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Family Caregiver Voice Citizen Review Panel
Nebraska Children and Families Foundation
215 Centennial Mall South, Suite 200
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RE: Annual Report and Recommendations

Dear Family Caregiver Voice 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 reviewed the 2019-2020 Annual Report and appreciate your efforts. It is especially helpful to have the different perspectives from community members in Schyuler.

The following recommendations were made by the Schyuler Caregiver Voice CRP:

- Building Trust
- More Inclusive Language and Communication
- Cultural Competency

Over the past year, CFS has made resources available in multiple languages to reach non-English speaking families. For example, the [Supporting Child and Family Well-Being Guide](#) is available in Spanish, Arabic, and French. In addition, CFS has streamlined the process to translate documents and provide interpreters for families.

In addition, CFS has a plan provide for the diligent recruitment of foster and adoptive families that reflect the ethnic and racial diversity of children in the state for whom foster and adoptive homes are needed. The plan can be found at: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Child-and-Family-Services-State-Plan.aspx>

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 black ink that reads "Stephanie Beasley".

Stephanie Beasley
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Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services