

Nebraska Children's Commission

Eighth Meeting
January 16, 2013
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
DHHS – Gold's Building, Room 534
1033 O Street, Lincoln, NE

Call to Order

Karen Authier called the meeting to order at 9:07am and noted that the Open Meetings Act information was posted in the room as required by state law.

Roll Call

Commission Members present: Pam Allen, Karen Authier, Beth Baxter, Nancy Forney, Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Janteice Holston, Gene Klein, Marty Klein, Norman Langemach, David Newell, Mary Jo Pankoke, Thomas Pristow, Dale Shotkoski, Becky Sorensen, Susan Staab, and Kerry Winterer.

Commission Members absent: Jennifer Nelson and John Northrop.

Ex Officio Members present: Hon. Linda Porter, and Vicky Weisz.

Ex Officio Members absent: Ellen Brokofsky, Senator Kathy Campbell, Senator Colby Coash, and Senator Heath Mello

Also in attendance: Sara Goscha, Vicki Maca, Wes Nespor, Russell Reno, and Leesa Sorensen from the Department of Health and Human Services.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Beth Baxter to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Mary Jo Pankoke. A voice vote of the members present was taken. Voting yes: Pam Allen, Karen Authier, Beth Baxter, Nancy Forney, Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Gene Klein, Marty Klein, Norman Langemach, David Newell, Mary Jo Pankoke, Thomas Pristow, Dale Shotkoski, Becky Sorensen, Susan Staab, and Kerry Winterer. Voting no: none. Janteice Holston, Jennifer Nelson and John Northrop were absent. Motion carried.

Approval of December 11, 2012, Minutes

A motion was made by Gene Klein to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2012, meeting, seconded by Pam Allen. Voting yes: Pam Allen, Karen Authier, Beth Baxter, Nancy Forney,

Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Gene Klein, Marty Klein, Norman Langemach, David Newell, Mary Jo Pankoke, Thomas Pristow, Dale Shotkoski, Becky Sorensen, Susan Staab, and Kerry Winterer. Voting no: none. Janteice Holston, Jennifer Nelson and John Northrop were absent. Motion carried.

Chairperson's Report

Karen Authier provided the committee with information on the Executive Committee call that took place on December 14, 2012. Karen noted that the Executive Committee was asked to provide input on the agenda and direction the Commission should go to move forward on Phase II of the Strategic Plan. Karen noted that the agenda for the day and the bulk of the meeting would be devoted to a discussion on the direction to take with phase II of the strategic plan. Karen then provided the list of reports to be considered by the Commission and provided a few questions that the members might want to think about as a part of the general discussion.

Legislative Update

Sheila Page, Legislative Aide for Senator Colby Coash, provided an update on legislation that Senator Coash was planning to introduce. Sheila reviewed proposed legislation that was planned on Alternative Response (Differential Response) and kinship care. The Commission members were given the opportunity to ask questions on the details provided on each bill.

Commission members also provided updates on information they had on legislation that was being planned by other Senator's offices. The Commission members had a brief discussion on how the Nebraska Children's Commission should handle upcoming legislation.

System of Care Presentation

Beth Baxter and Candy Kennedy-Goergen gave a presentation on Systems of Care to provide Commission members with general information on the key components of Systems of Care. The group had a brief discussion on the importance of the key components of System of Care as a framework for the decisions that will be made and work that will be done in Phase II of the Strategic Plan.

Phase II Strategic Planning General Discussion

The Commission members discussed various aspects of the Phase II Strategic Planning process including a proposed workplan, the need for additional committees, the need for using a facilitator, how to document other work that is being done in Nebraska on the Phase I recommendations, and how to prioritize the work. Beth Baxter recorded the Commission suggestions.

The Commission recommended that the decisions on the structure of DHHS and Lead Agencies should be handled outside of the work on the other recommendations. A suggestion was made that NFC and DHHS be given a chance to provide written information on the lead agency issue for Commission members to read and consider in advance of the February 22 meeting. The

Commission members then asked that this be included on the February agenda so that follow up questions on the written information could be posed to either NFC or DHHS.

The Commission members also recommended that discussion groups be re-established around the four goal areas that were used for the virtual discussions in Phase I planning. The members suggested that the following questions be answered: 1) Who is involved across the state?; 2) What is the Urgency of the Issue?; 3) What is the priority?; 4) What are the Challenges & Opportunities related to this issue? A suggestion was also made that Phase II recommendations should be compiled by July 1, 2013.

The Commission members also had a discussion about the process of handling upcoming legislation and how the Children's Commission should respond to requests to provide input on pending legislation. The Commission agreed that a formal position on legislation should not be taken by the Commission. The members decided that any comment on legislation should be made from each member's individual prospective and that the Commission would not be for or against any proposed legislation. The members also discussed the process of providing history and process information on the Nebraska Children's Commission if the Commission was asked to do so for legislative hearings.

Phase II Strategic Planning Action Item

A motion was made by Gene Klein to designate the Nebraska Children's Commission Chair and Co-Chair as the spokespersons for the purpose of providing Commission history and process information, but not an opinion, about legislation policy and legislation endorsement. The motion was seconded by Norman Langemach. Voting yes: Pam Allen, Karen Authier, Beth Baxter, Nancy Forney, Janteice Holston, Gene Klein, Norman Langemach, David Newell, Mary Jo Pankoke, Dale Shotkoski, Becky Sorensen, Susan Staab, and Kerry Winterer. Voting no: none. Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Marty Klein, Jennifer Nelson, John Northrop and Thomas Pristow were absent. Motion carried.

New Business

General Discussion no action item

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is February 22, 2013, 9:00am-12:00pm. The place has not yet been determined.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Kerry Winterer to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Janteice Holston. The meeting adjourned at 12:05pm.

