

Are you ready to help Nebraska's children succeed?

Make a donation at NebraskaChildren.org or contact Joanne Harse at jharse@nebraskachildren.org or 402-858-5397 to discuss ways you can give.

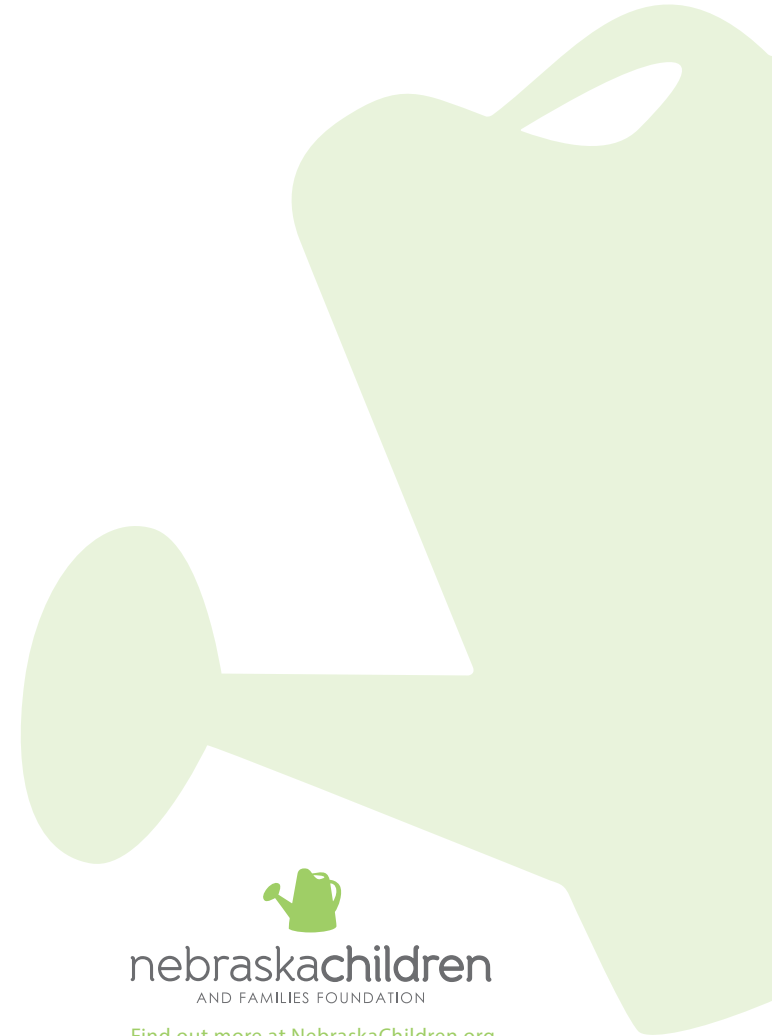
Want to learn more?

- Visit NebraskaChildren.org and sign up for our eNews
- Like us on Facebook – [Facebook.com/NebraskaChildren](https://www.facebook.com/NebraskaChildren)
- Follow us on Twitter - [@NE_Children](https://twitter.com/NE_Children)



nebraskachildren
AND FAMILIES FOUNDATION

Cultivating the good life for *all* of our children.



nebraskachildren
AND FAMILIES FOUNDATION

Find out more at NebraskaChildren.org

One cause. Unlimited potential.

At Nebraska Children, we envision a state where all children have the resources and support to reach their full potential. We've made it our mission to create positive change for Nebraska's children through community engagement.

What does it all mean?

It means that we use our funds, our influence and our expertise to rally community resources around a common goal. What is that goal? To empower families and children to be:

- Healthy
- Safe
- Enjoying life
- Achieving milestones
- Contributing positively to their communities
- Economically stable

The power of prevention.

While there is no one solution to the complex issues Nebraska's children face, there is one proven approach—prevention. That's why we invest in children from cradle to career with prevention-focused initiatives designed to head off risk factors and infuse families with the stabilizing influences so their children can thrive.



Every \$1 invested in prevention saves \$7 spent on advanced intervention.



Watch a video on how we rally resources around a common goal.

Changes Nebraska needs

These are the statistics we're committed to changing so that all of Nebraska's children succeed in school and in life.

JUVENILE ARRESTS

11,993 juvenile arrests in 2012

DROPOUT RATE

1,988 students dropped out in 2011/12

INFANT DEATHS

120 Nebraska infants (under 1 year) died in 2012

NUMBER OF STATE WARDS

6,062 children entered the child welfare system in 2012

POVERTY

17.9% of Nebraska's children live in poverty (2012) an increase of 29.2% since 2008

2,749 were in out-of-home placements

40.3% of Nebraska's students were eligible for free or reduced lunch (2011/12)

BIRTHS TO TEEN PARENTS

1,688 children were born to teenage mothers in 2012, which means those children are more likely to live in poverty

