



2024-2025 Annual Collaborative Progress Report

Community and Family Partnership

County Served: Boone, Colfax, Nance, and Platte Counties

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

Purpose

Nebraska's Community Collaboratives participate in two data collections annually as a part of the evaluation of the state's community-based prevention system. The Annual Collaborative Progress Report serves several purposes: 1) provides a series of questions for all Community Well-Being Collaboratives to provide quantitative and qualitative data about their work during the past 12 months (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025), 2) ensures necessary data for state, federal, and private funders is available, and 3) supports a process of ongoing reflection and improvement for community collaboratives.

Scope

This report highlights the work supported through Prevention Infrastructure Contracts between Nebraska Children and Community Collaboratives, with a focus on activities carried out from July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025. It includes reflections on collaborative growth, challenges, and evolving needs; stories that illustrate the impact of prevention efforts at both individual and community levels; and insights into engagement with older youth. The report also documents training, events, and advocacy efforts, showcases local investment and infrastructure, and presents data on service delivery and community partnerships that strengthen the prevention system.

Nebraska Children utilizes the following funding sources to support this work: Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP), Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF), Nebraska Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board (NCAFP), Strengthening Family Funds, William and Ruth Scott Family Foundation, Sherwood Foundation, and any additional private funds.

Throughout the report, collaboratives were asked to report what, if any, various strategies and activities aligned to the goals of Bring Up Nebraska's Statewide Plan for Community-Well Being, which is a unified framework guiding prevention efforts across Nebraska. The Bring Up Nebraska Statewide Plan for Community Well-Being is a comprehensive, community-driven plan designed to ensure that all children, youth, young adults, caregivers, and families in Nebraska can thrive. It is built on a prevention-focused

model that emphasizes local leadership, cross-sector collaboration, and data-informed strategies to address challenges before they become crises.

The purpose of this plan is for Nebraska to create, implement, and sustain the most robust community well-being prevention model in the nation, by aligning local and state efforts to improve outcomes for children, youth, young adults, caregivers and families.

Nebraska's shared goals, as outlined in the plan, are as follows:

1. Strengthen collaboration among youth and young adults, parents and caregivers, community members, system partners, school districts, and Community Collaboratives to support community-driven approaches to well-being.
2. Strengthen statewide collaboration to support community-driven approaches to well-being and foster shared responsibility among partners.
3. Enhance access to and quality of educational programs, mental health services, and community resources that build Protective and Promotive Factors in thriving children, youth, young adults, families, caregivers, and communities.
4. Develop and strengthen a quality workforce of those supporting the Community Well-Being system in Nebraska.

Collaborative Update

In this section, coordinators were invited to reflect their collaborative's growth, success, challenges, and needs they experienced over the previous year (July 1, 2024- June 30, 2025). If collaboratives submitted more than 5 successes or challenges experienced throughout the year, they are included at the end of this report. The questions and their corresponding answers are displayed below.

Looking back on the work of the collaborative for the past year (July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025) please share up to 5 successes accomplished. Successes may include new or expanded partnerships, increased community awareness of the collaborative's work, engagement with other statewide initiatives, etc. Sharing these successes helps us celebrate your impact and learn from your experiences across the state.

Strengthening Community Ties Through Local Food Distribution

Cultivating new relationships that came about through the Local Food Producer Assistance grant. This unique funding provided an opportunity to support socially disadvantaged producers via purchasing their food products and then distributing the product to public/faith-based pantries and other agencies serving those in need. Relationships that existed prior to this funding were strengthened, and new relationships were entered into with agencies such as housing authorities in the four-county area, faith-based church pantries, Salvation Army, and agencies that serve senior meals. Monthly communication and distribution of eggs and ground beef provided for regular touchpoints with new and existing partners allowing for trust to grow. As a result, when Community Prevention staff presented services available to those who were served by housing authorities, and those who provide senior meals, they were already familiar with us and welcomed us in to present to those they serve. CFP is in the process of collecting data on the type of food products purchased, amounts purchased, and dollars expended per county as a way to share tangible evidence of serving the entire four county region. Data is intended to be shared with local governmental entities (county commissioners, county supervisors) and others to show how CFP is impacting those living in their communities.