Juvenile Services (OJS) Committee

Report to the Nebraska Children's Commission April 16, 2013

Chairperson: Martin Klein, Nebraska Children's Commission, Deputy Hall County Attorney

Co-Chairperson: Ellen Brokofsky, Nebraska Children's Commission, State Probation Administrator
– Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation

Committee members:

- Kim Culp, Director -Douglas County Juvenile Assessment Center
- Rachel Daugherty, Juvenile Court Defense Attorney, Hall County, NE (resigned)
- Sarah Forrest, Policy Coordinator – Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice – Voices for Children
- Judge Larry Gendler, Separate Juvenile Court Judge for Sarpy County, NE
- Kim Hawekotte, Director – Foster Care Review Office (former CEO – KVC Nebraska)
- Dr. Anne Hobbs, Director – Juvenile Justice Institute, University of Nebraska, Omaha
- Jana Peterson, Facility Administrator – YRTC, Kearney
- Ron Johns, Administrator – Scotts Bluff County Detention Center
- Nick Juliano, Senior Director of Business Development – Boys Town
- Corey Steel, Assistant Deputy Administrator for Juvenile Services, Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation
- Monica Miles-Steffens, Executive Director – Nebraska Juvenile Justice association & Nebraska JDAI Statewide Coordinator
- Pastor Tony Sanders, CEO – Family First: A Call to Action
- Dalene Walker, Parent

Resources to the Committee:

- Sen. Kathy Campbell
- Sen. Colby Coash
- Stacey Conroy, Legal Counsel for Senator Brad Ashford
- Doug Koebernick, Legislative Assistant for Senator Steve Lathrop
- Jerall Moreland, Assistant Ombudsman - Nebraska Ombudsman's Office
- Dr. Liz Neeley, Nebraska Bar Association, Supreme Court Minority Justice Committee
- Dr. Hank Robinson, Director of Research, Nebraska Department of Corrections
- Dan Scarborough, Facility Administrator – YRTC, Geneva
- Amy Williams, Legislative Assistant for Senator Amanda McGill

Recent Meeting Dates:

January 9, 2013
February 12, 2013
March 12, 2013
April 9, 2013

Activities:

LR196 – Nebraska Juvenile Services Master Plan update:

The committee has completed the initial review of LR196 (*Nebraska Juvenile Services Master Plan*). The original document contained recommendations from 1999 that were updated in 2007.

The main purpose of the original plan was to provide state policy makers with a road map for comprehensive juvenile justice reform and improvement. The committee has reviewed the twenty three recommendations in the master plan and has gathered information from the Department of Health and Human Services to make an initial assessment of progress that has been made towards achieving the master plan recommendations. A sub-committee is currently reviewing this document to finalize the content.

Process Discussion:

On February 12, 2013, the committee began a detailed Juvenile Services process discussion. The committee discussed the different steps in the process from the point that a juvenile first comes into contact with law enforcement through post disposition. The continuum "framework" was built through the creation of the *Proposed Nebraska Juvenile Justice System Continuum of Service* document. The committee also decided that the next steps at the March meeting were to add specificity to the Nebraska juvenile justice system continuum of service document to note what the ideal juvenile justice system of care should look like in Nebraska. The committee decided that this more detailed examination of the system should be done using two sub-committees. The full committee would then use the more detailed document to review the Office of Juvenile Services current operations, create future expectations of the Office of Juvenile Services, and make overall juvenile justice continuum of service recommendations at future meetings.

At the March 12, 2013 meeting, a legislative report was given on the progress of LB561. As a result of the legislative report the committee chose to react to LB561 and incorporate that legislative work into the work on the continuum of service document as a part of the discussions within the two sub-committees.

The two sub-committees are continuing their work and discussions apart from the work that is being done on LB561. The full Juvenile Services (OJS) committee met on April 9, 2013 at the Capitol in order to allow Senators and their staff who are resources to the committee to be more easily involved. Stacey Conroy gave an update on LB561. The Juvenile Services (OJS) Committee approved a motion that "The Committee will support continued examination of the YRTC's as stipulated in LB561 and for those changes specifically requesting resource supports for consultants, and reimbursement for reasonable expenses for committee members." The committee also approved a motion to return to the original intent of the committee is outline in LB821. A small group will be meeting at the end of April to create a work plan for the full committee. The full committee will meet all day on both May 14 and June 11 to add detail and recommendations to the *Proposed Nebraska Juvenile Justice System Continuum of Service* document.

The committee is continuing to monitor progress on the juvenile justice bills that are pending in the legislature. The committee at this point still intends to complete the juvenile services assessment and to create juvenile justice reform recommendations by July 1, 2013.

Committee Membership Change:

On March 12, 2013, the committee voted to accept the resignation of Rachel Daugherty, Juvenile Court Defense Attorney, Hall County, NE. The committee is currently taking recommendations for a replacement member.

At the April 9, 2013, the committee discussed the possibility of adding additional members to the committee to ensure representation from behavioral health, education, and the Crime Commission. Committee members are currently submitting names for potential new members.

Proposed Nebraska Juvenile Justice System Continuum of Service

Contact with Law Enforcement (LE)	JDAI Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative	Charging Decision	Post Filing/ Predisposition (trial)	Disposition (Decision)	Post Disposition
<p>Objective decisions by law enforcement and schools (assessment)</p> <p>Better information sharing</p> <p>Options for law enforcement (assessment and support services)</p> <p>Trained workforce with support</p> <p>Paradigm shift – assessment before action (e.g. civil citation made)</p> <p>Not unnecessarily involving youth in juvenile justice system</p>	<p>Intake/entry</p>	<p>Access to information (N-Focus move from LE/schools-assessment centers)</p> <p>Access to Diversion – objective criteria</p> <p>All kids have access to counsel (waiver issues by youth & parents)</p> <p>Struggle of defense counsel between acting in best interest of child & pleading (statement info not used in adjudication)</p> <p>Youth start in juvenile court</p> <p>Training – (prosecutors understand juvenile justice, adolescent development)</p> <p>Should there be other referrals options besides decisions – information option</p> <p>Warning letter</p> <p>Cross-over youth</p>	<p>Timeliness to adjudication – judges schedule vacant blocks of time (evaluations & back in front of judge within 10 days of evaluation)</p> <p>Pre-adjudication supervision/alternatives to detention</p> <p>Post filing diversion options</p> <p>Specialty courts</p> <p>Evaluations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What needs to be included? - Duplication - Detention vs community based - How often are they needed? - Do they need to be a state ward? - Evaluations close to home - Don't do evaluations in detention/confinement - Education about what evaluations are for (judges, defense counsel, prosecutors) and using evaluations for alternate purposes <p>Cross-over youth</p> <p>Coordinated case processing/management</p>	<p>Specialty courts</p> <p>Equal access to services (continuum of effective care)</p> <p>Consistent assessment tools/classification levels</p> <p>Over use of mental health or substance abuse evaluations</p> <p>Who makes the decisions/consistent application of statute</p> <p>Affordable and best interest of the child</p> <p>Promptness of disposition</p> <p>Objective admissions criteria for YRTC/all levels of care</p> <p>Levels of care (YRTC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What do they look like? - Where are they located? 	<p>Objective criteria for case closure</p> <p>How to evaluate progress?</p> <p>Kids aging out of juvenile justice</p> <p>Re-entry planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Who makes those decisions (judge, agency, etc.)? - Family involvement - Independent living skills - Step down processes? - Homeless issues - Aftercare planning <p>What is our expected outcome?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How do we know the child was better in the end? <p>Extending jurisdiction?</p> <p>How do we handle parole violations/technical violations?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Graduated sanctions/incentives - Risk assessment at this point? - Re-commitments

Overarching Themes:	Timeliness	Savings Reinvestment	Collaborative Leadership	Data	Advocacy	Services Close to Home
Address poverty issues (basic needs met)		Coordinated case processing/management	JDAI		Collaborate Across Multiple Commissions	

Nebraska Children's Commission

Selected bills that relate to the work of the Commission.

