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### Behavioral Health Services

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### System Integration

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### Behavioral Health Services

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### Division Financial Officer

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### Office of Consumer Affairs

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## Regional Center System

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## Facility Operating Officers:

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HRC switchboard..... 460-3127

Lincoln: Vacant.....479-5410

LRC switchboard..... 479-5207

Norfolk: John Kroll..... 470-3328

NRC switchboard.....370-3400

## Division of Children and Family Services

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## Protection and Safety Section

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Foster care, Adult and Child Protective Services,  
Central Registry, Family Preservation, Title IV-E,  
Expungements, Transitional Youth Services, Social  
Services Block Grant for Families, Employment  
Checks, Domestic Violence, ICWA,  
Guardianship/Adoption.

## Service Area Administrators

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Southeast-Doug Kreifels. ....471-1353

Northern-Mike Puls .....370-3359

Western-Jerrilyn Crankshaw .....(308) 535-6756

## Economic Assistance Policy Section

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Economic Assistance, Food Stamps, LIHEAP, Service Area  
Policy Support, N-FOCUS Policy Support, Food  
Distribution, ADC/Employment First, AABD.

## Policy

Teri Chasten .....471-2738

## Child Support Enforcement Unit

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## Research, Planning and Evaluation Section

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## Finance

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## Office of Juvenile Services

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YRTC Operations, Parole, Interstate Compact on Juveniles,  
Detention/Direct Commit, Billings, YLS/CMI.

## Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers

YRTC, Kearney

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YRTC, Geneva

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## Division of Developmental Disabilities

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## State Operated Services & Beatrice State

## Developmental Center

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**Community Based Services**

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**Policy and Communications Section**

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**Policy & Regulatory Compliance**

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**Home & Community Based Services**

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**State Unit on Aging**

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**Financial & Business Operations**

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**Program Integrity**

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**Community and Rural Health Planning**

Sue Medinger ..... 471-0191

DD Planning Council, Office of Emergency Health Systems, Health Disparities and Health Equity, Community Health and Performance Management, and Rural Health.

**Environmental Health Unit**

Vacant ..... 471-0928

Asbestos, Drinking Water, Environmental Laboratory, Environmental Sanitation, Emergency Response, Indoor Air, Lead, Radon, X-Rays, Radioactive Materials, Well Drillers.

**Health Promotion Unit**

Kay Wenzl ..... 471-2910

Chronic Disease, Infectious Disease, Tobacco, Injury Prevention, Comprehensive Cancer, Diabetes, Heart Disease & Stroke, HIV, Hepatitis, Oral Health, Physical Activity & Nutrition.

**Lifespan Health Services Unit**

Sara Morgan ..... 471-0196

Maternal, Child and Adolescent, Reproductive, Women’s and Men’s Health; Immunizations, Newborn Screening, CSFP, WIC, MCH Epidemiology and other related programs.

**Health Licensure and Health Data Section**

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**Epidemiology and Informatics Unit**

Ming Qu ..... 471-0566

Epidemiology, Health Statistics, Injury Surveillance, Health Alert Network, GIS, and Public Health Data Center.

**Investigations Unit**

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Professions and Occupations

**Licensure Unit**

Becky Wisell. .... 471-4923

Facilities-Acute Care, Behavioral Health, Long-term Care, Outpatient and In-Home Services, Children’s Services, Community-Based Services for Persons with Developmental Disabilities, Professions/Occupations-Behavioral Health, Medical and Specialized Health, Rehabilitation and Community Services, Nursing and Nursing Support; Research and Policy-Board of Health, Credentialing Review.

**Public Health Preparedness and Emergency**

**Response Unit**

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Eric Sergeant..... 471-1995

Hospital and Public Health Preparedness and Response, ESF-8 (coordination of emergency response with NE Emergency Management Agency), Strategic National Stockpile (SNS), Lab, Healthcare Coalitions, City Readiness Initiative (CRI), Emergency Response Training, Medical Response Systems.

**Vital Records Unit**

Stan Cooper..... 471-0915

Birth, Death, Marriage, and Dissolution Certificates, Adoption Records, Record Amendments, Paternity

Filings.