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**CONTACT****Jeanne Atkinson, Communications and Legislative Services, (402) 471-8287****Safe Haven Youth Returns to Georgia**

**Lincoln** – The 12-year-old Georgia boy who was left at BryanLGH Medical Center East in Lincoln on October 25, under Nebraska's safe haven law, is returning to Georgia.

The youth has been transferred to the custody of the State of Georgia Department of Human Resources, acting through the Cobb County Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS).

"I appreciate the cooperation and assistance of the Cobb County Department of Family and Children Services in returning this youth safely to his home state," said Todd Landry, director of the Division of Children and Family Services in the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

The Georgia agency completed an evaluation and assessment of the family situation and a Georgia court ordered that the child be placed in their custody. The Lancaster County Attorney's office and the Lancaster County Juvenile Court judge determined his return to Georgia would be in the child's best interest. The Juvenile Court dismissed the Nebraska order, ending Nebraska DHHS involvement in the case.

A Cobb County DFCS staff person accompanied the youth on his return to Georgia.

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