Legislative Bills

Last Revised: April 15, 2013

<u>Document</u>	<u>Primary Introducer</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Description</u>
LB44	Ashford	E and R Initial	Change penalty provisions with respect to Class IA felonies committed by persons under the age of eighteen
LB216	McGill	Select File	Adopt the Young Adult Voluntary Services and Support Act
LB265	Coash	E and R Engrossing	Change foster care licensure and kinship home and relative home provisions
LB268	Campbell	Referral	State intent to appropriate funds for upgrade of an electronic data collection system related to child welfare and other economic assistance programs
LB269	Campbell	E and R Initial	Change provisions relating to children and families
LB342	Coash	General File	Change right to counsel provisions under the Nebraska Juvenile Code
LB425	Campbell	Referral	State intent to appropriate funds for intervention services for at-risk children and youth
LB464	Ashford	Select File	Change court jurisdiction over juveniles and indictment procedures
LB471	Coash	Referral	Change provisions relating to juvenile commitment evaluations
LB495	Sullivan	E and R Engrossing	Change provisions relating to the Education Innovation Fund and early childhood grant reporting
LB497	Sullivan	E and R Initial	Change provisions relating to funding for education from lottery funds
LB503	Coash	Referral	Rename the Child Protection Act and provide for alternative response to a report of child abuse or neglect
LB507	Campbell	General File	Adopt the Step Up to Quality Child Care Act
LB530	Dubas	Final Reading	Add, change, and eliminate provisions relating to foster care reimbursements
LB530A	Dubas	Final Reading	Appropriation Bill
LB556	McGill	Referral	Provide for telehealth services for children, change the medical assistance program, and provide duties for the Department of Health and Human Services
LB561	Ashford	Referral	State findings and intent for changes to the juvenile justice system and a funding mechanism
LB605	Pirsch	Referral	Provide for Telehealth Behavioral Health Services Program
LB625	Conrad	Referral	Change income eligibility provisions relating to federal child care assistance
LR31	Campbell	Adopted & Speaker Signed	Provide the Executive Board appoint the Children's Behavioral Health Oversight Committee as a special committee

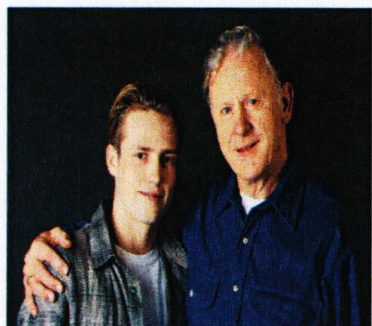
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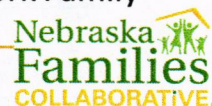
NFC Guiding Principles

- *Children, families, and communities need to be safe.*
- *Children will live with their families. Exceptions will only be made when the provision of services will not protect them from further harm.*
- *Children and their families along with their natural support systems will participate in service planning. The services offered will be unique to the child and family.*
- *Children and their families will be encouraged and supported in the execution of their service plan.*
- *Children's/families' needs are best met through collaborative actions with families, friends, existing community resources, cultural systems and other natural supports.*

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History of NFC Agencies

- Over 374 combined years of experience
- Over 119 years of combined licensure
- Over 71 years of combined national accreditation
- Prior to November 2009: NFC partners provided (Eastern Service Area):
 - 63% of Safety & In-Home Services
 - 32% of Foster Care
 - 67% of Group Home
 - 100% of Nebraska Family Support Network Family Partners



Why NFC Came Together?

- The creation of the "Nebraska Families Collaborative" was a direct response to an RFP to work with the State of Nebraska "Division of Child and Family Services" in a public/private partnership.
- The Intended Goals of the Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Reform:
 - Improved CFSR outcomes in the areas of safety, permanency and well-being
 - More children served safely at home rather than in out-of-home care
 - Shared ownership in achievement of outcomes by public-private connections
 - Streamlined system for families with reduction/elimination in service gaps
 - Greater use of best practices and evidence-based models
 - Provide continuity of services and stability of placement
 - Individualized service plans vs. a limited menu of specific services
 - Performance-based contracts with some incentives and sanctions
 - Aftercare Services



What is Nebraska Families Collaborative?

- Collaborative formed as a comprehensive solution to develop a world-class system of care in Nebraska
- A partnership between Boys Town, Child Saving Institute, Heartland Family Service, Nebraska Family Support Network, and OMNI Behavioral Health
- Incorporated as a nonprofit Nebraska corporation
- Combined expertise in child welfare, juvenile justice, and behavioral health services utilizing a network of community agencies
- Lead Agency accredited by Council on Accreditation



Why Reform Nebraska?

- Nebraska needed to Reform Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice
- July 2002 - (Final Report September, 2002) CFSR Nebraska's first review -Two of the six data standards were in compliance with four standards needing improvement. At that time Nebraska did not achieve substantial conformity on any of the seven safety, permanency, or well-being outcomes. The 2002 review lead to the development of a Program Improvement Plan (PIP) 2003-2006 with over 200 items needing to be addressed including the areas of:
 - Collaborative Case Practice
 - Quality Assurance and Accountability
 - Timely Adoption and Permanency
- 2007 - Announced Governor's priorities to accelerate reform of Nebraska's Child Welfare System and to improve Nebraska's performance on the federal government's CFSR in 2008.



What We Do

- NFC is responsible for case management of all Eastern Service Area that includes:
 - All youth and families are referred to NFC from DHHS receive services
 - OJS youth
 - Abuse/neglect
 - Court intervention
 - w/out court intervention
 - NFC has an unconditional care contract and youth/families referred by DHHS
 - NFC does not determine which families enter the system or whether the child stays at home or is removed



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Population Data Statewide

	Child Status	Central	Eastern	Northern	Southeast	Western	Grand Total
Wards	Ward - In Home	200	509	222	586	77	1594
	Ward - Out of Home	380	1567	448	1025	380	3800
	Wards Total	580	2076	670	1611	457	5394
Court Supervision		0	0	7	25	5	37
Non-Court	Non-Court - Out of Home	1	8	3	6	2	20
	Non-Court - In Home	22	447	138	359	189	1155
	Non-Court Total	23	455	141	365	191	
TOTAL Wards and Non-Court Involved Youth		603	2531	818	2001	653	6606

