



Evaluation Team Charter

Role:

The role of the NE Connected Youth Initiative Evaluation Team is work collaboratively with Nebraska Children Evaluators and with additional evaluators, as required, in the ongoing design and implementation of a Connected Youth Initiative evaluation which leads to common outcomes for the Youth Thrive Promotive and Protective Factors and Collective impact framework.

Accountable To: Nebraska youth ages 14-24 (up to their 25th birthday) and their communities

Reports To: Nebraska Connected Youth Initiative Leadership Team

Responsible For:

1. Reviewing the evaluation design and making recommendations for additions and or deletions to same.
2. Reviewing and affirming the protocols and practices for data collection in local communities and the flow of that data to determined site.
3. Advocate for and support the sharing of data between public and private entities for the purposes of developing a comprehensive view of the CYI and its outcomes.
4. Remaining abreast of Child and Youth Care research and practices, including the research and practice on Youth Thrive, and relating this research to the review and implementation of evaluation content, policies and practices.
5. Work in conjunction with state partners and other Nebraska Children projects to develop a Collective Impact evaluation which may be used on a broad basis in communities to apply to multi-projects, especially where the communities function through a neutral backbone and have established a broad-based collaboration.
6. Oversee the broad scale data collection including the utilization of any data collection software that may be determined to be used to maintain a high standard of quality data collected.
7. Communicate evaluation plan to the communities, state, and federal partners.
8. Identify policy issues which impact youth and youth serving systems and forward these to the Policy Team

Composition: The Nebraska CYI Evaluation Team is comprised of:

1. Up to one representative from each of the CYI communities that have an interest and/or experience in evaluation. If communities do not have such a person, the committee will strive for a balance of at least four community representatives.
2. Representatives of state agencies with experience in evaluation including but not limited to DHHS, Probation, Crime Commission, and Public Health.
3. Nebraska Children CYI Evaluator and Nebraska Children contracted technical assistance related to the collection, analysis, and use of data.

Chairpersons: Co-Chairpersons will provide leadership facilitation of the team meetings.

1. One of the Co-Chairpersons will be a Nebraska Children Evaluator for CYI.
2. The other Co-Chairperson will be selected by the group.



Resource: Nebraska Children will provide support staff to the Youth Leadership Team

Time Commitment: The NCYI Evaluation Team will meet no less than six times per year in person. These meetings may be held in person or by telecommunication as determined by consensus of the committee.