Industry & Library Partnerships Come to Life

Community Prevention staff in industry and at Columbus library come to fruition. CFP's backbone agency, CAUW, is the reason for this coming to fruition. There are several CAUW board of directors who represent industries in Platte and Colfax counties. Thus, board members hear monthly about the work of the collaborative, coaching and Central Navigation. When the board members were approached by the CAUW E.D. about embedding a Central Navigator on site to assist their employees it was a new concept to them, yet they also understood Community Prevention and how it could assist people to attain self-identified goals leading to stability. Central Navigators can be found part time at Cargill, BD, Behlen, and Camaco. CNs are in place before shifts begin and as shifts end. A Central Navigator can be found at the Columbus Community Building where the Columbus

Library is located. For all these locations, a Central Navigator is present for a portion of the day during the week. Industry Navigation began on March 17, 2025, with two navigators at four locations for a small portion of the day during the week. Data on industry navigation is provided in the attached document, CFP Industry Navigation Data.

Community Prevention Recognized at Nebraska CBA Conference

CFP sought out to share local work at Nebraska Community Based Aid & Juvenile Justice conference in June 2025. This statewide conference brought together national and local speakers to explore strategies and practices that strengthen our communities and programs across a range of topics. Being invited to present is a testament to the high-quality, impactful work being led by the CFP team. The Community Prevention Director and the Collective Impact Director delivered a presentation on Community Prevention, highlighting the Bring Up Nebraska network and the value of its collaborative structure. Additionally, we co-presented with a licensed mental health provider on supporting youth and families through mental health services, showcasing the success of CFP's Mental Health Voucher Program.

Adapting to Meet Growing Mental Health Needs

Mental Health vouchers. These vouchers remain a staple of our collaborative work as referrals are received from school counselors in the four-county service area. In the spring of 2024, the number of mental health voucher referrals being received from schools and the amount being invoiced from providers were coming in at an alarming rate which resulted in our team coming together to determine if we'd have enough funding to provide for the requests coming in. We decided to ensure we could help as many youths as possible that we would decrease the maximum number of vouchers a youth/young adult could receive from ten to eight. We based that number on CFP mental health voucher data which indicated that most youth/young adults used six vouchers or sessions with a provider. Additionally, for those households who had insurance, we requested they contribute a minimum of \$30 per session. Both alterations to our current processes were adopted in July 2024 and in doing so we were able to meet all of the requests and pay all the invoices in a timely fashion. Mental health vouchers continue to be a well utilized resource for youth and young adults in our communities. Two alternative sources of funding have been secured to keep up with the requests being made for these vouchers.

Responding to Policy Shifts with Community Insight

Coming together of community experienced with changes in climate and legislation changes. CAUW/CFP responded to state/national policy changes by working with partners to bring in someone who better understood new legislation and how it may impact CFP and/or agencies serving children, youth, and families such as Head Start/Early Head Start and After School Programming. Educating partners on changes that impact those that we serve has been a priority for the backbone agency.

Looking back on the work of the collaborative for the past year (July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025), please share up to 5 challenges your team faced. Challenges might include barriers to building or sustaining partnerships, limitations in resources or capacity, evolving community needs, or challenges related to implementing and coordinating your collaborative's work. Understanding these challenges helps us identify common themes across communities and explore ways to provide better support.

Supporting Providers with Hands-On Materials

Child Care Provider Resource Center – getting childcare providers to use the resource center. Funds from Communities for Kids for Schuyler and Columbus a few years ago allowed for the purchase of materials/equipment for child care providers to check out and utilize in their in-home and center-based settings free of cost. The Child Care Provider Resource Center is housed at the Columbus Public Schools Administration Building, the same structure that the Kramer Child Care Center is located at. The CFP Early Care & Education team spent a couple of its monthly meetings working out who would man the resource center, the hours it would be operated knowing it would need to be open during hours providers could get to the center (meaning after they were done caring for children during the day). Columbus Public Schools did not have the budget for one of its staff members to man the resource center desk. Thus, this was a conversation still in process as the launch occurred. To test the system for checking out/in material, a couple of child care providers volunteered to test the system prior to launch to work out possible kinks in the process. Though the launch of the center was paired with a continuing education opportunity with ESU7, a lackluster number of providers, roughly seven, attended the launch.