Data extracted from DHHS Point In Time Report, 4.8.2013

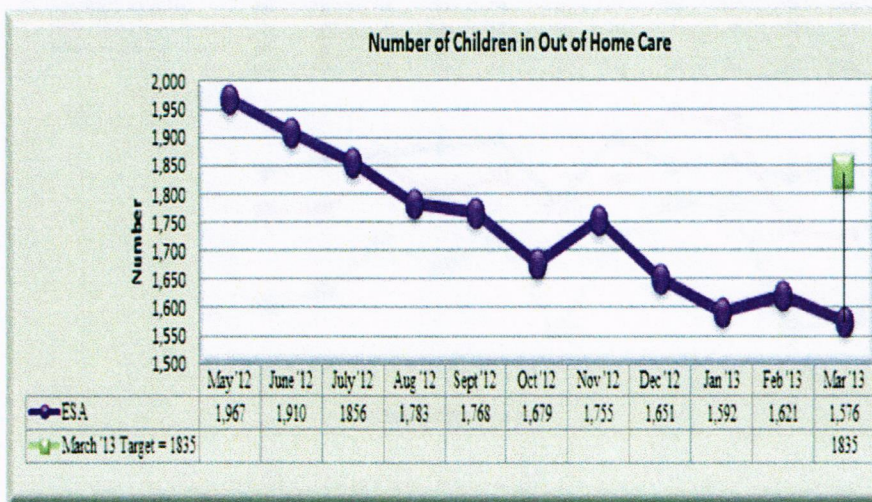
Eastern Service Area Demographics

- **Special Education**
 - Douglas 14,395
Douglas county has the highest number of children in special education in the State
 - Sarpy 3,562
- **Children 17 & Under in Poverty (2006-2011)**
 - Douglas 17.1%
 - Sarpy 7.7%
- **Youth Arrests (17 and under)**
 - Douglas 3,812
 - Sarpy 1,247
- **Children 19 and under**
 - Douglas 150,759
 - Sarpy 50,185
- **Children in out of home care**
 - Douglas 1,728
 - Sarpy 179
- **Children of Color**
 - Douglas 59,472
 - Sarpy 11,277

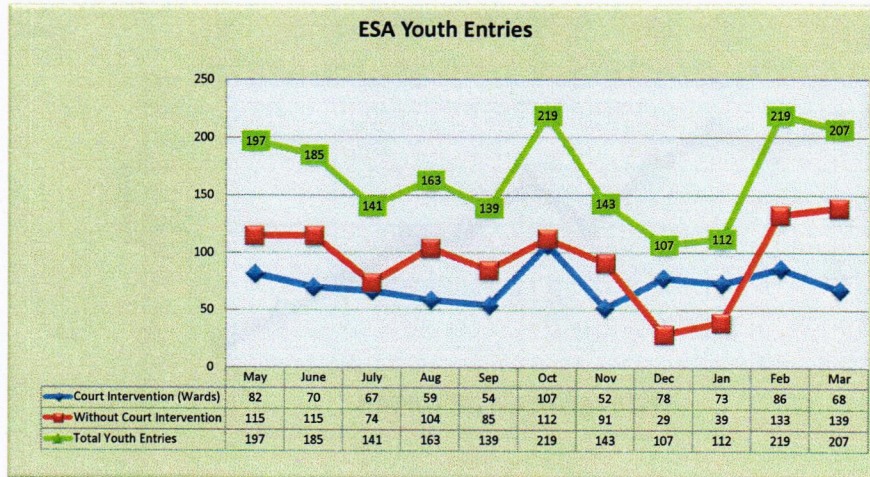
Voices For Children Kids Count Report 2012



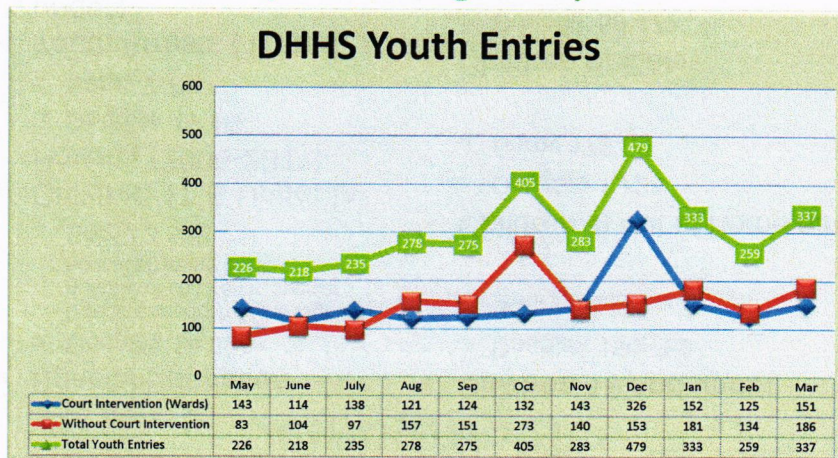
Reducing Out of Home Care



ESA Entries



Statewide Entries (excluding ESA)



NFC Contract Process Measures

	Target	State Average	Eastern
90 Day Family Team Meetings	100%	82.4%	94.0%
Monthly Child Visit	95%	96.9%	97.2%
Monthly Parent Visit	95%	83.2%	91.0%
Monthly Provider Visit	95%	83.7%	97.0%
*Case Load Size	Mixed caseload <=17	74.0%	96.0%
	Out of Home <= 16	96.2%	99.3%

Data extracted from the Child Welfare Performance Accountability Report for February 2013
*Case Load Data extracted from the 4/5/13 caseload report

NFC Board 2013

- NFC's new Board reflects the diversity, leadership and talent within the greater Omaha community. NFC's new Board will help the organization develop strategic partnerships and service innovations that will benefit children and families served through the child welfare and juvenile justice systems.
- The new Board includes thirteen (13) voting members, six (6) who are employees of current NFC partner organizations and seven (7) who are community members representing both Douglas County and Sarpy County.

Chair, Bob Pick
Vice Chair, Peg Harriot
Treasurer, Judy Rasmussen (*non-voting*)
Secretary, Kathy Bigsby-Moore

Nick Juliano
 Morgan Kelly
 Andrea Skolkin
 Dr. Theresa Barron-McKeagney

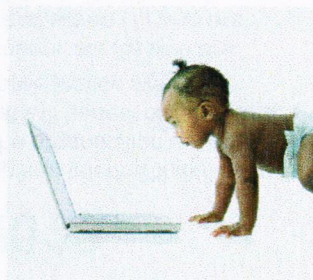
Susanne Shore
 Dan Jackson
 Ann O'Connor

Alex Hayes
 Carolyn Green
 Tim Gay



FamCare and Electronic Data Interchange

- NFC will implement FamCare this May.
- FamCare is a flexible, customizable, web-based case management system that offers improved ability to foster better communication among employees by way of advanced reporting, notification and operational workflow controls.
- The system's software offers electronic data interchange that enables communication with external software systems. Sharing data with the provider network reduces data duplication and data errors, leading to improved efficiency and, ultimately, better and timelier data.



