

Nebraska Children's Commission

The Nebraska Children's Commission works as a high-level leadership body with membership from the legislative, executive, and judicial branches along with system stakeholders to improve the safety and well-being of all children and families in Nebraska.



Background

The Nebraska Children's Commission was a product of the 2011 LR37 (Campbell); an investigation by the Health and Human Services Committee that identified a number of gaps in the service delivery model for children and families.

In 2012, the Nebraska State Legislature created the Commission to provide a permanent leadership forum for the collaboration of child welfare and juvenile justice, and devise a strategic plan for child welfare and juvenile justice reform.

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Who are we?

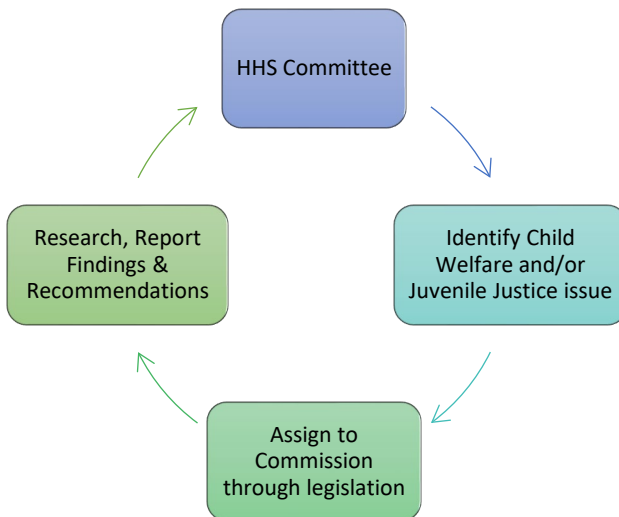
- 26 Members appointed by the Governor;
- Non-voting, ex-officio representatives from all three branches of government;
- Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice state, regional and community representatives;
- Private, public and community stakeholders; and
- Young adults who've aged out of foster care

Key Accomplishments

The Commission's work gave roots to major initiatives such as:

- Alternative Response
- Foster Care Reimbursement Rates
- Bridge to Independence Act
- Strengthening Families Act

What do we do?



Over 250 stakeholders and community members across the state participate in the Commission's initiatives, which have significant impact on child welfare and juvenile justice policy and legislation.

What are we?

- Umbrella Commission which informs, and coordinates the implementation of new state and federal child welfare and juvenile justice legislation;
- Preserves institutional knowledge of child welfare and juvenile justice which is important for term limits and executive and judicial branch turnover;
- Collaborative expert resource for the HHS Committee and Legislature; and
- Legitimate forum for community involvement and representation

Key Deliverables of the Nebraska Children's Commission

1. Annual report and hearing before the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature
2. Education for stakeholders and testimony for proposed legislation;
3. Coordination and collaboration amongst related child welfare and juvenile justice parent groups, commissions and statutory groups.

What you need to know

- **This is the parent Commission to five statutory committees:**
 1. Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee NRS §43-4216
 2. Juvenile Services Committee NRS §43-4203
 3. Strengthening Families Act Committee NRS §43-4218
 4. Bridge to Independence Advisory Committee NRS §43-4513
 5. Alternative Response Advisory Committee NRS §43-4203



Timeline of Key Initiatives

