

## You can help build a Nebraska where everyone can thrive.

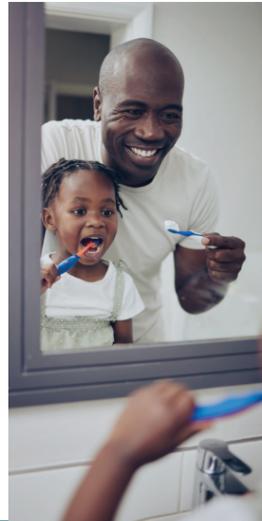
With the passage of the Family Preservation and Support Act in 1993, many Nebraskans knew we needed to support children and families in new ways. A task force of citizens was formed and envisioned a statewide organization capable of braiding public and private resources to foster the best possible outcomes for our communities. **Nebraska Children and Families Foundation** was the result.

Today, we're still the only organization in Nebraska focused on prevention that unites diverse public and private agencies, individuals, and resources.

### We take a collective approach.

On their own, public and private resources aren't flexible or substantial enough to truly maximize the potential of all Nebraskans and their communities.

That's why we bring everyone together—and need your help—to keep creating meaningful, preventative solutions that celebrate collaboration.

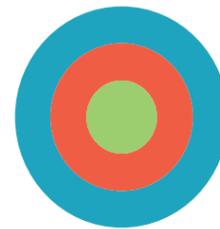


*Help us cultivate the good life.*

Preventative solutions.  
Collaboration.  
Endless opportunities.

Since our start in 1997, we've awarded millions to our community. Today, we need your support to keep building on the strengths of children, youth, and families across the state.

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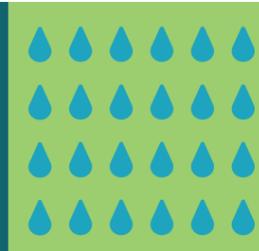
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# 25 wins in 25 years.



With your help over the last two decades, we've co-created solutions based on research, data, and collaborating with communities. While there's still more we hope to achieve, these are some of the accomplishments of which we're most proud.

- 1 > 99% of families who voluntarily participated in community prevention services avoided involvement with the child welfare system.
- 2 > Our work supports and funds collaboratives across the state.
- 3 > We partner with families in over 83% of Nebraska counties.
- 4 > Nebraska is leading the country in prevention efforts. Our work now serves as a national model for how to improve the well-being of children and families.
- 5 > We've embraced a collective impact approach before the term was coined.
- 6 > In 2021, we invested more than \$54 million to ensure that all children, young adults, and parents in Nebraska could thrive.
- 7 > Of that \$54 million, 70% of funds were public and 30% were private.
- 8 > We directly reached nearly 15,000 children and young people, over 5,000 parents, and over 850 professionals supporting these parents and children in 2021.
- 9 > During the 2019 flooding and 2020 pandemic, we worked with state partners to distribute funds for housing and food.
- 10 > We facilitated meetings with top levels of administration during the pandemic to improve information sharing and maximize communities' ability to assist families.

## Wins from our initiatives are wins for all of us.

Our initiatives are designed to work with Nebraskans to reach their full potential at each stage of life. Learn what each program focuses on and some of their wins below.

**Bring Up Nebraska & Community Response:** Prevents families' struggles from becoming a crisis by bringing each community's strengths and services together.

- 11 > Received a "Building Communities of Hope" award in 2020 for statewide prevention efforts from Casey Family Programs—a national child welfare organization.

**Together, Better:** Encourages coordination of academic, social, and health services in schools to improve educational outcomes for children.

- 12 > In 2021, we launched this full-service community school model in four Nebraska communities.

**Sixpence Early Learning Fund:** Creates safe, stimulating learning environments for children under the age of 3.

- 13 > Served 1,132 children and 979 families across 42 sites in 2021-2022.
- 14 > Supported 78 mothers prenatally whose babies were born before June 30, 2021.

**Rooted in Relationships:** Enhances the social-emotional development of children under age 8 by supporting caregivers and mental health community systems.

- 15 > By using a coaching model, hundreds of home-based child care providers significantly improved their ability to support the emotional development of children they serve.
- 16 > Participating parents reported significant improvements—including more positive parent-child relationships, daily interactions and lower stress.

**Communities For Kids:** Co-creates access to high-quality care and education for all children from birth through age 8.

- 17 > At the start, we assisted 10 communities in finding solutions for child care capacity and quality. Today, we're in 51 communities.

**Beyond School Bells:** Partners with communities to develop high-quality afterschool and summer programs tailored to each community's needs.

- 18 > Now partnering with over 40 communities.
- 19 > Constructed 44 Think Make Create Labs—portable learning trailers that allow rural Nebraskan youth to tinker, explore, and problem-solve.
- 20 > Distributed \$5 million to communities to use for technical assistance in expanding afterschool and summer learning programs.

**Connected Youth Initiative & Project Everlast:** Connects young people without family support with resources to meet their well-being goals.

- 21 > In 2021, we served 3,348 children and young adults and 1,285 parents in all 93 Nebraska counties.
- 22 > Invested over \$7.2 million to help 2,198 young adults learn financial skills and save for future expenses like cars, college tuition, investments, entrepreneurship, and more.
- 23 > Of the 2,198 young adults involved, 46% have successfully made a wealth-building purchase—investing over \$2 million toward asset purchases in 14 years.
- 24 > Over 500 young people have used our postsecondary coaching services designed to increase employment and educational opportunities.

**Camp Catch-Up:** Brings together siblings ages 8 to 19 who have been separated by foster care placements for a weekend of adventure and connection.

- 25 > In 2023, we are celebrating 20 years of reuniting siblings through outdoor fun and togetherness.