



NEBRASKA
CHILDREN'S
HOME SOCIETY

ANNUAL REPORT 2017-2018

A safe and loving family for every child.

VISION A safe and loving family for every child.

MISSION To provide safe and loving care to children of all ages.

VALUES The six core values below are at the heart of our service to children and families.



INTEGRITY

We strive to do what is right for the child. Integrity is the foundation upon which we have built our organization, and is at the heart of everything we do.



ADVOCACY

We are champions for children. We speak out and take action to protect children, and strengthen families and communities. We work to create change in policies and practices to put children first.



INNOVATION

We embrace continuous improvement, bold creativity and change. We will persevere until all children thrive and families have the tools they need to succeed. We recognize that one size never fits all and push to design interventions that benefit every person.



COMPASSION

We care deeply for children and their families. Compassion begins with understanding trauma and promoting healing. We partner with families to develop, enhance and secure nurturing connections.



INCLUSION

We embrace the richness inherent in our diversity. Integrating our unique experiences, knowledge and perspectives helps us better understand children and support their families.



COLLABORATION

We value the importance of teamwork. We join forces with team members, professionals and community leaders, but most importantly, we partner with families and children. By passionately working together with all stakeholders, we challenge each other to achieve the highest levels of professional excellence.

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Message from the CEO

2017-2018 saw lots of activity at Nebraska Children’s Home Society including:

- ▶ Celebrating 125 years of putting children first with friends across the state
- ▶ Refreshing our look and delineating our values to better reflect who we are, who we serve and where we are headed
- ▶ Increasing our impact including a:
 - **42%** increase in children joining forever families through infant and foster child adoption
 - **174%** increase in Family Finding, reconnecting children in foster care with family members leading to better outcomes for those children.

From celebrating 125 years as an organization committed to putting children first, to expanding our impact across the state, I can think of no better way to honor our past than to continue our mission of **“to provide safe and loving care to children of all ages.”**



Our work, for and with children and their families, continues because of your support. Thank you.

Lana Temple-Plotz
Chief Executive Officer



VOLUNTEERS Volunteers are vitally important to the mission of NCHS. Because of our dedicated volunteers, we have more capacity and more resources to serve children and families throughout Nebraska.

97 new volunteers joined NCHS in 2017-2018.

50 of 93 Nebraska counties, plus one county in Iowa were served by NCHS.

1,901 volunteer service hours, valued at \$44,483.40.*



WHO WE SERVE Our services are designed to support families and put children first at every stage.

76% of adults served had a high school diploma or less.

585 volunteers returned for another year of service with NCHS.

\$20k or less is the reported annual income of 48% of adults (18+) served.

*The value for volunteer hours is provided by Independent Sector (IS), a coalition of nonprofit organizations. In 2017, IS estimated the value of a volunteer hour in Nebraska at \$23.40.

Nebraska Children's Home Society really focuses on the child. They make it a priority to provide the best life for the child by providing education for the new parents and the birth parents. **They're there for you at all steps of the journey and they're going to be there for us.**

— Jill & Marcus Nathan

Jill
Mom

Marcus
Dad

Malachi
4 months

ADOPTION

Our history is rooted in our commitment to building forever families. We connect families with the children who need them – at no cost, as well as provide adoptive parents, birth parents and extended family members with education and ongoing support.

▶ ADOPTION AVENUES

Infant, Kinship and Foster Care Adoption

▶ ADOPTIVE PARENT PREPARATION

ADOPT Training
PREPARE Educational Group
Extended Family Workshop

▶ POST-ADOPTION SERVICES

Birth Parent Support Group
Post-Adoption Mental Health
Right Turn®
Transracial Adoptees Support Group



22 birth parents attended support groups



50 people received post-adoption mental health services



58 children joined forever families through infant & foster adoption



97 adoption search requests



160 families served through Right Turn® Permanency Support Services



Evelyn
1 years

Amanda
Mom

Everett
4 years

It's really important to have an organization like NCHS to support parents as they are fostering, adopting and looking for support to raise their children. They were with me every step of the way, from becoming a foster parent to adopting my two children, and now providing them with Early Childhood Education. – Amanda Fulton

FOSTER CARE.....

Our Foster Care services are centered on the idea that true stability for the child is achieved through collaboration between parents and foster parents. Nebraska Children's Home Society, unites foster parents with the children and adolescents who need them while ensuring that parents stay connected and involved with the care their children receive.

▶ **FAMILY PREPARATION AND SUPPORT**
Foster Care & Kinship Family Training
Home Study & Licensing
24/7 Support

▶ **CHILD PERMANENCY**
Family Finding
3-5-7 Model®
Child-Focused Recruitment

▶ **PATHWAYS TO PERMANENCY**
"Pathways to Permanency" is designed to provide holistic care for the entire family. This goal-driven, outcome-based program uses formal and informal assessments, as well as family and stakeholder input, to develop positive goals for achieving permanency.