In 2012, the Center for the Support of Families and Hornsby Zeller Associates were commissioned to provide the Nebraska Legislature an independent assessment of child welfare services in Nebraska.

Hornsby Zeller Findings

- *"In order to focus on improving service delivery and family centered practice, the Eastern Service Area should remain under NFC for the foreseeable future".*
- *"If the system is to serve children and families more effectively, both the public and the private sector have to be given time to adjust to new roles and capacities to work together in new ways".*
- *"NFC must be compensated based on rates sufficient to cover its allowable and required costs. This system is still in transition and transitions always imply costs beyond the normal. Those transitional costs need to be included in the legislative appropriations and in the rates provided to NFC".*
- *"Because NFC is required to maintain specific caseload sizes, the most appropriate means of determining an appropriate rate would be to calculate it on the costs of a staffing pattern adequate to meet the caseload standards".*



Community Support for NFC

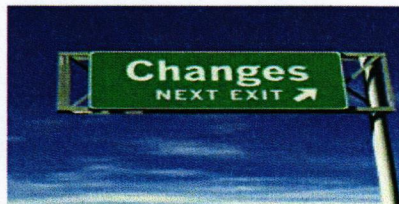
NFC has gained broad support from its community stakeholders to continue to serve children and families.

- Children and Family Coalition of Nebraska (CAFCON), Nebraska's largest child welfare provider association
- Voices for Children
- The Editorial Board of the Lincoln Journal Star
- The Editorial Board of the Omaha World Herald
- Platte Institute Report on Child Welfare



Upcoming Major System Changes

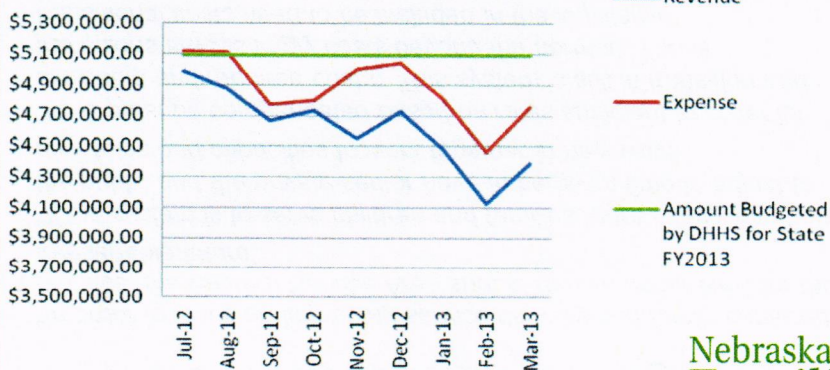
- Passage of LB 561
- Medicaid eligibility determinations change May 1, 2013
- Medicaid Managed Care program for Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders September 1, 2013
- Healthcare Reform
- NFC's contract ends June 30, 2014
- Gubernatorial change January 2015



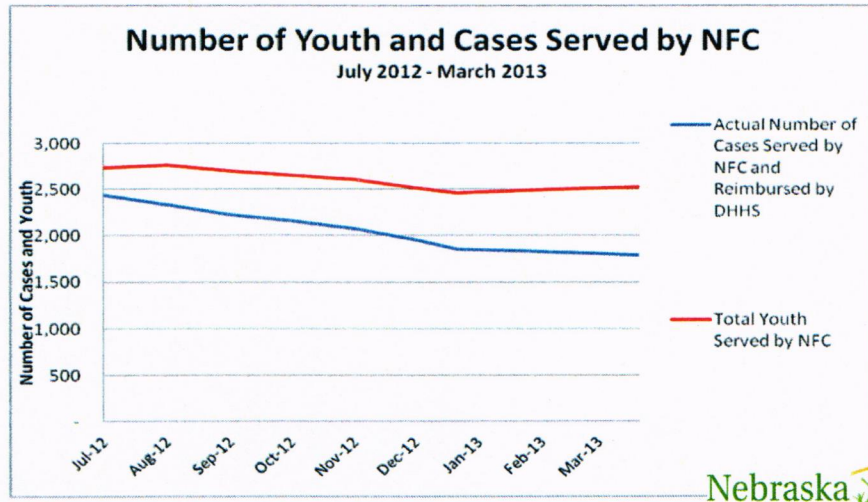
Financial Stability

Revenue, Expense and Appropriations for NFC

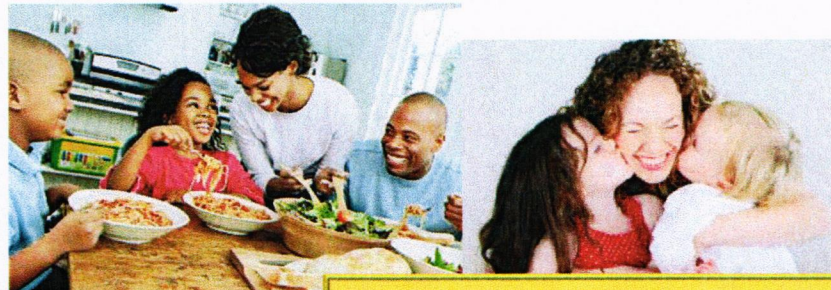
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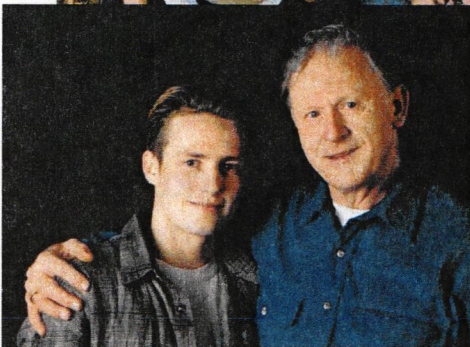
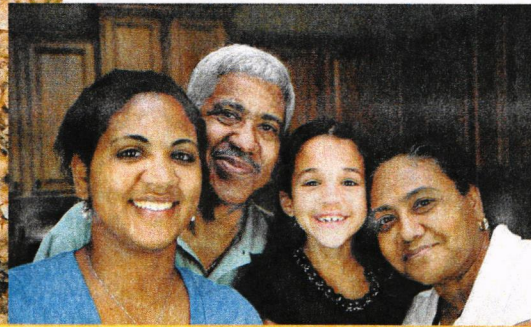


The mission of Nebraska Families Collaborative is to build on child, family, and community strengths so that every child is safe, healthy, and in a forever family.

