



Timeline: Child Welfare/Juvenile Services Reform in Nebraska

The multi-year approach to reform included DHHS' own data and input from employees and various stakeholders:

- 2006 – The Supreme Court established its Commission on Children in the Courts and the Through the Eyes of the Child Initiative, with involvement from DHHS.
- 2007 – After working with the National Resource Center for Child Protective Services/Action for Child Protection and with input from Nebraska stakeholders, Children and Family Services selected the Nebraska Safety Intervention System model to more comprehensively and consistently assess the safety of a child.
- 2007 – Announced Governor's priorities to accelerate reform of Nebraska's child welfare system and to improve Nebraska's performance on the federal government's CFSR in 2008.
- 2008 – In January, the Division's of Children and Family Services and Behavioral Health issued the Children's Behavioral Health Plan.
- 2008 – Issued RFB for enhanced safety and in-home services.
- 2008 – In July, implemented new safety and in-home services contracts.
- 2008 – In September, released out-of-home reform framework. This plan outlined intentions to expand lead contractors, to take a performance-based approach to contracting for service including non-treatment care, and to require lead contractors that are responsible for that care to also provide limited coordination of services CFS clients receive.
- 2009 – In November, signed out-of-home services contracts with five organizations.
- 2010 – April 1, 2010, fully implemented child welfare/juvenile services reform changes.
- 2010 – 2012 - Ongoing adjustments as necessary to respond to input, changes and challenges.