119 youth were matched with **84** licensed foster care families



91% of youth had no change in caregiver



192 children reconnected with their families through Family Finding

64 families served by Pathways to Permanency



Yahaira
Mom

Jose
Dad

Julia
4 years

We were connected to Nebraska Children’s Home Society by a friend when we were going through a very tough situation. We were struggling to make ends meet, unable to afford diapers. **We couldn’t have asked for a better place to be when we were in need. We’ve really grown through our journey with them.** — Yahaira Jaimes & Jose Flores

FAMILY SUPPORT

Nebraska Children’s Home Society supports families through classes, counseling, support groups and ongoing involvement focused on healthy, successful family relationships. Putting children first requires continuous attention to the well-being of the family as a whole.

Our services to families include pregnancy counseling, parent support groups and classes, youth education, mental health services and more.

▶ INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT

- Self-sufficiency Support
- Home Visiting Services
- Doula Services
- Lactation Services

▶ PREGNANCY COUNSELING

- Parenting & Adoption Options Counseling
- Temporary Newborn Care

▶ PARENT EDUCATION

- Birth Suite
- Newborn Care
- Healthy Pregnancy
- Toddler Talk
- Circle of Security
- Fatherhood P³ (Purpose, Presence, Participation)
- Raising Your Grandchildren

▶ PARENT SUPPORT GROUPS

- Parents Supporting Parents

▶ YOUTH EDUCATION

- Chat Circle
- Students With A Goal (SWAG)
- Teen Chat
- Teen BLOCK (using Wyman’s evidence-based Teen Outreach Program)

 **57** women received pregnancy counseling

100%

of teens report better decision-making skills for building relationships and pregnancy prevention

366 teens served through Youth Education programs



1,032 people served through the Children & Family Center



The NCHS Early Childhood Education Center has been great for Erick! He is excited to go each day and learn and play with his teachers and friends. **The stability of the staff is very comforting for Erick and us. He often tells us how much he loves each of the teachers.** The consistent daily schedule has helped improve his vocabulary and manners.

— Jen & John Haack



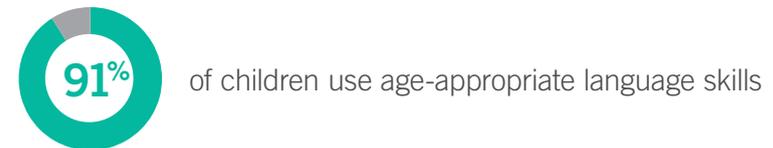
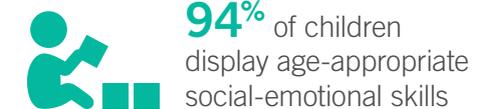
Erick
2 years

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Investing in children begins at an early age. Our Early Childhood Education Centers prepares children with the social, emotional and physical skills they need to enter school ready to learn.

Quality early childhood education prepares a child to succeed, not only in kindergarten and elementary school but also in the years beyond. Its impact is lasting, and its positive effects are undeniable.

- ▶ **INFANT CARE**
6 weeks – 17 months
- ▶ **TODDLER CARE**
18 – 36 months
- ▶ **PRE-KINDERGARTEN**
3 – 5 years



FINANCIALS

Nebraska Children's Home Society and Nebraska Children's Home Society Foundation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018.



- 1% Other
- 28% Endowment Subsidy
- 22% Contributions/Grants
- 49% Program Services



- 10% Early Childhood Education
- 18% Pregnancy, Parenting & Adoption
- 11% Administration
- 22% Children & Family Center
- 11% Fundraising
- 28% Foster Care

Net Asset Beginning of the Year
\$42,340,099

Net Asset End of the Year
\$42,941,636

Net Change
\$601,537

*Endowment Subsidy: Transfers from the Foundation for program services investments totaled \$2,157,160. The Foundation's unrestricted investment fund increased \$864,862 and totaled \$39,978,887 as of June 30, 2018. A copy of the independent auditor's report by Frankel Zacharia is available for review from the NCHS Finance Department.



Lillian
7 years

Amelia
13 months

WAYS TO GIVE



Cash gifts



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Gifts of Stock



Employer Matching Gifts



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Jessica
Mom

Jaylen
15 months

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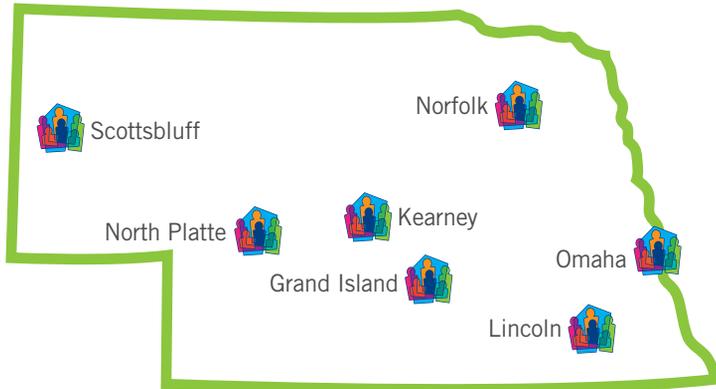


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