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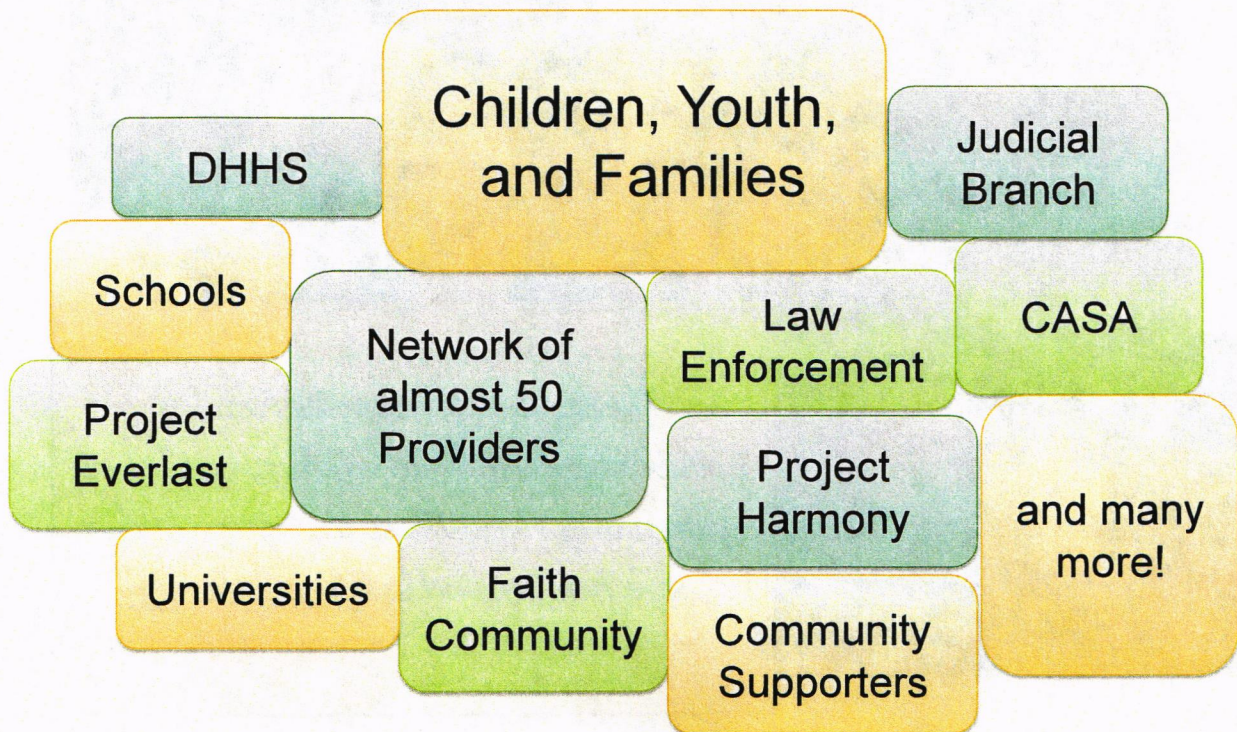
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Who We Are



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Our Stakeholders—Partners for Change



What We Do

- NFC is responsible for case management of Nebraska state wards and their families, OJS youth and their families and non-court families
 - 1421 families in Douglas and Sarpy counties
 - 1312 are court involved
 - 109 are non-court involved
- (DHHS Point In Time Report 01.28.2013)*
- NFC has an unconditional care contract and serves all youth/families referred by DHHS
 - NFC does not determine which families enter the system or whether the child stays at home or is removed

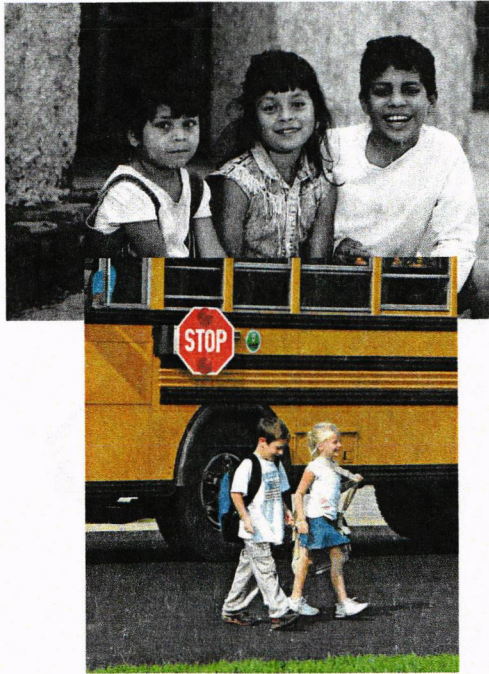


Population Data Statewide

	Child Status	Central	Eastern	Northern	Southeast	Western	Grand Total
Wards	Ward - In Home	193	546	252	661	99	1751
	Ward - Out of Home	393	1592	442	973	365	3765
	Wards Total	586	2138	694	1634	464	5516
Court Supervision		0	0	6	29	4	39
Non-Court	Non-Court - Out of Home	0	28	1	0	5	34
	Non-Court - In Home	56	276	130	343	176	981
Non-Court Total		56	304	131	343	181	1015
TOTAL Wards and Non-Court Involved Youth		642	2442	825	1977	645	6531

Data extracted from DHHS Point In Time Report, 01.28.2013

Nebraska's Numbers

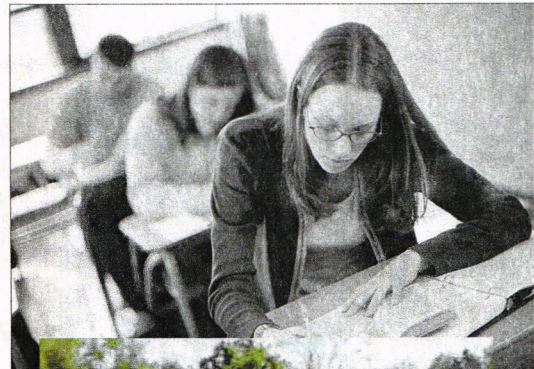


- Children 19 and under
 - Douglas 150,759
 - Sarpy 50,185
- Children in out of home care
 - Douglas 1,728
 - Sarpy 179
- Children of Color
 - Douglas 59,472
 - Sarpy 11,277

