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Nebraska Project Everlast Citizen Review Panel
Nebraska Children and Families Foundation
215 Centennial Mall South, Suite 200
Lincoln, NE 68508

RE: Annual Report and Recommendations

Dear Project Everlast Citizen Review Panel Members,

The Division of Children and Family Services (CFS) would like to thank the Citizen Review Panel (CRP) for your work over the last year. We have reviewed the 2020-2021 Annual Report and appreciate the continued effort the CRP.

CFS recognizes the importance of the CRP Annual Report recommendations and are taking steps to address the following recommendations:

- Allow foster youth to practice the religion of their choosing so they can maintain their sense of self, belief in a higher power or lack thereof.
- Provide foster youth and parents the needed support and resources to ensure proper hair care for foster children
- Provide foster youth with information about post-secondary scholarships and resources

We look forward to the continued collaboration and recommendations this coming year. Thank you again on behalf of the children and families of Nebraska.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephanie Beasley".

Stephanie Beasley, Director
Division of Children and Family Services
Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services