Bridging Gaps in Community Engagement

Engaging our partners from all that we serve. CFP collaborates with a wide range of partners, each engaging at different levels and in different areas of our work, some are deeply involved in specific initiatives like food security, while others remain on the periphery. However, our current partner network does not yet reflect the full diversity of organizations and communities across the entire four-county region. We continue to invest in outreach and education, including local businesses, but there is a pressing need to strengthen relationships and build more inclusive, representative partnerships that span all geographic areas and individual experiences.

Navigating Uncertainty: Challenges in Partnership and Support

It has been a rollercoaster of a fiscal year and a legitimate concern for collaboration and funding.

Collective Outreach for Stronger Engagement

Nance and Boone engagement have been slow to come to the table. This, again, is about all

of us working together to invite a new person to our meetings, and to introduce them to the collective work we are doing to help our children, youth, and families thrive.

What did you do to address those challenges?

- For Challenge #1 - The team started afresh with a new resource center flyer which we believe will better educate the providers on what the resource center is, the benefits of it and the method for checking out/in material. The Columbus Public Schools Superintendent and CAUW Executive Director worked out when the building could be open after hours so that providers could access the materials. Knowing that it would be a liability for the structure to be open when a school staff member was not present and knowing the school didn't have the budget to pay a staff member to be at the resource center once a month, the agreement landed upon was that the resource center will be open the second Monday of the month when school board meetings occur in the facility. Volunteer child care providers will staff the resource center from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. on the second Monday of the month.
- For Challenge #2- Engaging our communities and partners is a continual process. We continue to send meeting invitations and our newsletter to roughly 360 people from different agencies throughout the four-county area. Every other Friday these folks receive an electronic newsletter from CFP. Collaborative meetings are sent to all those on our Constant Contact list. One-on-one connections are made when possible so that we can be introduced to an entity by a partner which helps open the door for us for partnership.
- For Challenge #3 - Fortunately for CFP, our backbone agency, CAUW, is future focused and had secured funding through new or braided sources which assisted us with the CWB shortfall with private funds.
- For Challenge #4 - Some Nance, Boone and Colfax County agency doors have opened in this reporting period largely due to the Local Food Purchase Agreement (LFPA) funds. This grant has allowed us to develop new relationships with food producers, agencies who assist those in need, food pantries (public/faith based) and more.

What do you still need to address those challenges?

- For Challenge #1 - Promote, promote, promote the resource center! Ensure a child care provider is manning the desk on the second Monday of each month. Continue to talk to providers and the Early Care & Education team about the Child Care Provider Resource Center at monthly team meetings and troubleshoot areas of concern. We have volunteer providers signed up to man the desk through October 2025.
- For Challenge #2 - We need people in our collaborative and communities we serve to connect us to people in Genoa, St. Edward, Clarkson, and other smaller

communities and invite them to our meetings. We need bridge people so that we can be connected to people in rural communities and in agencies that serve others. Inviting those in rural communities and those who haven't been at our table before takes all of us.

- For Challenge #3 - CAUW/CFP will continue to apply for different funding sources to sustain the unique work it is doing in the communities it serves. Additionally, we will continue to strive for ways to partner to maximize resources including time, staff, etc. To support stronger fiscal management, it may be helpful to prioritize transparency around available resources and anticipated allocations. Even if this means working within reduced budgets, having clear and timely information—such as projected funding ranges—can empower partners to plan more effectively, align expectations, and make informed decisions that support sustainability and impact.
- For Challenge #4 - Nurture existing relationships to grow trust and ensure the continued success of impactful collective work that benefits our communities and all Nebraskans. At the same time, increase understanding and recognition of the power of collaboration and collective impact—demonstrating how shared efforts lead to meaningful change. By doing so, we can inspire new partners to become actively involved and contribute to a more inclusive and representative movement.

