg.ne.gov	Designee of the Chairperson of the HHS Committee of the Legislature	NCC

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<b>Courtney Phillips</b>	Ex-Officio	<b>Title:</b> Chief Elected Official <b>Organization:</b> Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services <b>Phone:</b> <b>Email:</b> courtney.phillips@nebraska.gov	CEO of Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services	NCC, (Designated Vicki Maca for the Workforce Workgroup)
<b>Judge Linda Porter</b>	Ex-Officio	<b>Title:</b> Judge <b>Organization:</b> Lancaster County Juvenile Court <b>Phone:</b> 402-441-7406 <b>Email:</b> lporter@lancaster.ne.gov	Appointed by the State Court Administrator	Legal Parties Taskforce, NCC, OJS Committee, Workforce Workgroup
<b>Julie Rogers</b>	Ex-Officio	<b>Title:</b> Inspector General <b>Organization:</b> Office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare <b>Phone:</b> 402-471-4211 <b>Email:</b> jrogers@leg.ne.gov	Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare	Lead Agency Taskforce, Legal Parties Taskforce, Meds Committee, NCC, OJS Committee, Workforce Workgroup, YRTC/OOHP Workgroup
<b>Doug Weinberg</b>	Ex-Officio	<b>Title:</b> Director <b>Organization:</b> DHHS, Division of Children and Family Services <b>Phone:</b> 402-471-1878 <b>Email:</b> Doug.Weinberg@nebraska.gov	Director of Children and Family Services division of DHHS	FCRRC, NCC

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