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Jim Pillen, Governor

April 21, 2023

Lincoln Arneal  
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 2022 Annual Report and appreciate the continued effort of the CRP.

CFS recognizes the importance of the CRP and has received the following recommendations:

- Improve sibling visitation locations
- Address transportation issues for youth
- Require mental health first aid training for professionals who interact with system-involved youth
- Offer summer programming to foster youth

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dannette R. Smith".

Dannette R. Smith  
Chief Executive Officer  
Interim Director, Children and Family Services  
Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services