

Nebraska Children’s Commission Priority Discussion Part 1

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§43-4204 Strategic child welfare priorities for research or policy development.

“The Nebraska Children's Commission shall determine three to five strategic child welfare priorities for research or policy development for each biennium to carry out the legislative intent stated in section 43-4201 for child welfare program and service reform in Nebraska. In determining the strategic child welfare priorities, the commission shall consider the findings and recommendations set forth in the annual report of the Foster Care Review Board, the annual report of the Office of Inspector General for Child Welfare, and the federal Child and Family Services Reviews outcomes.”

DATA

Tribal Youth Data & People of Color

Desegregation of Data by demographics

Out of home maltreatment data and safety

CAC & Non-Court data

Placement Disruptions including Adoptions and Guardianships

Trafficking, Missing & Murdered (Indigenous) women and children

SERVICES

Appropriate services to families in crisis & at risk of suicide

Lack of services for high risk youth

- Out of state placements
- Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers
- Use of Regional Centers for placement of very high risk youth

Behavioral Health Service Array and Availability

- Resources for Rural communities

Treatment Family Care

PUBLIC POLICY

Red flag laws (i.e. school shootings)

B2i Program: Tribal youth eligibility

OVERSIGHT

Non-Court case oversight

Monitoring ESA Transition Progress

- Continue to seek answers to questions about financial stability

Monitoring the YRTC transition

BEST PRACTICE

Community Engagement

Engagement and Approach- shift away from prosecutorial to rehabilitative and healing

Youth attending court

Education; Life Skills; Preparation for Adulthood

Systems Silo Deconstruction-Collaboration