

# CENTRAL NEBRASKA COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP

ANNUAL REPORT 2019

*"You have not lived today until you  
have done something for someone  
who can never repay you."  
- John Bunyan*



## MISSION STATEMENT

Partnering with individuals and families to encourage economic stability to gain independence through community based solutions.





# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

As a network of Community Action Agencies, our foundational connection is to meet the needs that exist in our communities and to help people rise to higher levels. Having optimism that a rising tide lifts all boats; it's not only a belief, but a passion that exists within all of us.

However, in all of our efforts to help families overcome the day to day struggles, nobody was prepared for what 2019 would bring; proving to be a very difficult and challenging year for everyone with unexpected flooding throughout the state. It was distressing to watch the videos and see the pictures of the destruction that was left behind; and the pain in the eyes of those giving testimony on the impact the bomb cyclone had as they endured both financial and emotional turmoil.

Yet, through it all, Nebraskans proved how strong and resilient they are. Knowing that, by lending a hand to a neighbor or others they didn't even know, it would be the only way to resume any normalcy to the livelihood they had always known. Even though it was heartbreaking, it was also heartwarming to see the outpour of compassion. That is the human connection of Nebraskans!

Central Nebraska Community Action Partnership serves 21 counties in north central Nebraska, and has expanded coverage throughout most of the state, so we saw the anguish caused by this event. Although the events caused a path of destruction, CNCAP's established community partnerships enabled us to provide much needed financial assistance, emotional support and promise to those affected by the floods. These collaborations proved to be an integral part in the renewal of communities and families.

That's the origin of Community Action--Helping People. Changing Lives.

- C**reating change
- N**urturing relationships
- C**ommunity driven
- A**dvocating for those we serve
- P**assionate about the work we do

"I don't want to live in the kind of world where we don't look out for each other.  
Not just the people that are close to us, but anybody who needs a helping hand.  
I can't change the way anybody else thinks, or what they choose to do, but I can do my bit."

– Charles de Lint

Although 2019 brought devastation, it is during times of adversity that we build upon our strengths and those of others. In light of that, on behalf of the CNCAP Board of Directors and all the CNCAP staff, it is our pledge to continue our quest to make America a better place to live.

Respectfully,

**CHERYL HOLCOMB, CCAP**

Executive Director

# CENTRAL NEBRASKA COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP, INC.

## ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Central Nebraska Community Action Partnership, incorporated as Central Nebraska Community Action Program, began with a board of five members. Throughout the years, it increased to 16, 18, 24, until its current membership of 27; representing the six core counties of Valley, Sherman, Howard, Custer, Merrick and Greeley Counties. The other representatives reside in counties encompassed within the districts of North Central, East Central and South Central.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERSHIP 2018-2019

Roger Goldfish-Board Chair	Valley County
Scott Friesen -Vice Chair	Sherman County
Arizona Brooks-Secretary	Merrick County
Luella Spilinek	Valley County
Kristine Marshall	Valley County
Dwain Bryner	Custer County
Ann Kawata	Custer County
Dee Dee Christen	Custer County
Jean Kowalski	Sherman County
Larry Griffith	Sherman County
Barb Wroblewski	Howard County
Kathy Hirschman	Howard County
Brenda Klanecky	Howard County
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Doug Wrede	Greeley County
Joyce Costello	Greeley County
Janice Steenson	Greeley County
Bob Thomas	North Central District
Doug Frahm	North Central District
Anita Doggett	North Central District
Keith Smith	South Central District
Gary Quandt	South Central District
Hope Anderson	South Central District
Debra Zarek	East Central District
Kim Kwapnioski	East Central District
Connie Peters	East Central District
Evelyn Theil	Policy Council/BoD Liaison

## VISION STATEMENT

### FAMILY

Our vision is that all families are strong and resilient to ensure an enriching life of independence.

### AGENCY

Our vision is for the agency to be a well-known, valued resource and advocate within our communities to eliminate barriers for families.

### COMMUNITY

Our vision is that communities invest in human connections through teamwork to address challenges of diversity for all individuals and families.

The tripartite board represents 1/3 public-appointed by a body of public officials, 1/3 private interest and 1/3 low-income (elected by CNCAP clients within their county or district).

