

Emotional Disturbances for "Family Preservation, for Children and Families with Severe Emotional Disturbances"; \$5,000 to Saunders County for the Saunders County Interagency Council; \$4,920 to the Nebraska Indian Child and Family Consortium for Indian Cultural Community Training Workshops; \$5,000 to Mid-Nebraska Community Services, Inc., for the Kearney Area Parenting Project; \$5,000 to Grand Island Case Coordination Team for "Parent/School/Community Partnerships"; 4,950 to Connections--Children and Family Services for the "Youth and Family Action Network"; \$5,000 to Chadron City Schools for "Family Preservation Teams; Case Coordination for Cheyenne County for the "Development of Family Preservation Teams"; \$700 to Region III Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services for the "Region III Interagency Collaboration Council"; \$2,000 to District 13 Probation for "Red Willow County Child Advocacy Teams." I think that will give you a sense of how the money is currently being spent. And through this grant process we've had a tremendous response already from communities saying, I think we had 72 grant proposals last year for the 80,000 that we put in there. It's clear to me that there isn't any way in the world that there is enough money here to fund a community health clinic, even if that were the intent. The competition for this is fierce among communities, which is the intent. We want communities to bring creative ideas in to try to address problems that they identify in terms of early intervention and prevention services for kids. It really does not have anything to do with the abortion issue. Really doesn't have anything to do with what this amendment proposes. And I guess, given the rather difficult time we've already had on that issue, I would prefer that we just not drag that issue into this. I know Senator Labedz has the same commitment to kids that I have. And I would just ask you not to accept this abortion amendment and respect Senator Labedz's position on that and mine, but I think this has...This bill has great potential to address the problems that kids have right now. It has great potential for community involvement. Let me just say the process that's in place here, if you take a look at page 10 and 11 of the bill, for instance, there isn't...if any controversial measure is proposed in one of these grant proposals, you can imagine with 72 competing for 80,000 how many more we might see. It's just...I think it's unlikely...it's not unlikely, it's impossible that anybody is going to take time to fund something that is controversial. You have to have community...a community team to submit this. You have to have sign-offs from everybody in sight out there to apply for the money. And I don't think