

Agency 070 - FOSTER CARE REVIEW OFFICE

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

As Nebraska's federal IV-E review agency, the Foster Care Review Office collects, evaluates, & disseminates data on children/youth in out-of-home care or trial home visits; uses trained citizen volunteers to review children/youth's plans, services and placements to assure safety, security, and progress to permanent homes; disseminates findings & recommendations to legal parties of reviewed children/youth's cases; legally advocates for children/youth's best interest with all stakeholders; visits foster care facilities; provides quarterly and annual reports to the Legislature and stakeholders; and sponsors educational programs. These duties are outlined in §43-1301 to §43-1321.

VISION:

Foster Care Review Offices' vision is:

1. every child/youth in out-of-home care heals from the harmful effects of abuse and/or neglect; goes on to live in a safe, permanent home; experiences an enduring relationship with one or more caring adults; and has opportunity to grow up to become a responsible, productive adult;
2. every youth with delinquent behaviors can safely return to their community without further system intervention;
3. systemic reform through data driven decisions and utilization of evidence supported practices.

MISSION AND PRINCIPLES:

The Foster Care Review Office's mission is to provide oversight of the child welfare and juvenile justice systems by tracking and reviewing children/youth's cases; reporting on aggregate outcomes; and advocating on individual and systemic levels to ensure that children/youth's best interest and safety needs are met.

GOALS:

Foster Care Review Office goals are to:

1. Utilize the case file review process to improve outcomes for children/youth;
2. Deploy technology to realize efficiencies in all agency processes;
3. Strengthen staff and citizen reviewer's expertise;
4. Be a statewide and national leader in Data Reporting and Analysis for children/youth in out-of-home care; and
5. Be a statewide and national leader in systemic collaboration and communication.

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Financial Data

	FY18 Actual	FY19 Approp	FY20 Request	FY20 Recomm	FY21 Request	FY21 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	1,959,916	2,081,930	1,950,144	1,944,524	1,990,576	1,975,653
Cash Fund	3,468	5,700	5,700	5,700	5,700	5,700
Federal Fund	276,032	441,607	452,760	451,356	462,868	459,138
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operations	2,239,416	2,529,237	2,408,604	2,401,580	2,459,144	2,440,491
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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