

# Member Nomination Report

Strengthening Families Act (SFA) Committee Nomination

Report to the Nebraska Children's Commission

July 31, 2018

The following individuals have been nominated for membership on the SFA Committee. These individuals would serve for a term of two years. The Executive Committee has reviewed all applicants and recommends the following appointments to the SFA Committee.

Member Representation	Member Type	Applicant Name	Title & Organization
current or former foster parent	Voting	Lisa Story* <b>(Commission Member)</b>	<b>Foster Parent Representative, N/A</b>
Guardian Ad Litem who practices in juvenile court	Voting	Heather Colton*	<b>Associate Attorney/Guardian Ad Litem, Pollak &amp; Ball, LLC</b>
Other - representative of the Department of Education	Voting	Patricia Frost*	<b>Education Specialist, Nebraska Department of Education</b>
Parent who has experience in the foster care system	Voting	Terri Knutson <b>(Commission Member)</b>	<b>Certified Peer Support Provider, Nebraska Family Support Network</b>
Professional who has relevant practical experience	Voting	Simone Armstead	<b>Childcare Director, Marion's Quality Services, INC</b>
	Voting	Sarah Riffel	<b>Associate Vice President - Connected Youth Initiative, Nebraska Children and Families Foundation</b>
representative from a child welfare advocacy organization	Voting	Stephanie Gardella	<b>Program Coordinator, CASA for Douglas County</b>
	Voting	Sarah Helvey* <b>(Co-Chair)</b>	<b>Program Director / Staff Attorney – Child Welfare Program, Nebraska Applesseed</b>
	Non-Voting	Rochelle Juilfs	<b>Advocate Supervisor, CASA for Douglas County</b>
Representative from a child welfare service agency	Voting	Ashley Brown*	<b>Program Director, Nebraska KVC</b>
	Voting	Deb Shuck*	<b>Central Service Coordinator, Community Action Health Center</b>
Representative from an agency providing independent living services	Voting	Brandy Gustoff	<b>Innovative Growth Leader, Omaha Home for Boys</b>
	Non-Voting	Bailey Perry	<b>Transitional Living Manager, Omaha Home for Boys, Jacob's Place</b>
representative from the Juvenile Probation System	Non-Voting	Jim Bennett*	<b>Director of Supervision Services, AOP, Juvenile Services Division</b>
Representative of a child care institution	Voting	Ron Giesselmann	<b>Executive Director, Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children</b>
	Voting	Amara Madsen	<b>Service Director, CEDARS Youth Services</b>
Representative of the Executive branch of government	Voting	Deanna Brakhage	<b>Program Specialist, DHHS, Division of Children and Family Services</b>
young adult currently or previously in foster care	Voting	Payne Ackerman*	<b>Young Adult Previously in Foster Care, N/A</b>
	Voting	Nathan Collier*	<b>Student/Law Clerk, UNL/Nebraska Applesseed</b>
	Voting	Rebecca Daugherty	<b>Young Adult Previously in Foster Care, N/A</b>
	Voting	Vernon Davis* <b>(Commission Member and Co-Chair)</b>	<b>Young Adult Previously in Foster Care, N/A</b>

\*Holds this position as a current member