

**NEBRASKA FEDERATION OF FAMILIES
FOR CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH**

Organized 2000

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VISION: All children who need mental health/behavioral health services will receive appropriate family driven services in a strength-based, culturally competent manner respectful of diversity and differences which are available in the community where they live.

MISSION: The Nebraska Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health will ensure family-driven and youth guided choice of culturally competent and diverse services for all families and their children meeting their mental health needs by advocating for change in the systems of care which ensure family-driven choices to enhance the strengths of the child and family and to respect the diversity of families and their choices.

SERVICE AREA: Statewide

SERVICES PROVIDED:

- Advocacy
- Annual Family Conference
- Youth Advisory Board
- Training for Family Organizations
- Outreach
- Referral to Regional Resources
- Grant Writing for Family Organizations
- United Voices for Change – network of family and youth voices for input into policy and planning activities.

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For Children With Disabilities	
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MISSION:
To empower parents of children with special needs by providing opportunities to educate, support and advocate for each other in the design and delivery of services for children in their communities.

SERVICE AREA: Behavioral Health Region I
 Counties: Banner, Box Butte, Cheyenne, Dawes, Deuel, Garden, Kimball, Morrill, Sheridan, Sioux, Scottsbluff

- SERVICES OFFERED:** (Contact office for times and locations)
- Advocacy
 - Support
 - Support Groups
 - Linkages to Resources
 - Education

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Families CARE

Organized March 2000

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VISION:

Families CARE believes those children with emotional, mental and/or behavioral challenges and their families can be successful.

MISSION:

Our mission is to promote Families as the most important voice in their children's lives. We seek to nurture and respect the unique culture of each family in their home and community. We encourage families and communities to build mutually empowering relationships.

SERVICE AREA: Behavioral Health Region III

Counties: Adams, Blaine, Buffalo, Clay, Custer, Franklin, Furnas, Garfield, Greeley, Hall, Hamilton, Harlan, Howard, Kearney, Loup, Merrick, Nuckolls, Phelps, Sherman, Valley, Webster, Wheeler

SERVICES OFFERED:

- Advocacy
- Support – phone mentoring/family-to-family mentoring/assist with IEP meetings, assist with court hearings, assist with team meetings
- Support Groups:
Parent support groups are held monthly in Grand Island, Hastings, Holdredge, Kearney, Ord and Broken Bow – call office for times and location.
- Youth Support Groups are held monthly in Grand Island, Hastings, Holdredge, Kearney, Ord, and Broken Bow – call office for times and location.
- Linkages to resources
- Education: mental health diagnosis information/system navigation – HHS/OJS/etc/Child Development & Social Emotional Growth.

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PARENT TO PARENT NETWORK

Organized September 1998

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Norfolk, NE 68702

PHONE: 402-379-2268
TOLL FREE: 1-877-379-9926

WEBSITE: www.parent-parent.org

EMAIL:

VISION:

Parent to Parent Network believes that children with emotional, mental, behavioral, or any special needs and their families can be successful.

MISSION:

To promote families as the most important voice in their children's lives. We seek to nurture and respect the unique culture of each family in their home and their community, and to encourage families and communities to build mutually empowering relationships.

SERVICE AREA: Behavioral Health Region IV

Counties: Antelope, Boone, Boyd, Brown, Burt, Cedar, Cherry, Colfax, Cuming, Dakota, Dixon, Dodge, Holt, Keya Paha, Knox, Madison, Nance, Pierce, Platte, Rock, Stanton, Thurston, Washington, Wayne

SERVICES OFFERED:

- Information about your child's developmental disability including behavioral/emotional, mental health, or physical challenges.
- A trained advocate to attend meetings with you including IEP's and court hearings.
- Workshops that address the unique needs of families with children that have special needs.
- Help in accessing the resources and support your child and family needs
- Literature and books for parents to review and borrow.
- A quarterly newsletter that lists meetings and provides new information of interest to parents and professionals working with children with special needs.
- Support groups that meet regularly in your area for people just like you. Our support groups are a chance for you to talk to other parents that are working through many of the same issues.
- **PARENT SUPPORT GROUPS**
- Columbus – the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at 4714 27th St
- Fremont – 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at Keene Memorial Library
- Fullerton – contact Deb for further details at 308-536-2062
- Norfolk – the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7 pm at St John's Lutheran Church
- O'Neill/Ainsworth – contact Clint for further details at 308-967-3012
- South Sioux City or Wayne– contact Tiffani for further details at 877-379-9926
- **COLUMBUS YOUTH SUPPORT GROUP**
- **3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at 4714 27th St**

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FAMILIES INSPIRING FAMILIES

Organized 2003

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MISSION: To positively affect the future and the quality of life for families who have children with mental health issues by lending support, and to empower families by sharing each other's information, skills, and knowledge.