Story from the Community

In this section, communities were invited to optionally submit a story that occurred during the last evaluation year (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025). Stories could be about a child or family who passed through Central Navigation in the community and was connected to the prevention system, or they could be about the work of the collaborative. These stories help bring data to life, offering a deeper understanding of how our efforts affect real people. They also serve as powerful tools to demonstrate our work in action whether to funders, community members, or the general public, highlighting the value and impact of our collective efforts.

A Family's Story

The role of a Community Prevention coach is to connect families with resources in the community and be of support as they navigate a difficult situation in their life. This family whose story I am about to share is a Peruvian family that had recently arrived to the United States. The family consists of mom, dad, and their son. At the time mom was also expecting a child. The family was granted a visa to come to the United States to provide medical assistance/treatment for their son. The son was born in Peru with a cleft lip/cleft palate birth defect. He received medical treatment for his condition and had undergone a few surgeries to correct his cleft lip diagnosis. The surgeries had been successful. The family was very grateful to be in the United States with a visa that permitted their child to seek medical attention. Arriving to the United States brought this young couple great hope but also great uncertainty. When entering the Community Prevention program and working

with a coach the family shared that their main needs were seeking housing and employment. The family was staying with a family member that was asking them to leave the house and had become aggressive with the family because she wanted them out of her property. The aunt offended them and caused unnecessary arguments with the family. This led the couple to seek assistance and navigate this situation. The coach assisted the dad in applying for various jobs in the community. During one of the coaching sessions the family explored possible housing options. Some of those options were relocating with another family member/friend or looking into going to a family shelter while the dad found employment. The coach shared with the family about applying for the Thrives program which is a Central Nebraska Community Action Partnership program that assists families with housing if they're homeless or being evicted from their current living space. While the family worked with Community Prevention the family demonstrated great patience and resilience. The family was very persistent and did not give up easily even though their situation was difficult. The dad was also very self-driven and eager to better his family's situation. The coach and the family established various goals during the coaching sessions. Goals such as applying for the Thrives program, continue job search, sign-up for Platte Valley Literacy English classes, and dad passing the driver's license test. The family asked for assistance with a few baby items since they were going to be expecting their baby very soon. Community Prevention was able to provide the family with a pack and play, baby clothes, wipes, a baby box and breast pump. The coach reached out the Simon House to provide newborn diapers for the family. The coach also helped the family apply for WIC, Medicaid, and SNAP programs. While the family was enrolled in the Community Prevention program the family received a food box once a month from Catholic Charities. The coach worked with the family from August 2024-November 2024. During this time the dad was able to pass his driver's license test and get a car of his own. He was able to find employment at Camaco and continued to do door dashing on the side. But most importantly the family qualified for the Thrives program and was able to obtain a living space of their own. Once the family enrolled in the Thrives program the family was going to be provided with a more long-term and on-going case management service. The case manager would assist the young couple on how to budget their expenses and become more familiar with the United States way of life. The Community Prevention closed in November 2024, and the family was beyond grateful to be able to work with a coach that helped them connect with various resources and navigate their life situation.

Coaching Story

As a coach, I'm fortunate to be able to help families by referring them to resources that they may not otherwise have known about or been able to access. We are so lucky to have many organizations in the four-county area who function in tandem to keep our communities healthy and strong by helping those who live here when they need it. One such family was recently able to receive financial assistance from Platte County General Assistance. The family had a large amount of debt from a past hospital bill, which was a necessary expense for the welfare of the family. That's something we see often as coaches –

families who are left with a crippling amount of debt from medical bills and forced to work multiple jobs to keep up with the payments. Of course, when a family's time is spent focusing entirely on putting out the most urgent fire, they don't always have the time or energy to tend to other problems. In the case of medical bills, this situation is by no fault of their own. Even after insurance this family was left with a significant amount to pay. Their other expenses began piling up, and the family was forced to budget in an unsustainable way. Luckily, after putting in an application with Platte County General Assistance, a large portion was covered. Now, with around half of the remaining bill paid for, the heavy burden of a medical debt that had been weighing the family down was relieved. The assistance received was crucial to drastically improving this family's situation.