Voices For Children Kids Count Report 2012

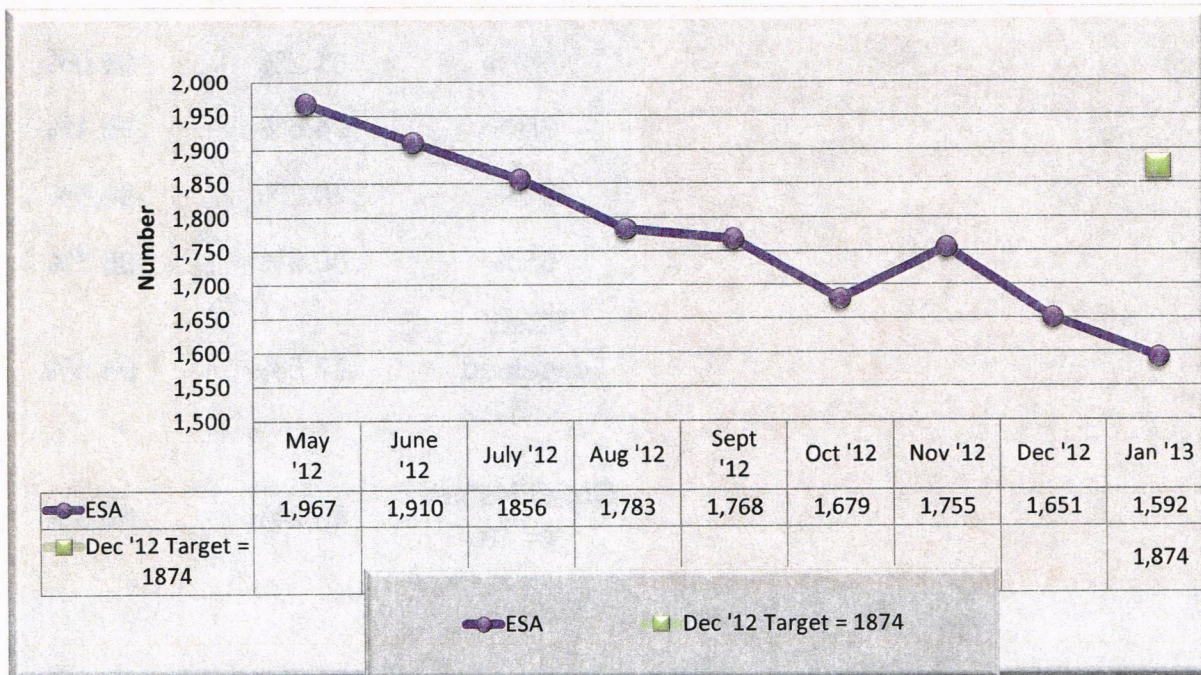
Nebraska's Numbers

- Special Education
 - Douglas 14,395
Douglas county has the highest number of children in special education in the State
 - Sarpy 3, 562
- Children 17 & Under in Poverty (2006-2011)
 - Douglas 17.1%
 - Sarpy 7.7%
- Youth Arrests (17 and under)
 - Douglas 3,812
 - Sarpy 1,247



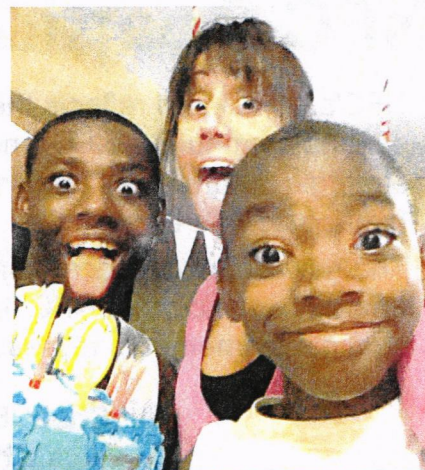
Voice For Children Kids Count Report 2012

The Reduction of Children in Out of Home Care since May 2012



Adoption

- In 2012, the Eastern Service Area (ESA) had 192 Adoptions (which represented 50% of all adoptions statewide)
- 63 adoptions occurred on National Adoption Day 2012, representing the largest National Adoption Day celebration the ESA



NFC Contract Process Measures

	Target	State Average	Eastern
90 Day Family Team Meetings	100%	81.2%	95.0%
Monthly Child Visit	95%	94.6%	95.1%
Monthly Parent Visit	95%	79.2%	85.6%
Monthly Provider Visit	95%	80.0%	95.7%
*Case Load Size	Mixed caseload ≤17	77.5%	94.9%
	Out of Home ≤ 16	93.2%	99.3%

Data extracted from the Child Welfare Performance Accountability Report for January based on December 2012 data

NFC Board 2013

- NFC's new Board reflects the diversity, leadership and talent within the greater Omaha community. NFC's new Board will help the organization develop strategic partnerships and service innovations that will benefit children and families served through the child welfare and juvenile justice systems.
- The new Board includes thirteen (13) voting members, six (6) who are employees of current NFC partner organizations and seven (7) who are community members representing both Douglas County and Sarpy County.

Chair, Bob Pick

Vice Chair, Peg Harriot

Treasurer, Judy Rasmussen (non-voting)

Secretary, Kathy Bigsby-Moore

Nick Juliano

Morgan Kelly

Andrea Skolkin

Dr. Theresa Barron-McKeagney

Susanne Shore

Dan Jackson

Ann O'Connor

Alex Hayes

Carolyn Green

Tim Gay

Community Advisory Board

- NFC's Community Advisory Board meets monthly to discuss different topics affecting the families and youth in the community.
- Members include representatives from various community stakeholders and foster parents.
- The Community Advisory Board makes recommendations for ways to improve our services to families and youth.

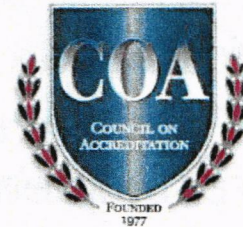


Community Advisory Board Members

Karen Authier	Executive Director	Nebraska Children's Home Society
Barb and Bob Clay	Foster Parents	
Rosey Higgs	Program Officer, Project Everlast	Nebraska Children and Families Foundation
Kelli Hauptman	Staff Attorney	Center on Children, Family and the Law
Patti Jurjevich	Program Administrator	Region 6
Kelly Latimer, LCSW	School Social Worker	Millard South High School
Dave Newell	Chair	Nebraska Families Collaborative
Janine F. Uchino	Attorney at Law	
Nancy Wilson	Executive Director	NOVA Treatment Community
Carolyn Rooker	Executive Director	Voices for Children
Sarah Forrest (Alternate for Carolyn Rooker)	Policy & Research Associate	Voices for Children
Tony Green	Administrator	DHHS
Melanie Williams-Smotherman	Executive Director	Family Advocacy Movement
Cindy Tierney	Executive Director	Concord Center
Hon. Patrick Runge	Chief Judge	Winnebago Tribal Court

Accreditation

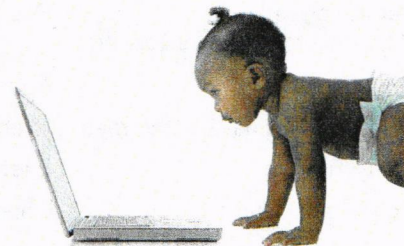
- NFC became accredited by the Council on Accreditation in December 2012.
- The Council on Accreditation is an international, independent, not-for-profit, child- and family-service and behavioral healthcare accrediting organization. It was founded in 1977 by the Child Welfare League of America and Family Service America (now the Alliance for Children and Families).
- Currently, COA accredits or is in the process of accrediting more than 1,800 private and public organizations or programs that serve more than 7 million individuals and families world-wide.



