

# The Power of Partnerships



## NeSOC Foundational Partners

- **Nebraska Children and Families Foundation (NCFE)**: NCFE is a private foundation supporting Nebraska's children, young adults and families at risk with the overall goal of giving the state's most vulnerable children what they need to reach their full potential. NCFE has joined DHHS in a public-private partnership to: assist in NeSOC management, coordinate and manage the Standing Work Teams, provide a Youth Lead for coordinating and implementing youth engagement, and coordinate the development of the NeSOC communication plan. With its history of engaging youth at the community and state levels to effect change for unconnected youth, NCFE is a strong partner in assisting NeSOC Collaborative to identify and engage a broader spectrum of young people in the meaningful development of a NeSOC with a specific focus on assisting children and families with SED.
- **Nebraska Department of Education (NDE)**: NDE recognizes the significant disconnect between schools and the knowledge of available behavioral health programs and services. NDE has been a significant and eager partner in NeSOC development, advising and guiding DBH on effective and useful strategies that will bring schools into the continuum of children's behavioral health services and supports. Educators are vital members of local care coordination teams and school districts play an important role in project evaluation and quality improvement assessments.
- **Administrative Office of Probation (AOP)**: AOP is responsible for statewide administration of intake and detention alternatives, investigations, assessments and evaluations, case management/supervision and services (including mental health treatment), placement, reentry, and funding for juveniles. AOP has partnered with NeSOC to identify and develop effective behavioral health strategies for mental health treatment for identified youth in the Probation system. Probation personnel play a vital role on NeSOC local care coordination teams.



- **Regional Behavioral Health Authorities (Regions):** Each Region participates in every layer of the NeSOC Collaborative for the purposes of planning, implementation, training and evaluation on a system level. They also lead planning, implementation, and evaluation activities at the local level including: coordination of delivery of home and community based services and supports by network and community providers; coordination with local level cross-system representatives; and oversight of care coordination.
- **Family Organizations:** Family organizations are located in each of the Regions and actively participated in the development of the NeSOC Strategic Plan. A statewide approach to continued, committed participation in NeSOC by these organizations is braided into the various levels of the NeSOC Collaborative structure. The Family Organizations are:
  - ***Speak Out:*** Scottsbluff and North Platte
  - ***Families Care:*** Kearney
  - ***Parent to Parent Network:*** Norfolk
  - ***Families Inspiring Families:*** Lincoln
  - ***Healthy Families Project:*** Lincoln
  - ***NE Family Support Network:*** Omaha
- **Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)** (Children and Family Services-CFS, Medicaid, Public Health, Behavioral Health-DBH, and Developmental Disabilities-DD): The NeSOC is led by DHHS/DBH. The DHHS CEO leads the Leadership Board and Divisional representatives serve on the Implementation Committee. DHHS program personnel serve on Standing Work Teams as deemed appropriate. Local system representatives participate in local planning, implementation, and evaluation at the local level. Representatives from each of these Divisions were involved in strategic planning efforts and follow-up implementation efforts.
- **DHHS Office of Consumer Affairs (OCA):** OCA focuses on four areas:
  - Consumer/Peer Support - consumers helping consumers
  - Relationships - build and strengthen consumer involvement
  - Planning - how to get the best out of the system
  - Advocacy - how to find the best information and resources out there now