Central Navigation Story

As a Central Navigator, I was working with an incredibly courageous mother who took the brave step of leaving a domestic violence situation with her four children. Despite the immense challenges she faced, she successfully secured housing and managed to gather a \$1,500 deposit. Mom is employed full-time and has managed to cover her household expenses, but she faced difficulty gathering \$3,000 all at once for housing. In need of assistance for the first month's rent, she reached out to community resources. Through their collaborative efforts, she received the support she needed to cover the initial rent, showcasing the power of community and resilience.

Systems-Level Information

In this section, coordinators compiled the training opportunities, events, and policy support activities the collaborative participated in, supported, facilitated, or paid for during the year (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025). When reporting, coordinators were provided a list of examples that are commonly used and completed a table for training opportunities, events, and policy support activities to present the specific details of each occurrence. The results are below.

Training Opportunities

	Number of Trainings Held	Number of Organizations	Number of Individuals Trained
July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025	18	77	224

Note: The numbers above do not represent an unduplicated count.

Training Topic/Description	Approximate # of Attendees	Approximate # of Organizations Represented by Attendees	How did this strengthen the prevention system in your community?	Statewide Plan goal #
Breaking Barriers and Unraveling Addiction: a holistic approach to understanding and addressing substance misuse through cultural humility - Sept 2024	30	44	Several ways of strengthening prevention systems with one being understanding the impact of stigma and the different types of stigmas, including stigma against those seeking help for basic human needs and implicit bias against people with substance use disorder. Understand how Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and Social Determinants of Health (SDH) impact population health outcomes and the protective and risk factors that are associated with substance misuse (risk factors).	4
Community Prevention and Mental Health Voucher presentation to schools training	12	8	Provided information and steps for school staff to take to refer a parent/guardian/family to Community Prevention and Mental Health Vouchers.	3

them on our services. Sept 2024				
Becoming a Child Care Provider April 2025	5	5	Increased knowledge of steps to take to become a licensed child care provider in an area which will provide for more childcare for our community.	3
Meeting with local DHHS staff as to use of Support Service funds and if a family has CFS involvement. March 2025	8	2	Local DHHS staff were unaware they were to use DHHS funds for families instead of referring the family to community resources. CAUW/CFP provided clarification that we are not allowed to utilize the prevention funds for families that are involved in CFS cases. Conversation on how we would know if a family is involved in CFS.	3
Youth & Families Thrive Training	3	Unknown	Support youth and families in ways that advance healthy development and well-being and reduce the impact of negative life experiences.	2
NE Community Based Aid & Juvenile Justice – presentation on Community Prevention June 2025	31	Unknown	CFP and Community Prevention work to promote healthier and resilient families able to meet their needs with reduced stress and improved stability.	2
NE Community Based Aid & Juvenile Justice – June 2025 – Unified Impact: A Path Forward for Youth and Families	25	Unknown	Explore collaborative strategies that support youth and families through prevention, intervention, and long-term stability.	2
NE Community Based Aid & Juvenile Justice – June 2025	5	Unknown	How to implement practices and strategies to address truancy, diversion, gang prevention/intervention, LGBTQ+, mental health,	4

			behavioral health, and trauma informed care.	
Northeast NE County Attorney Association meeting	80	Unknown	Highlight NCFF Collaboratives in state, Community Prevention and our collective impact work.	1
Green Dot	1	10	Bystander intervention training to engage witnesses to interrupt situations that are high-risk for violence.	1 and 2
Ethics on the Big Screen	1	1	Awareness of online predators in video games and social media and the potential impact on youth.	4
Protecting the Innocent	1	1	Recognition and reporting of suspected child abuse, neglect, and sexual abuse.	4
Multi-Disciplinary Team Training – Faith Regional Services, Child Advocacy Center	2	Unknown	Training to educate the diverse topics that resonate with our CAC. Provide information on best practices in the field for continuous improvement in responding to the needs of children and families.	4
Stewards of Children	1	1	Training designed to educate adults on preventing, recognizing, and responding to child sexual abuse.	4
Motivational Interviewing	6	1	Approach to enhance motivation for change by resolving ambivalence and fostering a supportive dialogue.	4
Mental Health First Aide	5	Unknown	Teaches participants how to support people with mental health and substance use challenges.	4
Child Abuse & Neglect	3	Unknown	Prepare mandatory reporters with the knowledge and skills needed to recognize and report child abuse and neglect.	4

Bridges Out of Poverty training by CAUW/CFP staff	5	4	Barriers in treatment, the community and individual that affect treatment of substance use, particularly focusing on the rise in opioid use.	4
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Events

	Number of Events	Number of Attendees
July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025	16	2145

Note: Numbers reported for the evaluation year are estimates and not unduplicated counts.

