Community & Family Partnership Collaborative Meeting

August 6, 2025   9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Attending: Sophia Yelkin, Kate Wythers, Roberta Miksch, Sarah Lindberg, Melissa Weyer, Tammy Sassaman, Aimee Heesacker, Amber Root-Johnson, Bruce Prenda, Charlene Wilson, Chief Bob Farber, Christy Larson, Connie Peters, Darlus McWilliams, David Plond, Dean Frazier, Estefany Caballera, Guadalupe Ramirez, Hope Freshour, Jennifer Snyder, Jeri Hopkins, Jessica Wiig, Joy Loschen, Judy Martensen, Kim Parsons, Larissa Funk, Leslie Castillo, Lori Lee, Loree Rivas, Lucy Lutjelusche, Megin Berlin, Mickaela Vazquez, Molly Pofahl, Paul Einero, Rebecca Perkins, Reeyce Mueller, Rosa Pinto, Sarai Ramos, Sheriff Messerlie, Susan Nathan, Tammy Bichlemeier, Traci Pilar, James Hitz

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88976410017?pwd=TEFRTGh5UG5KRklONEdCc2JJV3pKQT09

9:30 - 9:35 a.m.	Welcome – Roberta
9:35 – 9:40 a.m.	Evaluation results of June meeting -Roberta Backbone Support
9:40 – 10:00 a.m.	Updates of the One Big Beautiful Bill - Medicaid and SNAP – Melissa Weyer, DHHA Economic Assistance Benefits Program Administrator Common Agenda

- SNAP benefits – states may be required to match some of that
- 19 to 64 with no dependent children – moving to a 6-month renewal for Medicaid eligibility, Medicaid eligibility updated based on qualifying status.
- more information to come regarding funding, changes
- melissa.weyer@nebraska.gov, amber.root-johnson@nebraska.gov

10:00 – 10:15 a.m.	Thriving Families, Safer Children update and how this impacts us moving forward – Roberta Common Agenda & Mutually Reinforcing Activities

For the past few years, five collaboratives in the state have been working on approaches to impact prevention and systems. We were one of five collaboratives in Nebraska to pioneer this work which

focused on developing approaches to community well-being that would help all families thrive and specifically help families avoid system involvement.   These efforts were to be data driven, community decided and collaboratively implemented.

Our impactful work included panel presentations to schools in our four-county area where nearly 650 staff learned how law enforcement, HHS, the Child Advocacy Center, Community Prevention and the United Way work together to support children and families - they heard how vital they are to this work and ways we might even work together more effectively. These panels generated many continuing conversations about those things needed to promote families thriving in our area.

Within our group we shared information and had many meaningful discussions. We approached issues such as the needs of undocumented youth, increasing issues around chemically impacted drivers, the need to share information about changes in immigration law and the need for community planning efforts to work together on their commonalities.

As our larger collaborative work has strengthened, we are also embracing a data driven approach, sharing of information, thoughtful discussions, and implementation of new ideas. The movement of TFSC into that our larger collaborative work will strengthen these practices. As we collapse the TFSC work into the larger collaborative, we will no longer be asking you to come to separate TFSC meetings but know we can count on you to continue to be part of the effort.

Our intent is to share data with you as a larger collaborative and to make data driven decisions.

What data would you like to see and on what topics?

What data do you have to share with the collaborative?

💬 What data would you like to see and on what topics?   👤 13   💬 14

Food insecurity	Data by zip code
Refugee populations in the 4-county area	#s on poverty, DV, housing costs and availability, status of available childcare
housing insecurity	County level data that looks at income and education and how this affects social determinants of health
Data on suicide and attempted suicide	
mental health availability	Of all the outreach programs we use. The data used in how many uses the program
Stats on Children under the age o 5	67971262
Truancy and juvenile crime stats	Data on how much funding our area has overall and how much goes out
	Compilation of Colfax and Platte County elementary school and middle school attendance rates

(Show less)

10:15 – 10:20 a.m.   CFP future meeting locations and if held in-person or Zoom – feedback from survey provided after April meeting & Steering Committee direction – Roberta Continuous Communication, Backbone Support

- Roberta released a survey to the collaborative regarding frequency of CFP meetings and the method they are provided (in-person or on Zoom). Seventy unique individuals responded to the survey. Results of the survey were taken to the CFP Steering Committee. Their decision was to continue with meetings in the same format, frequency and timing. Results of the survey can be found below.

Campaign Name: Collaborative Meeting Survey

Survey Starts: 109

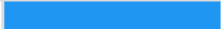**Survey Submits:** 70

Export Date: 06/04/2025 01:18 AM


MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. Do you currently attend Community & Family Partnership (CFP) meetings?