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

34,038 reports of child maltreatment were made to DHHS in 2012

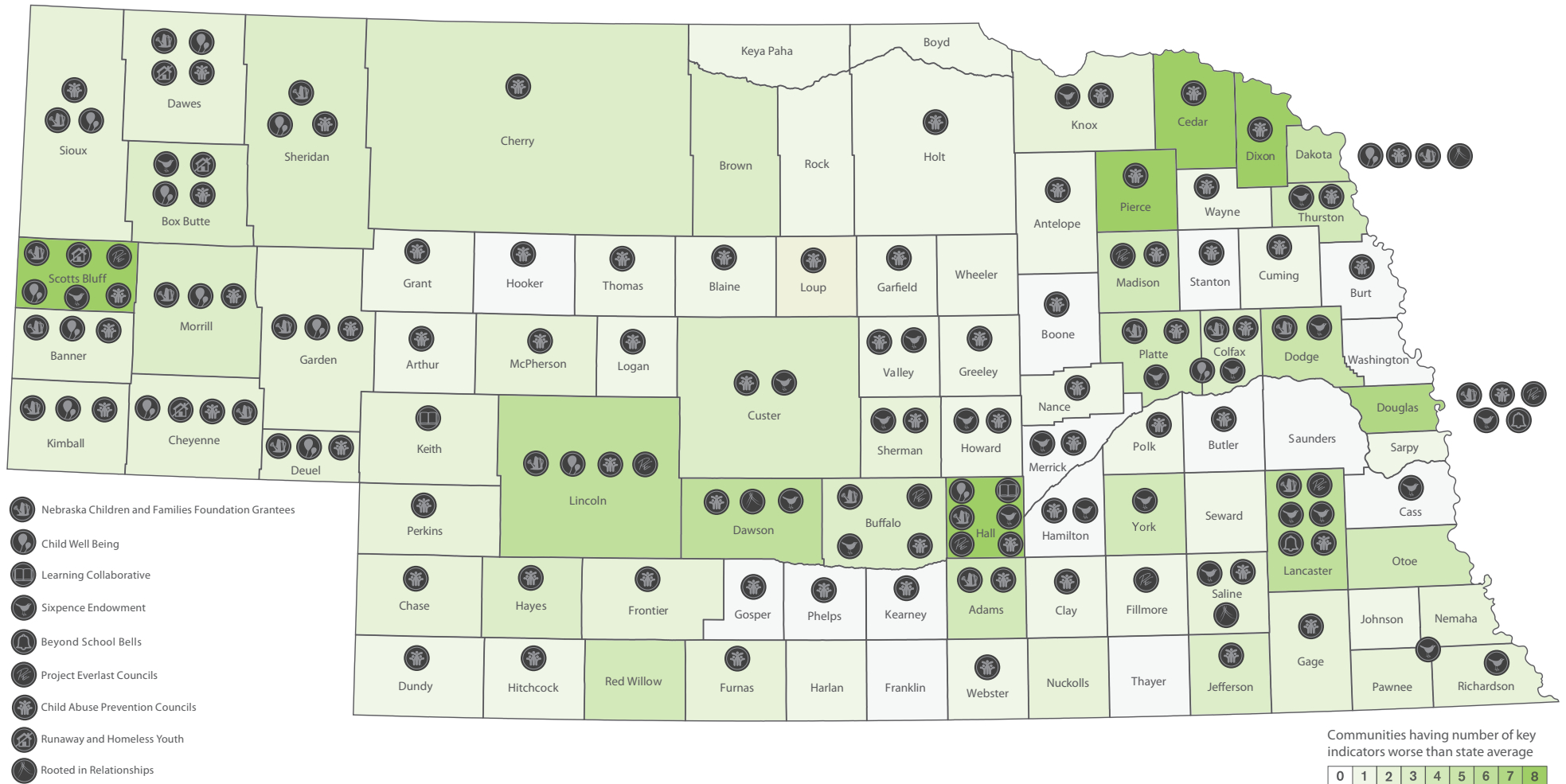
ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

6.5% of students were English language learners in 2011/12, making them vulnerable to social isolation

12 children are maltreated each day in Nebraska

At work in Nebraska

This map shows the investments we're making in at-risk communities, thanks to help from partners like you.



Want to know what's happening in your county? View our interactive map at NebraskaChildren.org/impact_areas/

Birth, school and beyond

Making an impact across the childhood spectrum



35% of Nebraska children ages 6 and under live in poverty and are considered at risk.

Early Childhood

Investing in the early years – beginning even before birth, and focusing first on those children and families who face the greatest risk—is a smart way to shift the odds so more children will grow up eager to learn, prepared for school and poised for a healthy, productive life.

- Sixpence Early Learning Fund serves 0-3 year old children at risk in Nebraska with high-quality early learning opportunities.
- Rooted in Relationships focuses on creating community systems that foster healthy social emotional development in children from 0-8 through caregiver and educator training.



See Sixpence in action in the Lincoln Public Schools



42% of Nebraska's students are at risk of major summer learning loss, putting them up to 3 grade levels behind by 5th grade

Middle childhood

Beyond School Bells is a statewide network that supports sustainable, high-quality school-community collaborations that give school-age kids what they need to be successful students. The end goal is greater access to the after-school and summer school learning opportunities that have been proven to profoundly impact the academic performance, behaviors and life outcomes of children at risk for failure.



20% of youth who age out will be homeless before age 21

Teen/young adulthood

Each year, more than 300 young people age out of the foster care system in Nebraska, and for many, the long term prospects aren't good. Those without a stable family face joblessness, homelessness, persistent mental health issues and unplanned pregnancies.

- Project Everlast offers young people aging out of foster care ongoing support so they can reach their full potential. This initiative provides direct service by helping secure housing, education, employment, health care, and community links that can help them transition successfully to adulthood.
- Camp Catch-Up provides a safe, fun time for young people in foster care to reunite with the siblings they've been separated from.



Learn more about outcomes for youth aging out of foster care

Cradle to career

Nebraska Children community-wide initiatives invest in systems that support safer, healthier, more resilient children and families. Participating community partnerships improve the quality of their services, offer more resources and focus on increasing key protective factors in the families that they serve. We also serve as the Prevent Child Abuse Nebraska chapter, supporting a statewide network of Child Abuse Prevention Councils.



Watch a video about success in Fremont, one of our Nebraska Children communities