Event Topic/Description	Approximate # of Attendees	What was the impact of this event on your prevention system?	Statewide Plan goal #
YMCA Healthy Kids Day	100	Resource sharing with families with children.	3
Child Abuse Prevention Campaign work	18	Increased awareness of CAP.	1 and 2
Community Connection annual event	32	Networking opportunity for health & human services providers & those who work closely with children & families to network & learn more about local programs.	2
Columbus Senior Center presentation	41	Shared resources, increased knowledge of resources available.	2
Cedar Rapids Senior Center presentation	22	Shared resources, increased knowledge of resources available.	2
Pawnee Senior Center (Genoa) presentation	18	Shared resources, increased knowledge of resources available.	2
Schuyler Community Book Gardens at five locations in town	Unknown	Increased access to children's books in the book desert of Schuyler. Books are available at five sites and come in three different age groups.	3
Howells – The Owl Café – Senior Meal site	14	Shared resources, increased knowledge of resources available.	2
Food box distribution from Catholic Charities. Agencies	1750	Provided food boxes (fresh produce, protein sources, as well	3

who serve those with barriers to basic needs distributed these food boxes to those in need.		as shelf stable items) to those in need.	
Colfax County Food Pantry - Immigration Orange Folders distributed	52	Shared resources on vital planning information for those who are not documented.	2
Child Advocacy Center - Immigration Orange Folders distributed	20	Shared resources on vital planning information for those who are not documented.	2
Bi-monthly collaborative meetings	56	Keeping partners up to date with community resources, identifying gaps in services and brainstorming solutions to improve processes or close gaps	2
Marigold Lane - Transitional Housing planning for women and women with children for Columbus. Monthly meetings. Lived experience person part of team	7	Provides opportunity for women or women with children who need to get on their feet an opportunity to do so with the transitional housing model the grassroots effort has created by working with two landlords willing to help these women.	1
Continued Communities for Kids work in Schuyler. Monthly meetings.	15	A new 501c3, Strong Starts Schuyler, has evolved out of this community work in an effort to close the childcare gap.	2 and 4
Worldwide Technology implementation into Community Prevention, Columbus Public Schools, Columbus Public Library and Platte Valley Literacy Association	Unknown	CFP is one of two collaboratives to have received this translation tool to increase communication.	1 and 2
Local Food Purchase Assistance grant to work with local producers for food. Work with new and existing partners to reduce barriers to increase access to the basic need of food by providing purchased foods throughout the four county area. Food distributions occurred monthly from October - December and February - June.	Unknown	Growth of local producers who may be socially disadvantages, strengthening food distribution system, developing relationships with new partner agencies and nurturing existing partner relationships.	3

Policy, Practice, and Advocacy Support

Policy, Practice Change or Advocacy Effort Description	Statewide Plan Goal #
Schuyler City Council Agenda, Public Hearing: To consider amendment of the Schuyler Economic Development Plan to add businesses that provide early childhood care and education to the list of Eligible Businesses regarding LB840 funds. Motion carried.	2
Legislative Days Senator Moser LB71 Child Care Subsidy Rates and Workforce	2
City of Schuyler Week of the Young Child	3
City of Genoa, City of Columbus, Platte County Supervisors and Colfax County Commissioners. All signed Proclamations of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.	1 and 2
Collaborative Coordinator involved in Policy Leadership Academy cohort	2
LB71 Child Care Subsidy Rates	4
Transit work – proposed transit system between Columbus and Schuyler work continued until paused in March 2025 due to current environmental landscape. Reassessment of situation to come in upcoming months.	4
Internal CAUW/CFP practice change to Youth Mental Health Vouchers in that we are now asking households with insurance to contribute a minimum of \$30 per session effective in July 2024.	NA
Colfax County courtroom practice change. County Attorney Bruce Prenda, an active CFP member, works with Centro Hispano to bring immigration information into the courtroom so that it is present where the people who need it are.	4 and 1
Internal CAUW/CFP practice change to use BUN Intake Form	NA
Coordinator is active with First Five Nebraska being a Policy Leadership Academy Alum during this reporting period. She shares with collaborative some of the pieces of information.	4

