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Community Collaborations to Strengthen and Preserve Families
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Administration for Children and Families - Administration on Children,
Youth & Families - Children's Bureau

Nebraska Children and Families Foundation

Award Number:

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Project Title:

Douglas County Community
Prevention Collaborative

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Project Period:

60 Months

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Target Population:

Families with minor-age
children facing life challenges
or acute crises which place
their children at risk of
referral to the state child
welfare system

Geographic Area(s)**Served:**

Douglas County

Agency Region:

ACF Region 7

Organizational Description

The Nebraska Children and Families Foundation (NC) is a 501(c)(3) statewide nonprofit incorporated in 1997. NC will work jointly with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services-Division of Children and Family Services (DHHS-CFS) and the Douglas County Community Response Collaborative (DCCR) to further develop Douglas County, Nebraska's existing prevention system focused on child well-being and helping families stay intact and uninvolved in public child welfare system services.

Use of Program Funds

The Cooperative Agreement will allow these partners to conduct the following strategies and activities: 1) identify site-specific factors contributing to Douglas County's increasing volume of new referrals to the child abuse reporting hotline, disproportionate involvement in the child welfare system from certain neighborhoods and population groups, and consistent higher-than-state rates of involvement in the child welfare system, 2) raise public awareness about the predominant causes of child endangerment and maltreatment and rally broad-based public and target audience support for proactive, preemptive measures to keep children and families out of the child welfare system, 3) work in unison toward common primary prevention goals, using a shared agenda with reinforcing activities, fluid cross-sector communications and reciprocal data sharing, 4) braid financial resources for primary prevention and introduce new funding mechanisms such as social investment bonds for long-term sustainability, and 5) formally evaluate the further development and administration of Douglas County's primary prevention system (process evaluation) and impacts among beneficiaries of the work (outcome evaluation), disseminating evaluation findings widely to inform prevention systems elsewhere.

Expected Outcomes

1. Strong families and committed communities investing in primary prevention resources for children, youth, and families result in reduced numbers of referrals to, and entry into, the child welfare system and other high end public systems. 2. Increased parental protective factors strengthen parent and child resiliency, increase self-sufficiency and self-efficacy, support optimal child development.