

# What would it be like...

If your employer found creative ways for you to spend more time with your kids – even during work hours?



If the street where you live had an after school club where young people and adults could work together on neighborhood improvement projects?

If an underfunded school had new recreational equipment because of a local benefit that you organized?



If you and your neighbors began a weekly babysitting cooperative?

If the child you tutored once per week later thanked you by name during her inaugural address?



**Nebraska's Promise** is a state level partner of **America's Promise**, a nationwide alliance of individuals and organizations dedicated to the Five Promises crucial to fostering the character and competence of our nation's young citizens.

The "little red wagon" adopted by America's Promise and its partners is a reminder that we can either fill our young people with the hopes and dreams they need to succeed in life, or weigh them down with their burdens. Each one of us has the responsibility to pull our weight for the children and youth in our communities. It's not so hard to do if we all pull together.

**Nebraska's Promise** is working to encourage every citizen and community in Nebraska to adopt one of the Five Promises. Join us and find out how you can get involved in changing the world.

It's easier than you think.

For more information:



[www.americaspromise.org](http://www.americaspromise.org)

or



Cultivating Opportunities. Realizing Dreams.

[www.NebraskaChildren.org](http://www.NebraskaChildren.org)



# Changing the WORLD starts with Nebraska's YOUTH



## NEBRASKA'S PROMISE



Mobilizing citizens and communities to build a better future for children in Nebraska.

# It's easier than you think.

For just a small investment of your time, you can have a positive impact on your community, the state of Nebraska and the nation.

When caring people like you get involved in the lives of young people, they are much more likely to make positive choices and build a stronger community.

Nebraska's youth are waiting for your guidance. Be a part of **Nebraska's Promise** – volunteer on behalf of a young person.

There are Five Promises that Nebraskans should make and keep for their young people:

- \* **Relationships with caring adults**
- \* **Safe places**
- \* **A healthy start**
- \* **Marketable skills**
- \* **Opportunities to give back through community service**

Unfortunately, not all of these promises are in place for all of our young people. That is where you come in . . .

**Nebraska's Promise** is a statewide partnership of individuals and organizations working to put our young people on the path to become healthy, confident and capable members of our communities.

**Nebraska's Promise** brings together parents, educators, civic and faith community leaders, law enforcement officials, health care professionals, business owners and other citizens from every corner of our state to make the Five Promises a reality in Nebraska.

What can the Five Promises really do for Nebraska's young people? Evidence suggests that children and youth who have safe, supportive environments, enriched educational experiences and a feeling of empowerment are . . .

- \* less likely to abuse drugs
- \* less likely to engage in delinquent or criminal behavior.
- \* more likely to successfully graduate from high school and enter adulthood as skilled and productive citizens.

**Those Five Promises can make all the difference in helping our children and youth to succeed.**

By concentrating on even **just one of the Promises**, Nebraskans can make a world of difference for our children and youth from birth to early adulthood. **Nebraska's Promise** is actively working to help you make that happen in your own home, your neighborhood, town or city where you live.

