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Jim Pillen, Governor

December 31, 2025

The Honorable Jim Pillen
Governor of Nebraska
P.O. Box 94848
Lincoln, NE 68509

Mr. Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature
P.O. Box 94604
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Governor Pillen and Mr. Metzler:

Please find attached a report submitted pursuant to 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 support provided by the Prevent Child Abuse Nebraska (PCAN) housed within the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathleen M. Stolz".

Kathleen Stolz, JD
Acting Director, Division of Children and Family Services

Allocation Plan 2025-2026



The Nebraska Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board (NCAPF) 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 2025-2026 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
Community-based prevention programs, services, and resources			
Circle of Security Parenting (COSP)	Nebraska Association for the Education of Young Children (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	Dawson County Family Partners	\$25,000	July - June
Community Response	Norfolk Family Coalition	\$24,999.93	July - June
Community Response	North Central District Health Dept.	\$13,750	July - June
Plan of Safe Care	Families 1st Partnership	\$10,000	July - June
Plan of Safe Care	South Central United Way (for Community Impact Network)	\$19,999.69	July - June
Subtotal		\$238,749.62	
Public Awareness			
Prevention Store	Abante Marketing (statewide)	\$25,000	February - June
Eagle Printing	Printing of Marketing materials (statewide)	\$5,000	February - June
Subtotal		\$30,000	
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"> • \$12,000 • \$11,000 • \$12,000 • \$30,924 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July – June • July – June • July – June • July – June
Subtotal		\$65,924	
Training, technical assistance, and evaluation			
Administrative Support	Nebraska Children and Families Foundation (statewide)	\$90,424.20	July – June
TOTAL ALLOCATIONS		\$425,097.82	

Programs, Services, and Resources, being funded in 2025-2026:

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 an online prevention store and toolkit for use by 19 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 program grantees receive support for initial training, implementation, and evaluation in NCAPF-supported strategies. Additional support is provided for the 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.