*"Those who are happiest are those who do the most for others."  
~ Booker T. Washington*

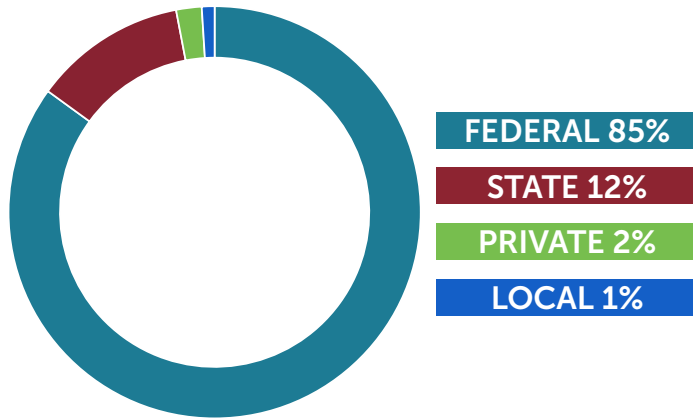
### The Promise of Community Action

Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people, help themselves and each other.

# AGENCY SUMMARY

TOTAL CNCAP BUDGET FOR 2019 \$12,499,445  
TOTAL IN-KIND DONATIONS \$2,491,646

## FUNDING SOURCES



21 COUNTIES

COVERING  
17,000 SQ.  
MILES

4  
DEPARTMENTS  
OFFERING  
26  
PROGRAMS

199 EMPLOYEES

\$6,273,710 SALARY & BENEFITS

183 FULL-TIME

16 PART-TIME

14,301 LIVES WERE TOUCHED

63.9% OF HOUSEHOLDS SERVED  
WERE AT OR LESS THAN  
75% FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL

54% WERE MALE, 46% WERE  
FEMALE, 26% WERE DISABLED, 14% WERE  
MILITARY (ACTIVE OR VETERAN)

ETHNICITY = HISPANIC 21%  
NON-HISPANIC 72%  
NOT REPORTED 7%

RACE = ASIAN 1%, NATIVE HAWAIIAN 1%,  
MULTI RACE 2% AMERICAN INDIAN 1%, BLACK 2%,  
WHITE 88% OTHER 4% AND UNKNOWN 1%

HOUSING STATUS = OWNED THEIR HOME 33%,  
RENTED 34%, OTHER PERMANENT HOUSING 3%,  
HOMELESS 8%, UNKNOWN/NOT REPORTED 34%

# FAMILY OUTREACH

Central Nebraska Community Action Partnership (CNCAP) is dedicated to Ending Homelessness. In an effort to achieve this goal, CNCAP offers various housing programs to assist individuals and families in obtaining and maintaining safe and affordable housing. One such program is our KIND (Keeping Independent Needs Defined) program. The KIND program is part of the YHDP (Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project).

In 2018, the Balance of State of Nebraska Continuum of Care was awarded 3.28 million dollars to address the Youth Homeless epidemic. In 2018, during the point in time count on one night in the Balance of State, 53 homeless youth were identified and in the 17-18 school year the connected youth initiative identified 422 at risk youth. In one study conducted by HUD in 2018, it was shown that 10 of the 15 most affected counties of homeless youth were in the CNCAP service area.

CNCAP was awarded funding through YHDP to develop the KIND program. KIND offers assistance to youth ages 18-24 with their housing and case management. The KIND case management program identifies all youth who are at risk or currently experiencing homelessness through assessment and prioritization. Through the KIND program we are able to link youth to housing and services that are tailored to their needs. KIND case management works in the 12 life areas which includes transportation, healthcare, substance abuse and other addictions, nutrition, parenting, adult education, children's education, legal issues, family relations, employment, income/budgeting, and housing. Through the assessment process KIND case managers are able to assess the greatest need and address those needs to immediately stabilize the youth. Once the youth are out of crisis the case manager can begin to assist the youth with the other needs mentioned above. The KIND program offers assistance up to 24 months. During this time KIND case managers link the youth to various community resources to ensure the youth is receiving all available assistance to lead them to self-sufficiency and permanent housing.

There is a direct correlation shown between homelessness and human trafficking. It is the belief of CNCAP that through the KIND program and collaboration with community entities that we will end youth homelessness and severely cripple the human trafficking trade.

