6,649 (1%) State Wards

## State Wards

- \* Safety Issues
- \* Juvenile Delinquents
- \* All have state caseworkers to provide support

133,483 (28%) Medicaid Eligible Children (0-18)

470,391 Nebraska Children (0-18)

## Medicaid Eligible

- \* Eligibility based on low income, disability, or former ward status
- \* Approximately 95% of state wards who are adopted or have a guardianship are eligible
- \* Twenty-four of thirty-four children brought in under Safe Haven were on Medicaid at the time they were left
- \* From Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2003 to FFY 2008, a total of 3,902 state wards were either adopted (2,343, 60%) or had a guardianship finalized (1,559, 40%)
- \* Approximately 3,707 (95%) of these children were on Medicaid, and comprise 2.8% of all Medicaid eligible children
- \* Virtually none of the 133,483 children have a state caseworker, but approximately 125 have a managed care intensive case manager

## Nebraska Children

- \* Families access services through church, family, and friends
- \* Families utilize community resources such as "211", Boys Town Hotline, United Way, Behavioral Health systems, Answers 4 Families, etc.
- \* No state caseworker involvement