

## Strengthening Families Act Committee Membership

Member Name	Member Type	Title and Organization	Representation
<b>Payne Ackerman</b>	Voting	<b>Former Foster Youth</b> , Project Everlast	young adult currently or previously in foster care
<b>Simone Armstead</b>	Voting	<b>Assistant Director</b> , Marion's Quality Services, Inc.	professional who has relevant practical experience
<b>Deanna Brakhage</b>	Voting	<b>Program Specialist</b> , DHHS, Division of Children and Family Services	representative of the Executive Branch of Government
<b>Ashley Brown</b>	Voting	<b>Program Director</b> , Nebraska KVC	representative from a child welfare service agency
<b>Nathan Collier</b>	Voting	<b>Former Foster Youth</b> , Former Foster Youth	young adult currently or previously in foster care
<b>Heather Colton</b>	Voting	<b>Associate Attorney/Guardian Ad Litem</b> , Pollak & Ball, LLC	Guardian Ad Litem who practices in juvenile court
	Voting	<b>Former Foster Youth</b> , Former Foster Youth	young adult currently or previously in foster care
<b>Vernon Davis (Co-Chair)</b>	Voting	<b>Young Adult Previously in Foster Care</b> , Young Adult Previously in Foster Care	young adult currently or previously in foster care
<b>Patricia Frost</b>	Voting	<b>Education Specialist II</b> , Nebraska Department of Education	representative of the Department of Education (non-statutory)
<b>Stephanie Gardella</b>	Voting	<b>Program Coordinator</b> , CASA for Douglas County	representative from a child welfare advocacy organization
<b>Ron Giesselmann</b>	Voting	<b>Executive Director</b> , Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children	Representative of a child care institution
<b>Brandy Gustoff</b>	Voting	<b>Innovative Growth Leader</b> , Omaha Home for Boys	representative of an Independent Living Services Agency
<b>Kim Hawekotte</b>	Voting	<b>Executive Director</b> , Foster Care Review Office	Executive Director of the Foster Care Review Office
<b>Sarah Helvey (Co-Chair)</b>	Voting	<b>Child Welfare Program Director / Staff Attorney</b> , Nebraska Appleseed	representative from a child welfare advocacy organization
<b>Terri Knutson</b>	Voting	<b>Certified Peer Support Provider</b> , Nebraska Family Support Network	Parent who has experience in the foster care system
<b>Amara Madsen</b>	Voting	<b>Service Director</b> , CEDARS Youth Services	Representative of a child care institution
<b>Sara Riffel</b>	Voting	<b>Project Director</b> , Project Everlast	professional who has relevant practical experience
<b>Nicole Seymour</b>	Voting	<b>Family Engagement Director</b> , PromiseShip	representative from a child welfare service agency (PromiseShip)
<b>Deb Shuck</b>	Voting	<b>Central Service Navigator for the Older Youth System of Care</b> , CAPWN	representative from an agency providing independent living services
<b>Lisa Story</b>	Voting	<b>Foster Parent Representative</b> , Foster Parent Representative	current or former foster parent

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<b>Rochelle Juilfs</b>	Resource	<b>Supervisor; CASA for Douglas County Advocate Supervisor, CASA for Douglas County</b>	representative from a child welfare advocacy organization
<b>Bailey Perry</b>	Resource	<b>Transitional Living Manager, Omaha Home for Boys, Jacob's Place</b>	representative of an Independent Living Services Agency
<b>Vacant</b>	Ex-Officio		representative from the Juvenile Probation System
<b>Vacant</b>	Ex-Officio		representative of the Legislative Branch of Government
<b>Deb VanDyke-Ries</b>	Ex-Officio	<b>Director, Nebraska Court Improvement Project</b>	representative of the Judicial Branch of government