

Co-Chair Nomination Report

Bridge to Independence Advisory Committee Nominees
Report to the Nebraska Children's Commission
July 31, 2018

The following individuals have indicated interest in the Juvenile Services Co-Chair position. The Commission will need motion and vote to select one individual to fill the position of Co-Chair.

Christina Lloyd

Program Director -Bridges Transitional Living and Street Outreach Services, CEDARS Youth Services:

- I am interested in Co-Chairing the B2I Advisory Committee as someone that has experience working with youth that currently or have received B2I funding. I currently serve as Chair of the Lincoln Homeless Coalition and the Youth Subcommittee of the Lincoln Homeless Coalition, so I have several years of experience in the leadership role. I also serve on the Nebraska Management Information Systems Board of Directors and I understand the expectations that are required of committee members while chairing or co-chairing committees. I am willing and able to further the time and effort required to co-chair the B2I Advisory Committee. I appreciate your consideration and look forward to hearing from you.

Sara Riffel

Associate Vice President - Connected Youth Initiative, Nebraska Children and Families Foundation

- I am interested in being considered for the co-chair position with the Bridge to Independence Advisory Committee. I have a variety of child welfare experience working with older youth in Nebraska in direct care, case management, aftercare, independent living, mental health and advocacy which allows me to bring a unique perspective to the Advisory Committee – helping to support needs of youth, case workers and families. As co-chair, I hope the Advisory Committee can benefit from my organizational leadership skills – communication, follow-through, drive – to move the business of the Committee forward so we can work together to support older youth, case workers and families in Nebraska.

Cristen White

Operations Program Manager, PromiseShip

- I currently oversee the Independent Living and adoption unit at PromiseShip and this committee impacts the work my units are responsible for carrying out. I am dedicated to ensuring older youth transition out of the child welfare system successfully and have the supports they need to do so. I want to help lead the committee in coming up with different ways to improve outcomes, so these youth can achieve their goals and reach their full potential.

Senator Anna Wishart

Senator, Nebraska Legislative Council

- Young adults that have aged out of foster care or are discharged to independent living deserve specialized, professional guidance as they embark upon a new chapter in life. For this reason, it is my intention to serve in any capacity that the Bridge to Independence Advisory Committee see fit, including the position of Co-Chair.