**Agenda**

* + Welcome
    - Moved calls to monthly for 2022
    - Should we continue mindfulness moments? Yes/No/Occasionally
  + Information Sharing and Updates
    - Child and Family Services and Economic Assistance – Stephanie Beasley, Director
      * CFS funding streams
        + $6m LIWA (Low Income Water Assistance) begins in March
        + Childcare Stabilization Grants: coronavirus.nebraska.gov/childcare
        + $3.8m family violence prevention and sexual assault
        + $500k for ETV
        + $335k promoting safe and stable families
        + $132m P-EBT

Is more relief coming? Several counties seeing increase in need/decrease in resources

* + - TANF Workgroup
      * Seeking 1 more CN
        + CN to bring 1 individual with lived experience as external partner (will be compensated)
      * Email Cheri at [cheri.anderson@nebraska.gov](mailto:cheri.anderson@nebraska.gov) if you're interested in participating in TANF Workgroup
    - McKinney – Vento Funding – Ken Howard, NDE
      * PowerPoint has changed, will be updated on NCFF website
      * Full text definition of homeless: nche.ed.gov/mckinney-vento-definition
      * If you would like more information, you can contact
        + Ken: [ken.howard@nebraska.gov](mailto:ken.howard@nebraska.gov)
        + Christina: [pearlstrats@gmail.com](mailto:pearlstrats@gmail.com)
        + Josh Cramer: [jcramer@nebraskachildren.org](mailto:jcramer@nebraskachildren.org)
    - Communication and Translation Workgroup – Mariana Schell, Nebraska Children
      * Would it be helpful to create/bring platforms together to house all translation resources?
      * Questions regarding translation needs statewide:
        + In what languages do you have local resource guides available?
        + What type of information would you like us to collect to be available to everybody?
        + What resources do you need translated?
        + Help prioritize DHHS documents. New site coming up “iServe”, great opportunity to launch it with information translated.
        + Have you had any issues with websites or other resources (like court documents) that we can improve upon?
        + What else do we need to think about?
        + Email Mariana [mmunozdeschell@nebraskachildren.org](mailto:mmunozdeschell@nebraskachildren.org) with feedback
  + Policy Updates
    - Legislative Days – Lincoln Arneal, Nebraska Children
      * Virtually, this weekend (Saturday - Monday)
      * Luncheon on Monday 2/7 at 12p, open invitation
      * Zoom link: us06.web.zoom.us/j/8167090738
    - Policy Review – Laurie Ponce, Coalition for a Strong Nebraska
      * Bills to reference:
        + LB852: no date set
        + LB1000: 2/15 - Approps
        + LB1019: 3/3, Judiciary
        + LB1113: 1/28, HHS
        + LB940: 3/2, Approps
        + LB1052: 2/9, HHS
        + LB1201: 3/2, Approps
      * Bill tracker: strongnebraska.org (under resources tab)
      * To join Weekly Legislative Calls:
        + Courntey: [courntey@strongnebraska.org](mailto:courntey@strongnebraska.org)
      * ERA opportunities and housing needs
        + Funds are still available

Mortgage assistance at: nebraskahaf.com

Email for marketing materials: [marketing@nifa.org](mailto:marketing@nifa.org)

* + - * + Please contact your State Senator directly and let them know about the continued need for rent/utility assistance in your community

Info/data/stories on need for ERA

Info on what they have spent on ERA and families in need

Problems with access to ERA (combat argument that we don’t need funds)

* + - * + March 30 deadline
        + ERA questions and concerns, contact Erin: [efeichtinger@togetheromaha.org](mailto:efeichtinger@togetheromaha.org)
        + Letters of support sent to Urban Affairs Committee clerk, Angenita, [apierre-louis@leg.ne.gov](mailto:apierre-louis@leg.ne.gov) by February 10 at 12p

* + Next Steps
    - If your community is doing something around mental health, please let Gay know so it can be shared: [gmctate@cox.net](mailto:gmctate@cox.net)
    - Email Cheri ([cheri.anderson@nebraska.gov](mailto:cheri.anderson@nebraska.gov)) if you're interested in participating in TANF Workgroup -- email by 2/14
    - Interest in joining iServe Partner Advisory Team email: [iServeNebraskaOCM@nebraska.gov](mailto:iServeNebraskaOCM@nebraska.gov), next meeting is 2/15
    - Email Mariana [mmunozdeschell@nebraskachildren.org](mailto:mmunozdeschell@nebraskachildren.org) with feedback
    - ERA questions and concerns, contact Erin: [efeichtinger@togetheromaha.org](mailto:efeichtinger@togetheromaha.org)
    - Community Coordinators/Navigators -- submit ERA tracking sheets with monthly invoices
      * Questions can go to Jen Hale [jhale@nebraskachildren.org](mailto:jhale@nebraskachildren.org) or Mary [mpinker@nebraskachildren.org](mailto:mpinker@nebraskachildren.org)
    - Contact John at [john.turner@nifa.org](mailto:john.turner@nifa.org)

**All notes, audio, and chat box recordings are posted at** [**https://www.nebraskachildren.org/frequently-asked-questions-for-communities.html**](https://www.nebraskachildren.org/frequently-asked-questions-for-communities.html)

* Next Meeting: March 3, 2022