

Strengthening Families Act Committee Membership

Member Name	Member Type	Title and Organization	Representation
Vacant	Voting		parent who has experience with the Foster Care System
Vacant	Voting		representative of a child care institution
Payne Ackerman	Voting	Former Foster Youth , Project Everlast	young adult currently or previously in foster care
Erin Bader	Voting	Director of Permanency and Well Being Programs , Lutheran Family Services	professional who has relevant practical experience
Cassy Blakely	Voting	Assistant VP of Youth Policy , Nebraska Children and Families Foundation	professional who has relevant practical experience
Ashley Brown	Voting	Program Director , Nebraska KVC	representative from a child welfare service agency
Anna Brummer	Voting	Foster Parent Representative ,	current or former foster parent
Nathan Collier	Voting	Former Foster Youth , Department of Corrections	young adult currently or previously in foster care
Heather Colton	Voting	Associate Attorney/Guardian Ad Litem , Pollak & Ball, LLC	Guardian Ad Litem
Vernon Davis (Co-Chair)	Voting	, Young Adult Previously in Foster Care	young adult currently or previously in foster care
Jude Dean	Voting	Foster Parent Representative , CEDARS	current or former foster parent
Patricia Frost	Voting	Education Specialist II , Nebraska Department of Education	representative of the Department of Education (non-statutory)
Kim Hawekotte	Voting	Executive Director , Foster Care Review Office	Executive Director of the Foster Care Review Office
Sarah Helvey (Co-Chair)	Voting	Child Welfare Program Director / Staff Attorney , Nebraska Appleseed	representative from a child welfare advocacy organization
Nikki Novak	Voting	Foster Family Services Supervisor , Boys Town	representative from a child welfare service agency
Mickey Sampson	Voting	Former Foster Youth/ Licensing Specialist , Nova Foster Care	young adult currently or previously in foster care
Stacy Scholten	Voting	Service Delivery Administrator , DHHS, Division of Children and Family Services	representative of the Executive Branch of Government
Deb Shuck	Voting	Central Service Navigator for the Older Youth System of Care , CAPWN	representative from an agency providing independent living services
Lisa Story	Voting	Foster Parent Representative ,	current or former foster parent

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Juliet Summers	Voting	Policy Coordinator for Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice , Voices for Children in Nebraska	representative from a child welfare advocacy organization
A'Jamal Byndon	Resource	Administrator, Community Initiative Consultant , Nebraska Families Collaborative	representative from a child welfare service agency
Ronda Newman	Resource	Associate Vice President , Nebraska Children and Families Foundation, Project Everlast, Omaha	representative from a child welfare advocacy organization
Jim Bennett	Ex-Officio	Director of Placement, Supervision Services , Administrative Office of Probation, Juvenile Services Division	representative from the Juvenile Probation System
Timoree Klingler	Ex-Officio	Legislative Aide to Senator Sara Howard , Nebraska Legislative Council	representative of the Legislative Branch of Government
Deb VanDyke-Ries	Ex-Officio	Director , Nebraska Court Improvement Project	representative of the Judicial Branch of Government