

## **Treatment Foster Care Workgroup**

### **Update and Recommendations to the Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee**

**July 26, 2016**

The Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee convened the Treatment Foster Care Workgroup to research and make recommendations related to a rate structure that includes expectations regarding treatment components adequate to serve youth in out-of-home care for whom placement is problematic. The group has met four times in 2016, and has included representation from the Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Children and Family Services, Family-Focused Treatment Association (FFTA), foster parents, KVC, Lutheran Family Services, Nebraska Children's Home Society (NCHS), Nebraska Families Collaborative (NFC), Probation, and Voices for Children.

The group has compiled current levels of care and payment rate and intended outcomes from child welfare and juvenile justice for the Foster Care Reimbursement Rate to review and provide further guidance in order to create the requested rate structure. The group has created three recommendations to move the preliminary work of the group forward:

- 1. Nebraska's existing family-like placement continuum of care should be examined to determine if placement types, requirements, definitions, and payment rates are streamlined and consistent as a first step to creating additional rate structures.**
- 2. Nebraska's existing family-like placement continuum of care should be examined to identify which intervention components that are necessary to treat youth with high treatment needs in a family-like setting are not currently available.**
- 3. Any new rate structure that includes treatment expectations should include and define the following components:**
  - a. Functional assessment and treatment of the individual;
  - b. Definition of caregiver responsibilities;
  - c. Caregiver maintenance payments;
  - d. Administrative payments to the child placing agency;
  - e. Support (delivery of non-treatment services) payments to the child placing agency;
  - f. Definition of "treatment component"; and
  - g. Additional cost for treatment component.