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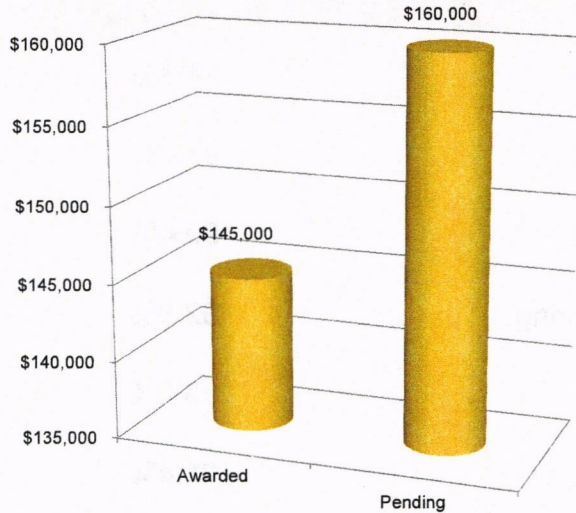
FamCare and Electronic Data Interchange

- NFC will implement FamCare this April.
- FamCare is a flexible, customizable, web-based case management system that offers improved ability to foster better communication among employees by way of advanced reporting, notification and operational workflow controls.
- The system's software offers electronic data interchange that enables communication with external software systems. Sharing data with the provider network reduces data duplication and data errors, leading to improved efficiency and, ultimately, better and timelier data.



Grants and Community Partnerships

Community Partnerships



2012 Grants Awarded

NFC has partnered with community agencies on innovative strategies and practices in the community that relate to safety, permanency and well being of children and families in the ESA

- Permanency for Youth Aging Out of the Foster Care System
- Partnership for Change in Mental Health
- Road to Health for Children
- Fostering Healthy Homes-Lead Poison Prevention-EPA



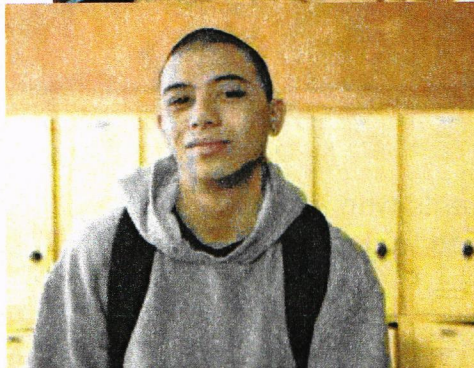
But what do the families think?



Over 200 parents who are working with NFC responded to our Parent Survey

Parent Survey Results

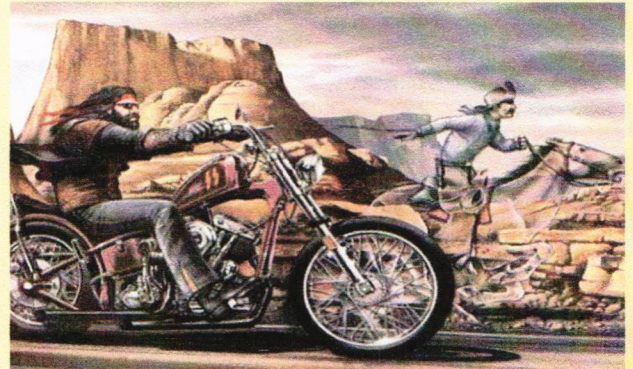
Parents were asked to rate their Family Permanency Specialist on how well they do the following:	% of respondents who rated their FPS as "good" or better
Treats me with respect	94.5%
Addresses safety concerns	93.7%
Involves me in the decision making process	90.4%
Works with me in case planning and monitoring	92.9%
Returns my calls in a timely manner	93.2%
Communicates with me	91.4%
Assists in locating people to help me in the community	91.4%



The mission of Nebraska Families Collaborative is to build on child, family, and community strengths so that every child is safe, healthy, and in a forever family.

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

RIDE ACROSS NEBRASKA MAY 30TH - JUNE 1ST



Hundreds of Nebraskans will be mounting their motorcycles to help bring awareness to children's mental health issues.

*This statewide awareness and advocacy event that places a spotlight on the challenges faced by families with young people whom have behavioral health challenges. The 2013 specific focus is: **Pay it forward, Invest in Children's Mental Wellness!***

The journey begins with a kickoff celebration in Scottsbluff, Nebraska on May 29th, 2013. Motorcyclists will travel across Nebraska collecting letters that address Nebraska's need to invest in children's mental wellness. The parade will end at the steps of the State Capital in Lincoln on Saturday, June 1st, where the Pony Express Riders will deliver the letters to the hands of the young people to share with Governor Heineman and other Nebraska law makers.

*The parade will end at the steps of the capital with the Pony Express handing the letters to the Youth.
Wanna be a "pony express" rider?
Please do, your involvement would be so appreciated.!
Contact Sarah @ 308-991-8683*





CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS 2013

The observation of Children's Mental Health week is a national event. Our plan of events include an across the state motorcycle ride, using the idea of the "pony express" The pony express will collect letters from each behavioral health region to be delivered to the steps of the state capital into the hands of our Governor by our youth. The track will begin in Scottsbluff with a regional celebration involving community members and public officials. Each day will be another stop of the pony express and a celebration in the specific region. The last day of the event will be a celebration after the delivery of the letters. The celebration will be a dinner and awards, a youth panel and live music. The goal of these events is to elevate awareness of children's mental health issues with the hope of encouraging early diagnosis and treatment. Another goal is to eliminate the stigma associated with children's mental health. Stigma is a barrier and discourages families from getting the help they need due to the fear of being discriminated against or judged.

There are numerous levels of event sponsorship opportunities to best meet your organization's budget, marketing needs and desire to reach the community with your message. Your company will receive:



Gold Event Sponsor - \$5,000

- Listing in all printed materials and media
- A bold, single text link on our website x 12 months
- Verbal mention of company name at event.
- Seating for four at the event.
- Name and logo on nefamilies4kids.org website page promoting event.



Silver Event Sponsor - \$2,500

- Listing in all printed materials and media
 - A bold, single text link on our website x 6 months
 - Verbal mention of company name at event.
 - Seating for two at the event.
 - Name and logo on nefamilies4kids.org website
- Two tickets for the event.



Bronze Event Sponsor - \$1,500

- Listing in all printed materials and media mentions for event your company sponsors.
- A bold, single text link on our website x 3 months
- Verbal mention of company name at event.
- Name and logo on nefamilies4kids.org website

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