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
Yes			26	37%
No			14	20%
Sometimes			30	42%
		Total Responses	70	100%
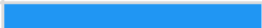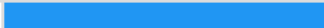
MULTIPLE CHOICE

2. What county or counties do you work in?

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
Boone			1	1%
Colfax			8	11%
Nance			1	1%
Platte			35	50%
More than one			10	14%
All four			15	21%
		Total Responses	70	100%

MULTIPLE CHOICE

3. CFP meetings are held every other month. In-person meetings are held in April and October in Columbus. Zoom meetings are held in February, June, August and December. Would you attend an additional in-person meeting (beyond the April and October meetings)? An additional in-person meeting would take the place of a current Zoom meeting.

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
Yes			31	44%
No			39	55%
		Total Responses	70	100%

MULTIPLE CHOICE

4. If you answered no to question 3 above, please skip this question. Would you be willing to travel to one in-person meeting in the calendar year in either Boone, Colfax, or Nance County if a third in-person meeting was added to our meeting schedule? This meeting would replace one of the Zoom meetings.

Answer Choice	0% 100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
Yes		24	75%
No		8	25%

		Total Responses	32	100%

MULTIPLE CHOICE

5. How many in-person collaborative meetings would you realistically attend in a year including those held outside of Platte County?

Answer Choice	0% 100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
Two - only those held in Columbus - April and October's meetings		36	53%
Three a year - April, October and one more month		17	25%
Four a year - April, October and two other months		14	20%
	Total Responses	67	100%

10:20 – 10:35 a.m.   Columbus Public Library – all the wonderful things the library has to offer for those on a tight budget - Jeri Hopkins, Library Director Mutually Reinforcing Activities

- Most things in the library are free except for items that use supplies. Play area for children, teen area for that age group. Notary services (including bilingual), ancestry databases, partnering with CPS for digital library cards, newspaper services, 3D printers, maker studio, technology help. Provide homebound services to those that need it.

10:35 – 10:55 a.m.   Find Help – our Community Prevention story – Roberta, Kate Continuous Communication, Mutually Reinforcing Activities

Find Help is the data collection platform used by 22 collaboratives across the state thus our Community Prevention staff use the system. Aggregated data can be pulled from Find Help which tells the story of how many people are being helped, what kind of needs they have, etc. Find Help is the system collaboratives are using and we know it is here to stay! The data for our collaborative will only be as good as the number of people using it. Here are the results of the five questions brought to the collaborative about Find Help.
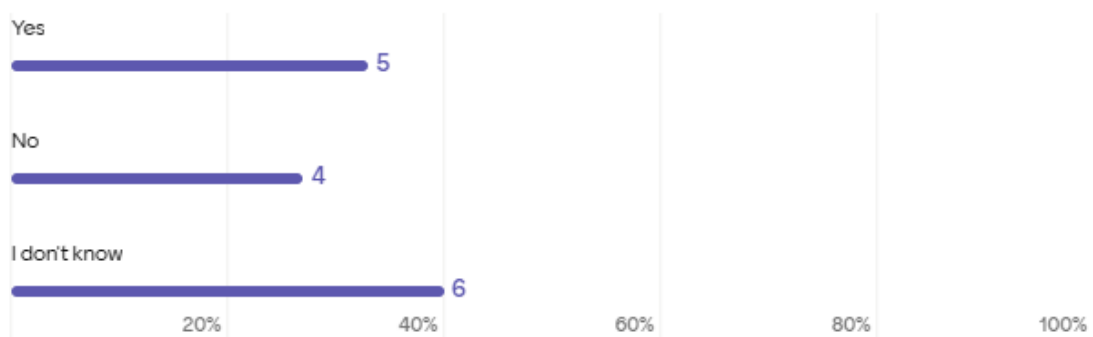
I've been on Find Help and searched out the agency I work with to see that the information provided on it is up-to-date.
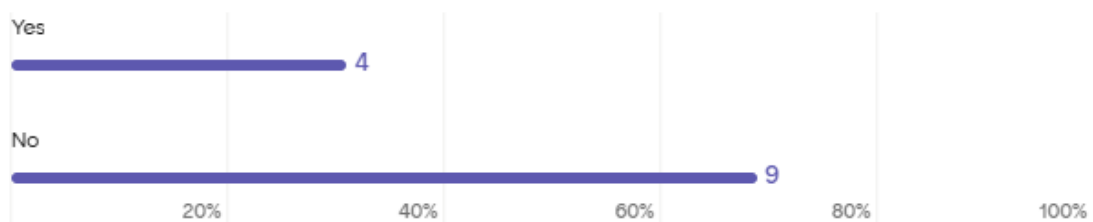
⛌ 20