*"Dare to reach out your hand into the darkness, to pull another hand into the light."  
~Norwau B. Rice*

## MISSION STATEMENT

*Dedicated to inspiring and empowering people in obtaining lasting solutions to life's challenges and promoting community partnerships.*

# FAMILY OUTREACH

## JANE

Jane lived in a 2 bedroom apartment with her daughter until the store she worked at closed its doors. Jane worked hard to find other employment but was unable to do so. Eventually, Jane was evicted from her apartment and not having any family, Jane was forced to move in with her ex-boyfriend, John. Jane had left John several months prior due to emotional and verbal abuse. Jane felt it would be a temporary solution until she could get back on her feet. Two weeks into the new living situation, John again became abusive and this time it was directed at Jane's daughter. In desperation, Jane took her daughter and they stayed in their car. Jane was referred to the THRIVES program when she was seeking assistance through the local domestic violence provider, was accepted onto the program, and within a few days was able to find housing. Jane was surprised to find that the THRIVES program offered more than just assistance with getting into housing. While on the program, Jane was assisted with her employment. Jane and her case manager worked on filling out applications and developed a resume as well. Once Jane got a new job, she and her case manager worked on budgeting and she was able to save some money to fall back on, should an emergency arise. Her case manager also assisted her in getting child support, something Jane didn't realize she could get as she thought since he lived out of state she wasn't able to file for it. Jane and her THRIVES case manager worked on many goals and 9 months after she joined the THRIVES program, Jane felt she could now provide for herself and her daughter and was graduated from THRIVES. Since Jane's time on the program, she has paid it forward by volunteering at the local CNCAP office.

### REDUCE DEBT WITH CNCAP PROGRAMS

PROGRAM	HOUSEHOLDS	BENEFICIARIES	DEBT REDUCED
THRIVES	42	99	\$66,203
HART	26	50	\$14,127
Vets RRH	13	20	\$19,973
SSVF	53	131	\$43,249
<b>Totals</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>\$143,552</b>

### SAVINGS ACCUMULATED

PROGRAM	HOUSEHOLDS	BENEFICIARIES	TOTAL
THRIVES	66	155	\$105,498
HART	28	59	\$8,428
Vets RRH	9	16	\$13,014
SSVF	61	126	\$37,602
HOPE	1	6	\$1,125
<b>Totals</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>\$165,667</b>

### HOUSEHOLDS SERVED

PROGRAM	HOUSEHOLDS	PEOPLE
THRIVES	117	282
HART	65	140
Vets RRH	19	33
SSVF	164	315
KIND	3	6

### FAMILY OUTREACH PROVIDES FOR THOSE EXPERIENCING

#### HARDSHIPS:

- Employed participants increase income and/or benefits ..... **111**
- Improve financial wellbeing.. **212**
- Received Rental Counseling.. **333**
- Obtained Permanent Housing Placements ..... **441**

### SERVICES PROVIDED FOR FAMILIES:

- Job Readiness ..... **267**
- Debt Management ..... **487**
- Parent Education ..... **751**
- Credit Counseling..... **480**

*Your life does not get better by chance, it gets better by change.*  
~Jim Rohn

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## MISSION STATEMENT

# EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

## PARTNERSHIPS

It is the intent of Nebraska Department of Education to help school districts move away from service delivery models that segregate children based on income. School districts must make every attempt to serve otherwise unserved children and to partner with community programs such as Head Start, to provide the best experiences for each individual child and family.

- The Head Start Program has formal partnerships with 9 Public Schools (Ainsworth, Burwell, Central City, Centura, Columbus, Loup City, Ord, Schuyler and St. Paul)
- The Early Head Start Program also has a formal partnership with five Public Schools and the Department of Education that funds the Sixpence Program which serves ages 0-3. (Aurora, Central City, Loup City, Ord, and St. Paul)

*Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.*  
Malcolm X

## PROGRAM GOALS

- Early Childhood Programs will provide support to ensure children are healthy and successful.
- Early Childhood Programs will support families as the primary educator of their child.
- Early Childhood Programs will collaborate with communities in advocating for our program.
- Early Childhood Programs will build competent and engaged staff.
- Early Childhood Programs will provide smooth transitions for children and families.
- Early Childhood Programs will develop a plan to integrate Child Plus into current monitoring systems.



## MISSION STATEMENT

Central Nebraska Community Action Partnership's Early Childhood Programs promotes family strengths by recognizing individual values, encouraging teamwork, and creating links in the community.



# EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

## EHS/HS SCHOOL READINESS

Our agency is in our ninth year of utilizing Teaching Strategies GOLD as our ongoing child assessment. Early Head Start enters ongoing child assessment data all program year with four checkpoints that we collect data from. At the end of each checkpoint we analyze the data and create Implementation Plans.

Our goal is that 85% of our children are meeting/exceeding the color bands (age expectations) in Social-Emotional, Physical Fine and Gross Motor, Language and Cognitive. We set a goal that 75% of children are meeting/exceeding the color bands in Literacy and Math.

Head Start enters ongoing child assessment data in the fall, winter and spring checkpoints. At the end of each checkpoint Head Start classrooms analyze the data using the School Readiness Outcomes Implementation Plan.

Head Start's goal is to have 85% of our children meeting or exceeding their age expectations in the Social Emotional, Fine Motor, Gross Motor, Language, Cognitive, Literacy and Math areas. In the areas of Science, Social Studies and The Arts our goal is to have 65% of the children meeting or exceeding their age expectations.

We continue to train new Early Childhood Programs staff on the Early Learning Outcomes Framework (ELOF) when helping them plan and individualize activities and experiences in the classroom and on home visits. This is also our 3rd year of doing Practice Based Coaching. Head Start Area Manager/ Education Coordinators completed the CLASS assessment on all classrooms in the fall and in March/April. Five years ago Early Head Start Center-Based also began doing Toddler CLASS. Training was provided utilizing NCQTL training suites and staff set a professional development goal based on areas they wanted to improve upon. For the past two years we

have been participating in a research grant called Getting Ready that is through the University of Nebraska in Lincoln.

This research project is targeted around supporting the development

of infants/toddlers through an integrated parent-teacher relationship-based approach. Last year, 5 EHS Columbus and Schuyler Classrooms were part of this grant with 16 targeted children and families participating and 9 teachers (5 teachers were in a coach group who received intensive coaching from UNL staff). We are currently in Cohort 2 of this project and although 4 classrooms have transitioned out of the grant, we have added three additional EHS classrooms (O'Neill, Schuyler, and Broken Bow).



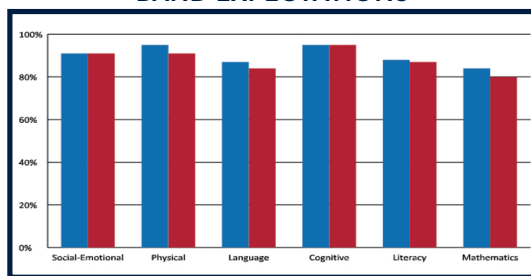
*The importance of education plays a huge role.  
~Wes Moore*

# EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

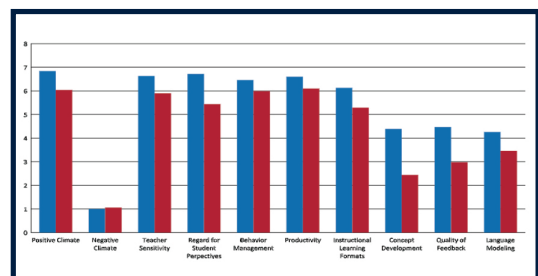
## THE PARENT, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DATA

Our PFCE Expertise has incorporated the Parent, Family, and Community Engagement goals into our programs 5 Year Goal Plan. Child Plus data is analyzed and reviewed monthly by expertise team and program staff to showcase family engagement opportunities within each program option. The PFCE expertise team researched and implemented the "What You Do Matters" parenting curriculum. The parenting curriculum for Home Based is implemented within the Parents As Teachers Foundational Curriculum during home visits.

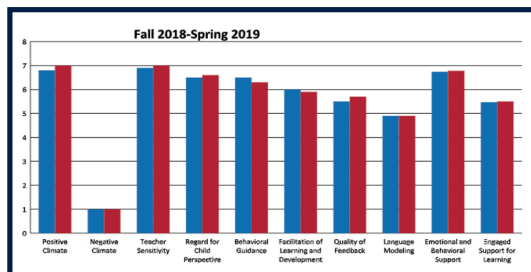
**EARLY HEAD START/SIXPENSE SCHOOL READINESS  
SUMMER CHECKPOINT 2018-19  
PERCENTAGE OF MEETING OR EXCEEDING COLOR  
BAND EXPECTATIONS**



