

Nebraska Children and Families Foundation in partnership with community collaboratives and state and national partners are proud to announce **Bring Up Nebraska**, a statewide prevention initiative designed to give LOCAL community partnerships the ability to develop LONG-TERM plans using the LATEST strategies and data to prevent life's challenges from becoming a crisis for many Nebraska families and children.

All families face challenges. Asking for help can often be difficult. And knowing where to turn for help can be problematic.

Bring Up Nebraska believes LOCAL communities are best situated and most motivated to understand their own needs and strengths as they relate to

- Reducing entry into the child welfare system and other higher systems of care and
- Increasing informal and formal community supports for children and families.

Bring Up Nebraska knows preventing crises requires LONG-TERM plans that will:

- Identify and remove barriers in community-based prevention efforts;
- Raise awareness of what is working and what is needed;
- Bring local, state, and national partners together to develop new strategies around prevention; and
- Make sure that all communities in Nebraska have more support and opportunities for community-based prevention.

Bring Up Nebraska understands prevention relies on using the LATEST strategies and data while committing to common goals, measurements, and practices - working as one toward the end goal of improving well-being (ages 0-26).

Complex issues need collaborative solutions. Communities bring all the critical players to the collaboration—service providers, educators, health care professionals, law enforcement, businesses, government agencies, and most importantly, parents and youth. LOCAL communities utilize support to identify gaps in services, develop LONG-TERM plans using the LATEST strategies and data, and coordinate activities.

Community-based prevention work is not new. State agencies, local communities, and statewide organizations have already been working to improve lives. Bring Up Nebraska connects the progress that is already being made, coordinates state and local strategies, and encourages other communities to join the effort.

There are multiple ways to be involved in Bring Up Nebraska:

- Get involved as a volunteer, provide a financial gift to a community collaborative, or learn more about Bring Up Nebraska by visiting www.bringupnebraska.org.

Find out more about Bring Up Nebraska or how you and your community can join, contact Jennifer Skala at 402-817-2001 or jskala@nebraskachildren.org.

COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVES

Dakota County Connections
Douglas County Community Response Collaborative
Families First Partnership (Lincoln County)
Fremont Family Coalition
Hall County Community Collaborative (H3C)
Lancaster County
Lift Up Sarpy
Norfolk Family Coalition
Panhandle Partnership (Sioux, Dawes, Sheridan, Deuel, Kimball, Cheyenne, Box Butte, Scotts Bluff, Morrill, Garden, and Banner Counties)
York County Health Coalition
Zero 2 Eight Collaborative (Platte and Colfax Counties)

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