

# Department of Health & Human Services Administrative Contacts

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### Central Services

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### Internal Auditor

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### Legal Services

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### Behavioral Health Services

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### System Integration

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### Quality & Data Performance Measurement

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### Behavioral Health Services

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### Division Financial Officer

Karen Harker ..... 471-7796

### Office of Consumer Affairs

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## Regional Center System

John Reynolds, Facility Admin.....479-5388

## Facility Operating Officers:

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HRC switchboard..... 460-3127

Lincoln: Vacant.....479-5410

LRC switchboard.....479-5207

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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

Central-Kathleen Stolz .....(308) 385-6173

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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  
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## Policy

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## Child Support Enforcement Unit

Byron Van Patten .....471-7342

## 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/CML.

## Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers

YRTC, Kearney

Trevor Spiegel.....(308) 338-2000

YRTC, Geneva

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## Division of Developmental Disabilities

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## State Operated Services & Beatrice State

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**Business Integration**  
 Vacant..... 471-9365  
**Business Operations**  
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**Eligibility**  
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**Eligibility Field Operations**  
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 Vacant..... 471-1185

**Policy and Communications Section**  
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**Policy & Regulatory Compliance**  
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**External Communications**  
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**Health Services**  
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**Home & Community Based Services**  
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**Plan Management**  
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**Finance and Program Integrity Section**  
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**Financial & Business Operations**  
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**Chief Medical Officer**  
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 Ryan Daly.....471-2012

**Community and Environmental Health Section**  
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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**  
 Gwen Hurst ..... 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, New born 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**  
 24/7 Emergency Contact ..... 471-1983  
 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, Lab,  
 Healthcare Coalitions, City Readiness Initiative, Emergency  
 Response Training, Medical Response Systems.

**Vital Records Unit**  
 Russ Fosler (interim)..... 471-0915  
 Birth, Death, Marriage, and Dissolution Certificates,  
 Adoption Records, Record Amendments, Paternity  
 Filings.