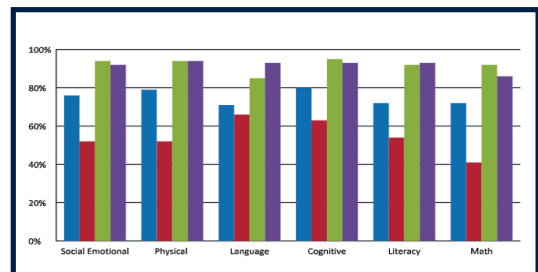
**2018-2019 CNCAP PREK  
CLASS SCORES COMPARISON**



**CNCAP EHS CENTERBASED TODDLER CLASS SUMMARY  
FALL 2018- SPRING 2019**



**PERCENTAGE OF 3 AND 4 YEAR OLDS  
MEETING/EXCEEDING COLOR BAND EXPECTATIONS**



### AGENCY AUDIT

Results of our agency audit showed no areas of non-compliance.

### FEDERAL REVIEW

Focus Area Two Monitoring Review and CLASS Observations was March 19-23, 2018. We met all requirements assessed. CLASS Results – Emotional Support 6.2386, Classroom Organization 5.9621, Instructional Support 3.8939

### NON-FEDERAL SHARE

Through the help of parents, community members and volunteers Head Start and Early Head Start was able to raise \$1,244,887 in Non-Federal Share contributions for 2018-2019.



## MISSION STATEMENT

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# EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

## 2018-19 ENROLLMENT LEVELS:

### HEAD START:

- 305 FUNDED ENROLLMENT
- 333 ACTUAL CHILDREN SERVED
- 306 ACTUAL FAMILIES SERVED

### EARLY HEAD START:

- 205 FUNDED ENROLLMENT
- 330 ACTUAL CHILDREN/PRENATAL WOMEN SERVED
- 253 ACTUAL FAMILIES SERVED



## PROGRAM INFORMATION REPORT 2018-19

### HEAD START:

- 94% of children were up-to-date on a schedule of preventive and primary health care (at the end of enrollment)
- 93% of children completed dental exams
- 26% needed dental treatment
- 78% of those needing dental treatment, percentage of those that received dental treatment
- 99% of children with a medical and dental home (at the end of enrollment)

### EARLY HEAD START:

- 85% of children were up-to-date on a schedule of preventive and primary health care
- 97% of children with a medical home (at the end of enrollment)
- 81% of children with a dental home (at the end of enrollment)



# EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

## BLAIZE DRUMMOND CNCAP HEAD START SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Blaize started Early Head Start as an infant. Her mom was a teen mom and needed childcare and support. Her mom stated that it was because of the Early Head Start program that she was able to finish high school. Blaize stayed in Early Head Start until she was three and then transitioned to Head Start.

Blaize, a senior at Columbus High School stated that she is a very independent person because she learned at a young age that she had to grow up fast. Blaize also believes that if you want something you have to work hard for it. Blaize is an only child in a single parent household. Since it was just her mom and her, they are very close and talk to each other about everything. Blaize was raised by her mom with the help of Head Start and family support.

Blaize is currently employed at Hy-Vee in Columbus, where she only works on the weekends so she can focus on her academics. However, on Wednesday's she volunteers at Early Head Start. She loves working with the little kids and is what she has chosen for her career choice. Blaize stated that she wants to help families to overcome obstacles as Early Head Start and Head Start helped her mom. Blaize was involved with Vocational Rehabilitation at the end of her junior year, and was told that she could volunteer at Early Head Start. She did not have to think twice. This last summer she had this opportunity to see what her future career would look like on a daily basis. She also got the opportunity to get to know the kids and grow a relationship with them. Most importantly, Blaize feels she was given a chance to give back to a place that gave to her.

At Columbus High School, Blaize is currently taking College Algebra and dual credit college speech class taught by a professor. Her educational goal in high school was to work hard for good grades. While in high school, she is taking classes in child development, early education and an early childhood practicum. These classes will help her in her career choice.

Blaize will be attending Central Community College in Columbus after graduating from high school and majoring in Early Childhood Education. After Attending Central Community College for two years, she plans to further her education as an educator at a four year college.







# HOUSING DEPARTMENT

## CENTRAL NEBRASKA JOINT HOUSING AUTHORITY ACQUIRES ADDITIONAL VOUCHERS

Central Nebraska Community Action Partnership (CNCAP) is the administering agency for Section 8 rent subsidy under the Central Nebraska Joint Housing Authority (CNJHA).

