

## Level of Responsibility Workgroup Summary

### Objective:

Create a fourth tier of the NCR to outline the specialized caregiving responsibilities necessary for children and youth with exceptional medical and/or behavioral needs.

### Methods:

- The workgroup used the comments from the foster parent survey administered in 2019 and feedback from DHHS and agencies represented on the workgroup to inform the changes made to the NCR.
- The Foster Family Treatment Association (FFTA) of Nebraska assisted by submitted recommended language.
- PromiseShip and Juvenile Probation were consulted and participated in the development of the NCR. Their unique contributions assisted the implementation of the fourth tier because these entities contract or issue vouchers for professional foster care.

### Recommendations:

1. Replace professional foster care service contracts and vouchers with the use of the NCR.
2. Implement the use of the NCR at DHHS, Saint Francis and Juvenile Probation.
3. Develop revised training curriculum for the most recent version of the NCR for case managers, supervisors and field officers.