Yes

10

No

10

20%   40%   60%   80%   100%
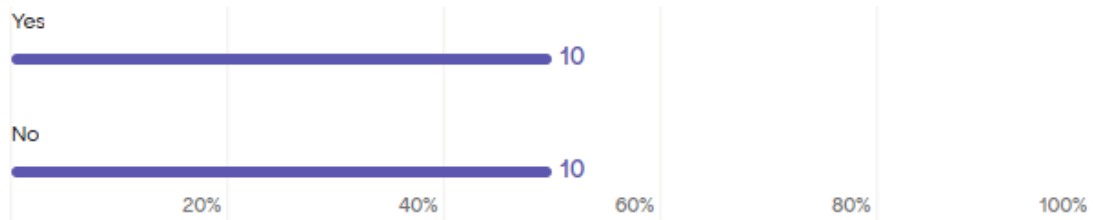
Is your agency accepting referrals through FindHelp?

⛌ 15

Yes

5

No

4

I don't know

6

20%   40%   60%   80%   100%

Are you using FindHelp for referrals to other programs?

⛌ 13

Yes

4

No

9

20%   40%   60%   80%   100%

I would like help with using FindHelp. ⚑ 13

Yes, I do need help — 8
Nah, I've got this, no help needed — 5

(horizontal axis: 20% | 40% | 60% | 80% | 100%)

If CAUW/CFP provided a 1-1.5 hour hands-on in-person training about how to use FindHelp, would you attend? ⚑ 15

Yes, definitely — 6
Possibly - depends on where training is held — 7
No — 2

(horizontal axis: 20% | 40% | 60% | 80% | 100%)
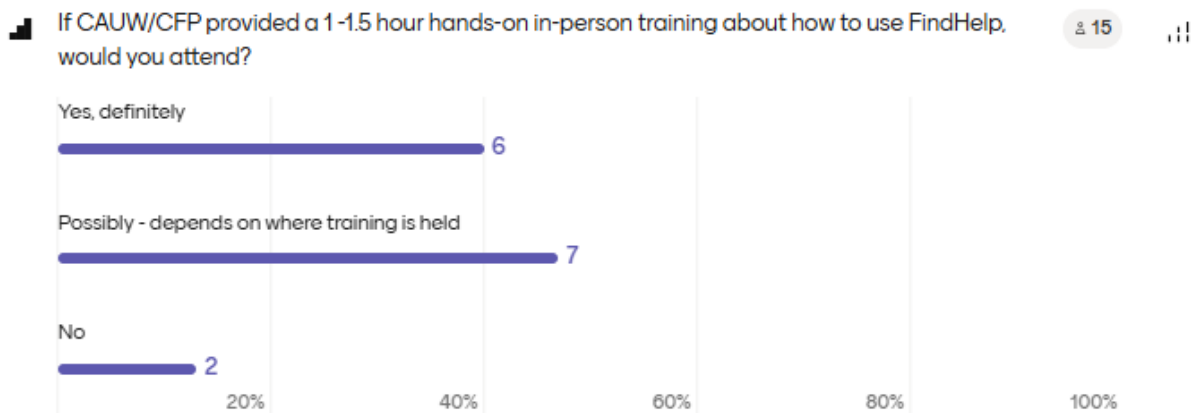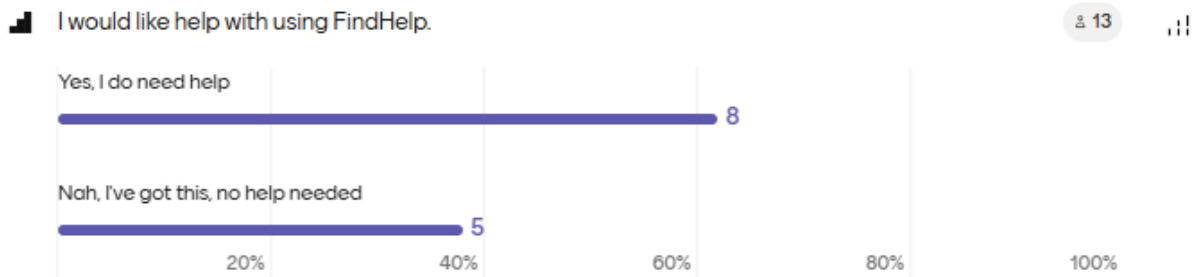
> Before the end of the calendar year, we'd like to bring a 1-1.5 hour one-on-one training to Columbus, Schuyler and possibly Nance and Boone if there is interest to help those new to the platform get used to it.

10:55 – 11:00 a.m.   Evaluation and closing – Roberta Backbone Support

- Our next meeting will be held in-person on Wednesday, October 1st at the Columbus Community Building. 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Adjourn