The CNJHA is considered a Regional Housing Authority and offers a housing choice voucher that allows a participant to choose their own rental unit anywhere in the contracted jurisdiction. The landlord must agree to be a participant in the program and sign a contract with the Housing Authority.

The Central Nebraska Joint Housing Authority has contracts with 48 counties, cities and villages within the CNCAP 21 county service area.

In the past, the housing authority administered approximately 92 vouchers per year. However, recently, the CNJHA was contacted on the interest of obtaining 32 additional vouchers that would provide subsidy in Fullerton, Nebraska. Fullerton, in Nance County, is in the contracted jurisdiction of the program, as well as the service area of CNCAP. These additional vouchers will provide an opportunity to help more people that needed rental assistance.

Although participants must meet income eligibility and their housing choice must also pass a Section 8 Housing Quality Standards inspection to be determined leasable. CNCAP is eager to expand the program and reach more people.



*Section 8 Housing Assistance payment received:*  
**\$280,861**

SECTION 8 RENTAL SUBSIDY		RENTAL UNITES
113	HOUSEHOLDS	36
203	BENEFICIARIES	122
117	VOUCHERS/MONTH	14

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## WEATHERIZATION NEEDS MET

- Household 39
- Beneficiaries 87
- Handicapped 11
- Elderly 18
- Owners 33
- Renters 6
- New Furnaces 9
- New Water Heaters 3
- New Refrigerators 3

*To provide choices for individuals and families in the selection of safe, affordable and energy efficient housing.*

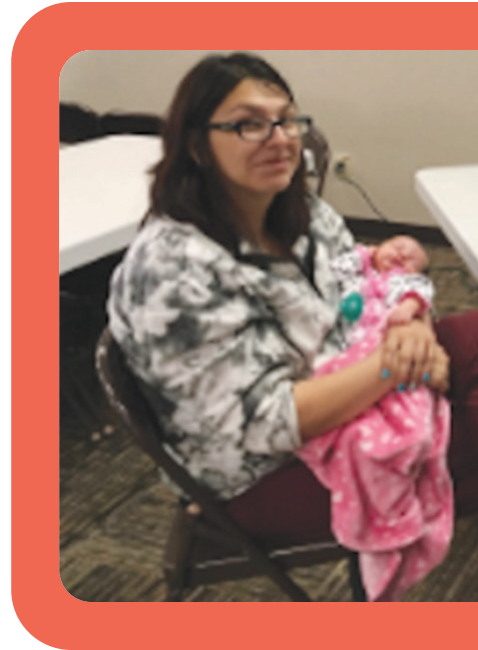
## MISSION STATEMENT

# COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAMS

## WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN (WIC) AND WIC PEER COUNSELING

CNCAP WIC program has mobile clinics and travel to 13 communities throughout the service area, averaging 2,200 miles per month. However, with any traveling, weather always plays a significant role in getting to the needed destination. In 2019, between the snow and the flooding, the staff had to deal with situations they hadn't been accustomed to. There were times flooding deterred them from getting to a community, or forced them to drive a different route adding mileage and time to their day, as well as some families that weren't able to get to a clinic at all.

Serving a rural setting and a vast geographic area has some disadvantages, but with perseverance, the CNCAP WIC and Peer Counseling program is committed to a successful program and addressing the following goals as established in a Statewide effort.



### 1. JOINT NUTRITION/OBESITY GOAL: BY OCTOBER 1ST, 2020, THE PERCENTAGE OF WIC CHILDREN AGES 2-5 WHO ARE OVERWEIGHT ARE LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 20%.

- Strategy: Implement initiatives with the goal of decreasing childhood overweight and obesity for children on the WIC program
- CNCAP has been diligently working to meet this goal and had a reduction in children who were overweight from 2017 that was 26.5% to 25.9% in 2018.



