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Jim Pillen, Governor

December 31, 2024

The Honorable Jim Pillen  
Governor of Nebraska  
P.O. Box 94848  
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Mr. Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature  
P.O. Box 94604  
Lincoln, NE 68509

Subject: Nebraska Child Abuse Prevention Fund (NCAPF) State Plan

Dear Governor Pillen and Mr. Metzler:

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 Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services administers the Board, with technical assistance, and is support provided by the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation/Prevention Child Abuse Nebraska Chapter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alyssa L. Bish".

Alyssa Bish, Ph.D.  
Director, Division of Children and Family Services

# Allocation Plan 2024-2025



**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 2024-2025 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.

Programs, Services, Resources	Grantee Community/ Name	Amount	Dates
<b>Community-based prevention programs, services, and resources</b>			
Circle of Security Parenting (COSP)	NEAEYC (multiple sites)	\$60,000	July - June
Community Response	Columbus Area United Way (for Community & Family Partnership)	\$25,000	July – June
Community Response	Fremont Family Coalition	\$60,000	July – June
Community Response	Valentine Children & Families Coalition	\$20,000	October - June
Community Response	Dawson County Family Partners	\$25,000	October - June
Community Response	Norfolk Family Coalition	\$25,000	October - June
Plan of Safe Care	Families 1st Partnership	\$10,000	July - June
Plan of Safe Care	United Way of Southeast Nebraska (for Community Impact Network)	\$19,997.47	July - June
Plan of Safe Care	Siouxland Human Investment Partnership (for Growing Community Connections)	\$20,000	October - June
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>\$264,997.47</b>	
<b>Public Awareness</b>			
Prevention Store	Abante Marketing (statewide)	\$30,000	October – June
Radio, digital ads	Learfield	\$40,000	February - June
Moxie 16	Marketing/PR Consultant (statewide)	\$15,000	February - June
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>\$85,000</b>	
<b>Parent and youth engagement and leadership for prevention</b>			
Community Cafés	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Auburn Public Schools</li> <li>• Grand Island Public Schools</li> <li>• Crete Public Schools</li> <li>• The BRIDGE Omaha</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$12,000</li> <li>• \$11,000</li> <li>• \$12,000</li> <li>• \$26,024</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• July – June</li> <li>• July – June</li> <li>• July – June</li> <li>• July – June</li> </ul>
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>\$61,024</b>	
<b>Training, technical assistance, and evaluation</b>			
Administrative Support	Nebraska Children and Families Foundation (statewide)	<b>\$90,424.20</b>	July – June
<b>TOTAL ALLOCATIONS</b>		<b>\$501,445.67</b>	

## Programs, Services, and Resources, being funded in 2024-2025:

**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.

**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 Evaluation** 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 programs.