



## WHAT IS RIGHT HOME, RIGHT TIME?

*Right Home, Right Time* is Nebraska's Program Improvement Plan (PIP), aligned with the Administration for Children and Families' (ACF) federal *A Home for Every Child* initiative. The initiative is designed to ensure children and families receive the right level of support in safe, stable homes at the time they need it most. Guided by three core pillars, the Department of Health and Human Services will use this clear and actionable roadmap to implement targeted strategies that strengthen safety, promote timely permanency, and improve overall well-being for children and families across the state.

### WHAT TO EXPECT?

Participating states will contribute data to an upcoming ACF dashboard designed to monitor and share progress toward child welfare improvement goals. By publicly reporting key measures, the dashboard will promote transparency, support accountability, and help inform ongoing efforts to strengthen outcomes for children and families.

### REPORTED MEASURES

- \* Foster home-to-child ratio (number of homes approved for placement/number of children in DHHS custody who require placement)
- \* Percent of days children are placed in group homes/settings instead of living with a family
- \* Percent of children harmed after child welfare agency has already confirmed abuse or neglect
- \* Percent of homes where foster placement ends unexpectedly and children must move
- \* Percentage of eligible families referred to FFPSA Services
- \* Rate of foster care entry
- \* Time from removal to first relative/kin placement
- \* Percentage of children placed with relatives/kin
- \* Percentage of children attaining permanency within 12 months from entry into foster care
- \* Percentage of children attaining timely reunification, guardianship, or adoption

### PRIORITIES & STRATEGIES



#### Support at home first

Keeping families together whenever safely possible should remain the priority. By connecting

families to prevention services and in-home supports early, we can reduce unnecessary foster care entry and strengthen long-term family stability.

#### Place in family settings with relatives or kin



When out-of-home placement is necessary, keeping children connected to family and supportive adults should remain the priority. Prioritizing relative and kinship placements helps maintain important relationships, minimize trauma, and support long-term stability for children.



#### Attain safe and timely permanency

When out-of-home care is necessary, achieving safe and timely permanency for children should remain the priority. Reducing delays in permanency supports stability, strengthens long-term well-being, and helps children build lasting connections.

### GET INVOLVED

Visit <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Right-Home-Right-Time.aspx> for more information, updates, join focus groups, and provide feedback.