#### PARTICIPANTS SERVED:

1,329 TOTAL SERVED  
318 WOMEN  
377 INFANTS  
634 CHILDREN



#### PARTICIPANTS SERVED:

98 BREAST FEEDING OR PREGNANT WOMEN

*My Breastfeeding Peer Counselor was very knowledgeable, would check in weekly and made me feel comfortable....*  
~Kelley

*"WIC has helped me because I didn't know that this program could help with healthy nutrition. They showed me better ways to be healthy. They are very supportive and helpful. The ladies at WIC are very nice and helpful with all the questions I have about my baby. This program is very helpful." Mariana*

## MISSION STATEMENT

To foster the healthy lifestyles of Central Nebraskans through health promotion, prevention and education

# COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAMS

## MOM TO MOM BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT



*Mom is happy to know her daughter is growing during her nutritional assessment.*

### 2. JOINT MENTAL HEALTH GOAL: BY OCTOBER 1, 2020, INCREASE THE PERCENTAGE OF MENTAL HEALTH REFERRALS BY 25%.

- Strategy: Implement a maternal health screening, referral and education policy/process
- Mental health has been a topic area for many years as a joint effort amongst all WIC providers and the State WIC office. WIC staff will continue to be trained on mental health issues and will be attending the State WIC conference to learn more about signs and symptoms as well as resources to assist clients.

### 3. JOINT DIVERSITY GOAL: BY OCTOBER 1, 2020, WIC AGENCIES WILL DEMONSTRATE AN INCREASED CAPACITY IN DELIVERING CULTURALLY COMPETENT WIC SERVICES AS MEASURED THROUGH AN EVIDENCE BASED ASSESSMENT TOOL.

- Strategy: Identify and implement an evidence based tool to assess culturally competent WIC services
- CNCAP WIC staff receive ongoing training so they may recognize the diversity of participants and embrace the distinctiveness of each family. The differences in language, culture, as well as family makeup of foster families, blended families, kinship, are all addressed. CNCAP will utilize the tool developed by the State to assess the outcome of this goal.

### 4. JOINT BREASTFEEDING GOAL: BY OCTOBER 1, 2020, THE PERCENTAGE OF WIC INFANTS WHO ARE EXCLUSIVELY BREASTFED AT 6 MONTHS OF AGE, WILL BE GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 15%

- Strategy: Promote and support exclusive breastfeeding for all WIC mothers and their infants
- CNCAP WIC staff promote the benefits of breastfeeding at clinics, with participants offered an opportunity to work with a WIC Peer counselor that provides additional support to the mother. Currently, CNCAP has three (3) Peer Counselors on staff. In 2018, CNCAP had 11% of infants that were exclusively breastfed at 6 months, but was increased to 15% in 2019. The State's goal was recorded as 8% in 2018 and 9% in 2019.

# COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAMS

*Sometimes money is tight... "My kids are doing great because WIC has provided the food throughout each month that we would not have been able to afford. WIC continues to help my family grow mentally and physically, which we are very grateful for. #WICROCKS"  
Jasmine S.*

## 5. JOINT CASELOAD GOAL: BY OCTOBER 1, 2020, THE AVERAGE STATE PARTICIPATION WILL BE INCREASED BY 5% FROM THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR.

- Strategy: Use the National WIC Association media campaign statewide.
- Participation rates for WIC have fluctuated throughout the years, so there is a nationwide effort to inform potential participants about the program. For CNCAP, participation was 941 in 2017, an increase to 962 in 2018, and 2019 increased to 994 showing an increase in participation of 53 or 5%. However, the overall participation throughout the State declined. An Outreach plan has been implemented to educate communities on the benefits of the WIC program through distribution of brochures, social media efforts, health fairs and local newspapers.

## VACCINATIONS

Central Nebraska Community Action Partnership was awarded a grant for \$50,888 for immunization activities supporting the rural clinics in Ord, O'Neill, Loup City, Greeley, St. Paul and Broken Bow.

Along with administering the vaccinations, families are provided information and education on the importance of vaccinations for their children. The program focuses efforts on children 0-18 who are uninsured or underinsured, that may have health insurance that doesn't cover immunizations, or those receiving Medicaid.

The funding originates from the Center of Disease Control and is provided to the Department of Health and Human Services' Immunization Program.

A total of 1052 vaccinations were provided to 716 individuals in 2019.



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# #NEBRASKASTRONG

2019 BROUGHT NEW EMERGENCIES TO CENTRAL NEBRASKA. COMMUNITIES, BUSINESS AND LOCAL AGENCIES PULLED TOGETHER TO HELP FAMILY, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS.