Local Investment

Collaboratives reported the funding amounts they received throughout the evaluation year (July 1, 2024- June 30, 2025) from sources outside of funding received by Nebraska Children and Families Foundation. Documenting these local investments not only reflects the community's commitment to sustaining and strengthening its prevention system but also showcases the shared responsibility and collaboration that make this work possible.

Funding Type	Total Received in Dollars	Brief Funding Description
Direct Private Funding	\$167,096	Variety of sources including CAUW, NE Commission on Law Enforcement &

		Criminal Justice, NE Presbyterian Grant, Colfax County Community Based Aid, Schuyler Community Foundation, Schuyler Public Library Foundation.
Indirect Private Funding	\$12,500	Cargill Cares, Columbus Area Future Fund.
Public Funding	\$0	NA
In-Kind Donations	\$87,661	Variety of sources including participation of community at meetings, CFPSteering Committee members, Early Care & Education Team, NE Presbyterian Church, meeting room use at Columbus Community Building and Schuyler Library, donated unopened and not recalled formula, ADM grant and use of large freezer at Simon House for storage of beef for LFPA grant (unknown value).

Prevention System Infrastructure, Programs, and Practices

Community Response provides the infrastructure to local community prevention systems. Communities reported on the number of staff and organizations that they partner with to deliver the Components of Community Response.

Component of Community Response	Number of Participating Staff	Number of Participating Organizations
Central Navigation	74	35
Coaching	88	34
Youth and Parent Engagement and Youth Councils Leadership Activities or Opportunities	0	0

Component of Community Response	Number of Participating Staff	Number of Participating Organizations
Circle of Security Parenting (COSP)	1	1
Parents Interacting with Infants (PIWI)	3	1

Community-Level Partnerships

Nebraska Children and Families Foundation aimed to learn more about each collaborative's partnerships with different people, agencies, and entities in their communities. In this collection, collaboratives were provided a list of organizations and individuals and then rated each entity's involvement in the collaborative's work as: "Actively Involved", "Involved", "Connected", "No Partnership", or "To my knowledge, this entity doesn't exist in our community". Some partners may bring multiple perspectives and an organization or entity may be represented in multiple areas. In the following chart, the rating for each community group is represented by a different hue of blue (see key for details). This year's information is displayed with the 2023-2024 to better understand how partnerships have evolved from year to year.

Collaborative's Involvement with Each Community Groups		
Community and Family Partnership	2024-25	2023-24
Community Member groups		
Parents and caregivers		
Youth and young adults		
Interested community members		
Volunteer organizations		
Business community		
Faith community		
Recreation/fitness centers		
Media (statewide or local)		
Healthcare & Social Services		
Health care providers		
Behavioral/mental health		
Child and youth serving organizations		
Child advocacy centers		
Human services/service providers		
Education		
Early Childhood Education*		
Elementary Education/K-5*		
Middle School Education/6th-8th*		
High School Education/9th-12th*		
Higher Education		
Educational Service Unit		
Government		
Local elected officials		
Department of Health and Human Services		
Local Crime Commission Representative		
Local Representative from the Public Health		
Other state agencies (e.g., NDE, Labor Dept.)		
City/county agencies		
Tribal agencies		
Committees/boards		
Law Enforcement		
Juvenile justice		
Local law enforcement		
Local Court System		
1184 Team		
	To my knowledge, this doesn't exist in our community	
	No Partnership: We do not have a current partnership with anyone in this category	
	Connected: Attends meetings sporadically and is connected to the collaborative through their work, but not involved in decision making	
	Involved: Attends regular meetings but does not influence decision making	
	Actively Involved: Attends regular meetings and participates in making important decisions	

Connections to Nebraska Children Initiatives

Nebraska Children and Families Foundation has developed several initiatives to address specific areas where a community may see a need for improvement. Initiatives can be plugged into each community prevention system to address specific issues along the cradle to career spectrum. Collaboratives were asked to indicate how integrated each initiative is in their community as “Very Integrated”, “Somewhat Integrated”, “This initiative is present in my community, but not integrated into the collaborative”, and “To my knowledge, this initiative is not in our community”. This information helps Nebraska Children to align internal processes and identify future opportunities for communities they support. In the following chart, the rating for each community group is represented by a different hue of green (see key for details). This year’s information is displayed with the 2023-2024 to better understand how initiative integration has evolved from year to year.

