



Nebraska Children's Commission
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Dear Youth Group Facilitators,

The Normalcy Task Force of the Nebraska Children's Commission has been tasked with gathering the voice of young people to create recommendations for a Nebraska Youth Bill of Rights as the state implements a new law called the Strengthening Families Act (SFA). A survey has been created for youth in out-of-home care aged 14 and older to provide feedback on what they feel should be included in the Youth Bill of Rights.

We are reaching out to your group with the hopes that you will host a focus group to gather the feedback of Nebraska youth. A guide and handouts are attached to assist in facilitation of a meeting where youth can review the SFA and the Youth Bill of Rights and discuss and provide input on how they will impact their lives. If you are not able to or comfortable facilitating a focus group, please let our office know and we can provide facilitation leaders to host a group.

Youth will not be asked to provide any identifying information. Answers collected from this survey will be provided in aggregate to the Normalcy Task Force to support the creation of recommendations to the Nebraska Children's Commission, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, and the Nebraska Legislature.

This survey will provide an opportunity for the voice of Nebraska youth in out-of-home placement to be included in recommendations and assist in ensuring Normalcy for system involved youth. In order to have recommendations prepared for reporting deadlines, this survey must be completed no later than **August 26, 2016**. Your time and input are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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