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Jim Pillen, Governor

December 31, 2023

The Honorable Jim Pillen
Governor of Nebraska
State Capitol Room 2316
Lincoln, NE 68509

Mr. Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature
State Capitol Room 2028
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dr. Steve Corsi, Chief Executive Officer
Department of Health and Human Services
301 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, NE 68509

Subject: Nebraska Child Abuse Prevention Fund State Plan

Dear Governor Pillen, Mr. Metzler, and CEO Corsi:

The following information is provided as required by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 43-1904 (3) regarding The Nebraska Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board and the annual state plan for the distribution and disbursement of money in the fund. The Board is administered by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, with technical assistance and support provided by the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation/Prevention Child Abuse Nebraska Chapter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tony Green".

Tony Green, Interim Director
Division of Children and Family Services

Attachment

Allocation Plan 2023-2024



The Nebraska Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board was created in 1986 by the Nebraska Legislature to provide prevention information, education, and resources to parents, professionals, and the public. Board members are appointed by the Governor and approved by the Legislature. The Board is administered by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.

The board's Allocation Plan for 2023-2024 includes the following priorities:

- **Supporting evidence-informed programs and resources** for community grantees focused on families with children from infancy through adolescence.
- Administering a **statewide public awareness campaign** with local child abuse prevention collaboratives.
- Promoting **parent engagement and leadership**.
- Providing **training and technical assistance on evidence-informed child abuse prevention strategies** to community collaboratives and other partners.

Program, Service, Resource	Grantee Community/ Name	Amount	Dates	Comments/ Totals
Community-based prevention programs, services, and resources				
Circle of Security Parenting (COSP)	NEAEYC (multiple sites)	\$60,000	July - June	
Community Response Expansion (CR)	Columbus Area United Way (for Community & Family Partnership)	\$25,000	July – June	
Community Response Expansion (CR)	Norfolk Family Coalition	\$25,000	July – June	
Plan of Safe Care (POSC)	United Way of South Central NE (for Community Impact Network)	\$29,990.69	July – June	
Plan of Safe Care (POSC)	Families 1st Partnership	\$17,000	July – June	
Youth & Families Thrive Training	Nebraska Indian Child Welfare Coalition (NICWC)	\$23,100	July – June	
Mental Health/ Interpreter Training	Project Harmony (statewide)	\$4,341.98	October – June	
Community Response Expansion Pilot	Fremont Family Coalition	\$60,000	October – June	
				\$244,432.67
Public Awareness				
Prevention Store	Abante (statewide)	\$42,000	October – June	
Radio, social media, digital ads	Learfield	\$40,000	October – June	
				\$82,000
Parent and youth engagement and leadership for prevention				
Community Cafés	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auburn Public Schools • Grand Island Public Schools • Crete Public Schools • The BRIDGE Omaha 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$11,142.41 • \$11,098.75 • \$12,000 • \$26,920 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July – June • July – June • July – June • October – June 	
				\$61,161.16
Total direct programming				\$387,593.83
Training, technical assistance, and evaluation				
Administrative Support	Nebraska Children and Families Foundation	\$85,000	July – June	
TOTAL ALLOCATIONS				\$472,593.83

Programs, Resources, and Services being funded in 2023-2024:

Circle of Security Parenting (COSP) is an 8-week program that builds strong relationships between parent and child. It helps parents learn how to respond to their child's need in a way that reduces their stress and enhances healthy attachment. Families participating in COSP have often experienced trauma or other factors that can disrupt attachment security.

Community Response coordinates existing local resources to help children, young adults, and families address immediate needs before crises occur and higher end systems of care are involved. Core elements of Community Response include Central Navigation, Support Service Funds, and Coaching.

Plans of Safe Care (POSC) builds on the federal Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act and extends the work to include working with moms prenatally. Through technical assistance provided through the National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare, state partners and two Nebraska communities are piloting an approach to help moms work with substance abuse services providers and help keep their children safely with them.

Youth and Families Thrive training helps service providers understand apply evidence-informed Protective and Promotive Factors for children, youth, and families. This investment will focus on a culturally adapted version for Native American communities.

Mental Health Interpreter Collaboration Training increases access to mental health services for limited or non-English speaking people. This training addresses interpretation concerns within a mental health setting. It includes practice for providers and interpreters to work through language barriers, and work with interpreters on foundational terminology, therapeutic modalities, and issues that are unique to mental health services.

Community Cafés are a parent engagement and leadership approach to strengthen families and communities. Locally based Community Café teams learn and apply core principles of World Cafés, Promotive and Protective Factors, and Appreciative Inquiry in each series of connected conversations. The conversations explore and build on strengths in families, organizations, and communities.

Public Awareness and Education investments include radio and digital ads across the state. An online prevention store and toolkit are included for use by over twenty community-based prevention collaboratives and other local and state partners. Focal efforts include April Child Abuse Prevention Month and other opportunities to promote strong families and community ownership of prevention.

Training, Technical Assistance, and Assessment for all strategies is provided through Nebraska Children and Families Foundation. All grantees received support for initial training, implementation, and evaluation in NCAPF-supported strategies, including COSP and Community Cafés. Additional support was provided for development of community systems to support and use these strategies, including, but not limited to, Community Well-Being and Community Response. An annual evaluation is required that includes the outcomes of all funded projects.