Collaborative's Connections to other NCFF Programs								
Community and Family Partnership								
Reporting Year	BSB	C4K	CYI	Community Café	NGR	RiR	Sixpence	SFEC
2024-2025								
2023-2024								
BSB = Beyond School Bells, C4K = Communities for Kids, CYI = Connected Youth Initiative, NGR = Nebraska Growing Readers, RiR = Rooted in Relationships, SFEC = Statewide Family Engagement Center								
	No information provided							
	To my knowledge, this initiative is not in our community							
	This initiative is present in my community but is not integrated into the collaborative							
	Somewhat Integrated							
	Very Integrated							

For the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation initiatives you indicated are part of your community, how would you describe the integration of or connections between them? Please share what is working well across the initiatives or possible areas of improvement.

Communities for Kids+ is strong due to the funding we’ve had in the past and due to the lead contract staff being involved in one of CFP’s committees. Many community sectors are actively involved in the planning for closing the quality childcare gap that exists in Schuyler.

Rooted in Relationships (RiR) has been in Platte County for several years. Collaborative coordinator works directly with contract RiR person to ensure all the providers in RiR are receiving newsletter and are aware of the collaborative. Working well is the ability to secure providers for this evidence-based strategy.

Connected Youth Initiative – Central Navigator refers young people to CYI as needed.

Nebraska Growing Readers is a year into the relationship with CFP, with Schuyler specifically. Five community book gardens are set up throughout Schuyler and these are well utilized. Funding ended shortly after the book gardens were placed. Fortunately, local funding was found for roughly the next year for all five bookstand locations.

Sixpence as well as Beyond School Bells (BSB) staff in the school systems of Columbus and Schuyler typically take part in collaborative meetings during the year. Continued nurturing of these relationships is needed for further partnering.

Summary of Participants Served Through Central Navigation

This table shows the count and demographic information for all participants who accessed Central Navigation during the evaluation year (July 1, 2024–June 30, 2025). It also displays information about the number and types of referrals Central Navigators made to community-based resources for help seekers.

	Jul 24 – Jun 25
Number of Participants	201
Number of Children	361
Number of Referrals to Community-Based Resources and Services	361
Number of Referrals to Coaching	40
<i>Sex of Participants</i>	
Male	47 (23.4%)
Female	148 (73.6%)
Other/Prefer not to say	6 (3.0%)

Support Service Funds Distributed

This table shows the amount of support service funds that have been distributed by category during the evaluation year (July 1, 2024–June 30, 2025).

Priority Area	Number of Requests	All Dollars	Percent of Total	Average Dollars per Request
Daily Living	13	\$ 995.27	1.7%	\$ 76.56
Education	4	\$ 359.82	<1%	\$ 89.96
Employment				
Housing	19	\$ 9,999.41	17.0%	\$ 526.28
Mental Health	105	\$ 33,543.69	57.1%	\$ 319.46
Parenting	18	\$ 2,907.66	4.9%	\$ 161.54
Physical/Dental Health	11	\$ 4,826.39	8.2%	\$ 438.76
Transportation	12	\$ 3,002.31	5.1%	\$ 250.19
Utilities	16	\$ 2,686.16	4.6%	\$ 167.89
Other	1	\$ 453.67	<1%	\$ 453.67
Total	199	\$ 58,774.38	-	\$ 696.03

Additional Successes

Collaboratives had the option to submit additional successes outside of the 5 collected at the beginning of this report. The additional successes submitted are below.

Additional CFP Successes (July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025):

Success #2 – Community Prevention staff in industry and at Columbus library come to fruition.

CFP Industry Navigation Data

