

Agency 070 - FOSTER CARE REVIEW BOARD

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

As Nebraska's IV-E review agency, trained citizen volunteers review the plans, services and placements of children in out of home care 6 months or longer to assure children are safe, secure, and moving into permanent homes. The Board collects, evaluates, and disseminates data, disseminates the board's findings, takes legal standing and/or attends court on cases where the board believes the children's best interests are not being met, visits foster care facilities to ascertain if a child's psychological, physical & sociological needs are met, and sponsors educational programs as outlined in §43-1301 to §43-1321, Rev. Stat. Nebr., 1942, (1983 Cumm. Sup.)

VISION:

The vision of the Foster Care Review Board is that every child and youth in out of home care live in a safe, permanent home, experience an enduring relationship with one or more caring adults, and have every opportunity to grow up to become a responsible, productive adult.

The Board works to ensure this by reviewing cases, visiting facilities, tracking children, and taking legal standing on cases where the Board believes the children and youth's best interests are not being met. The Board collects data, disseminates data and findings through the annual report, community meetings, and legislative hearings.

MISSION AND PRINCIPLES:

The State Foster Care Review Board's mission is to ensure the best interests of children in out-of-home care are being met through external citizen review, monitoring facilities that house children and youth, maintaining up-to-date data on a statewide tracking system, through legal standing, and disseminating data and recommendations through an Annual Report.

GOALS:

Goals pursuant to §43-1301 to §43-1321, Rev. Stat. Nebr.,

Maintain a quality tracking system (system is used for tracking and review);

Provide and disseminate data as required by State Law;

Review foster children's cases and advocate for their best interests;

Work to restore funding for staff to facilitate tracking and review to meet state and federal mandates;

Promote stability in foster care placements and ensure that children are placed in safe and appropriate placements;

Visit foster care facilities;

Work with DHHS to increase accountability in placements and services;

Increase communication with DHHS;

Provide Educational programs; and

Maintain partnerships to address issues of concern and to raise awareness of issues that affect foster children.

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Financial Data

	FY08 Actual	FY09 Approp	FY10 Request	FY10 Recomm	FY11 Request	FY11 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	1,279,775	1,336,371	1,824,339	1,336,371	1,797,323	1,336,371
Cash Fund	274	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
Federal Fund	369,050	603,389	766,084	603,389	533,649	380,000
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operations	1,649,099	1,945,760	2,596,423	1,945,760	2,336,972	1,722,371
Aid Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Aid Funding	0	0	0	0	0	0
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PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

- Maintaining a computerized tracking system on all children and youth in foster care §43-1303
- Disseminating information and releasing an annual report containing the data collected on children in foster care and an evaluation of such data and recommendations §43-1303
- Reviewing children's cases and advocate for their best interests §43-1308, §43-1314.01
- Work to restore finding for staff to meet state and federal mandates §43-1308
- Promoting safety, security and permanency for children §43-1303, §43-1308
- Visiting foster care facilities §43-1303(6)
- Work and Communicate with DHHS §43-1308
- Organizing and sponsoring educational programs §43-1303(2)(a) & §43-1317
- Maintain Partnerships §43-1308 (d)

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

The Foster Care Review Board serves Nebraska's children by tracking children in foster care, reviewing their cases, reporting on the findings of the reviews, visiting facilities to assure children's needs are being met, and advocating for children's best interests on an individual and systems level. The Board determines the cost, efficiency, effectiveness, and results of the program through the measures outlined in the supporting documentation.

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