**NEBRASKA  
STRONG**  
#NEBRASKASTRONG



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**MISSION STATEMENT**

# SERVING THE PEOPLE OF NEBRASKA

**CNCAP SERVES 21 COUNTIES IN NORTH CENTRAL NEBRASKA:**  
Blaine, Boone, Boyd, Brown, Colfax, Custer, Garfield, Greeley, Hall, Hamilton, Holt, Howard, Keya Paha, Loup, Merrick, Nance, Platte, Rock, Sherman, Valley and Wheeler plus 62 counties for Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF).

• ORIGINAL 21 COUNTIES OF CNCAP

• 62 COUNTIES SERVED BY SSVF



Since its origin in 1965, Central Nebraska Community Action Partnership, Inc. (CNCAP) has addressed personal, family, business and community identified needs across a 21 county service area. CNCAP offers programs related to basic health and human service needs of individuals regardless of socioeconomic status. Residents, from infancy to the elderly, benefit from these services specializing in bringing resources into north central Nebraska.

In 2012, CNCAP became the first grantee in the state to receive the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) grant to serve 23 counties. In 2015, the agency received a request to expand our coverage into an additional 39 counties serving western Nebraska, as well as Lancaster and Saunders counties creating a coverage area of 62 counties.

In 2016, with having the majority of the counties in the State of Nebraska we were the lead agency to End Veterans Homelessness with the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USCIH). CNCAP covers a total of 60,060 sq. miles of Nebraska's 77,421 total sq. miles. With the expansion of counties we assist an average of 113 Veterans every grant year.

## MISSION STATEMENT

*Partnering with individuals and families to encourage economic stability to gain independence through community based solutions.*



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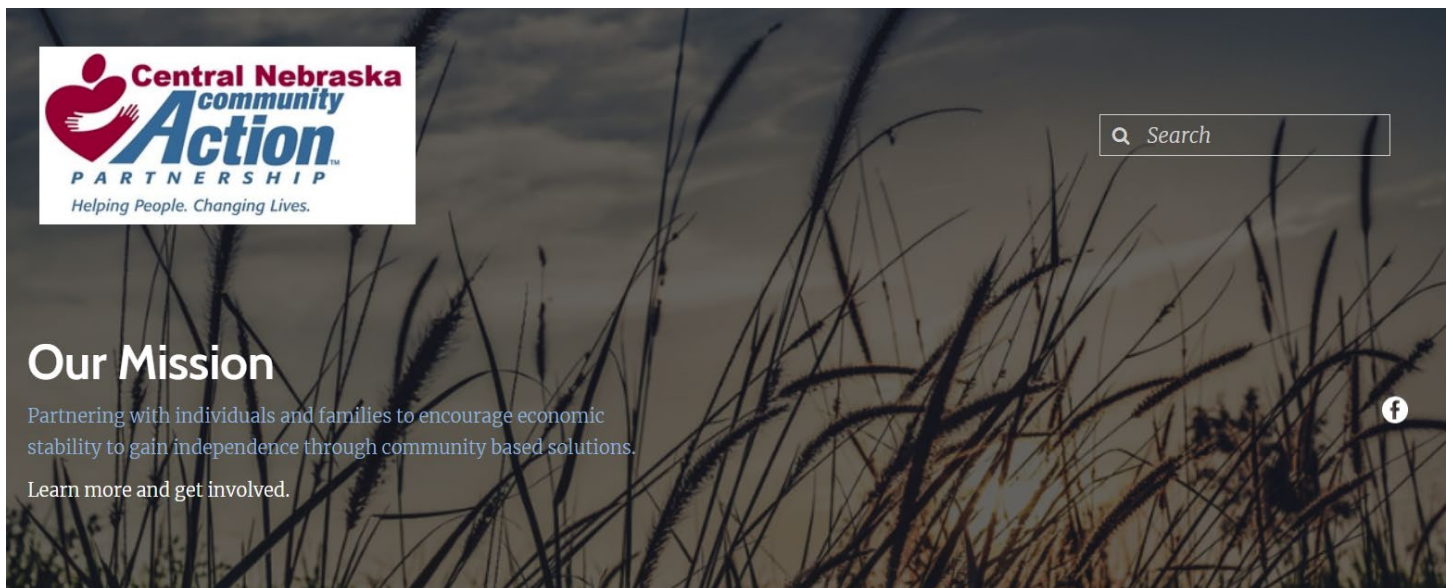
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