SERVICE AREA: Behavioral Health Region V – Lancaster County

SERVICES PROVIDED:

- Advocacy
- Support Groups
 - Monthly Family Meetings - call 402-441-4369 for information
 - Monthly Youth Meetings - call 402-441-4369 for information
- Education – VISIONS Program

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HEALTHY FAMILY PROJECT

Organized 1999

Incorporated 2002

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VISION – PHILISOPHY:

We honor the individual diversity and cultures of families and understand the right of all families to be treated with respect. We feel that families are best able to support one another and solve problems when their environment is respectful and compassionate. We believe that when families are supported without judgment or criticism, they will overcome their hurt and fear and work together to help one another. When families along with the service systems promote healthy families, they will together build a better and more effective system of care for all families.

MISSION:

Healthy Families Project is a family-to-family service and support program that provides support to families with youth who have behavior, emotional or substance abuse issues, or are in or at risk of involvement in the Child Welfare System.

SERVICE AREA: Behavioral Health Region V
Counties: Lancaster

SERVICES OFFERED:

Healthy Families Project is a family-to-family service and support program that provides a family-to-family peer mentoring program. The mentoring program provides help to families who would like assistance to actively meet the needs of their families. Families wanting assistance are enrolled in the mentoring program, are assigned a Parent Partner that works specifically with their family. The Parent Partners have cellular phones to make on-going connections with the family and provide one-on-one support to the families served within the program. The supports provided to the family are based on their specific needs and are available to the family in any of the following areas:

- Assistance to develop a team to help their family if they are not involved in a team process
- Assistance to develop goals and provide support to help families accomplish their goals.
- Assistance to go along to court and help families to understand the court process, court reports, and follow court orders.
- Resources to help the family meet their goals, and one-on-one help to access the resources such as: payment sources, housing, jobs, specific support groups, developmental disabilities, food sources, medication, legal assistance, doctors, transportation, etc.

- Assistance at school meetings and IEP's, to develop plans and actively work with the family and school system in the process to help the youth.
- Support and ideas to develop positive relationships and boundaries within the families.
- Assistance to go along to team meetings to help ensure that the family voice is heard. One-on-One planning with the family to share concerns at team meetings, and help with positive presentations a the team meeting.
- Help to ensure that Rights and Responsibilities of families are upheld.
- Provide a listening ear for families that does not judge or condemn.
- Educate the family on system navigation to meet their family needs.

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NEBRASKA FAMILY SUPPORT NETWORK

Organized 1993

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VISION:

To build better futures for families and children; to help families get the support and care necessary for their children's recovery; to insure maintenance of strong family relationships; to heighten public awareness of needs; and to eliminate the stigma associated with mental health disorders.

MISSION:

The Nebraska Family Support Network is a family operated, non-profit corporation whose singular mission is to provide support and advocacy for families of children with or at risk of mental, emotional, or behavioral disorders. Our aim and purpose is to build a better future for families and children; to help families get the support and care necessary for their child's recovery; to insure the maintenance of strong family relationship; to heighten public awareness; and to eliminate the stigma associated with mental disorders.

SERVICE AREA: Behavioral Health Region VI

Counties:

SERVICES OFFERED:

- Advocacy
- Support
 - ✓ Phone mentoring
 - ✓ Family-to-family mentoring
 - ✓ Assist with school issues
 - ✓ Assist with Court hearings
 - ✓ Assist with Team meetings
 - ✓ Referrals
 - ✓ Resources
 - ✓ Training
 - ✓ Education
 - ✓ Lending Library
 - ✓ Bi-lingual assistance

- **Support Groups**
 People Who Care - Meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month
 First Christian Church - 6630 Dodge St Room 211 Omaha, NE
 Time: 7:00 to 8:30 pm
 Contact: Linda Hasselquist (402-345-0791)

Omaha Youth Leadership Council – meets every 3rd Tuesday of each month
 Youths ages 12-18 years with social emotional difficulties
 First Christian Church 6630 Dodge St Room 213 Omaha, NE
 Time : 7:00 to 8:30 pm
 Contact: Sue Addison (402-345-0791)

- Education on IEP, Early Childhood Intervention, Children’s Mental Health

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