

Aug 2023



NEBRASKA STATE FAIR

The Nebraska State Fair is hosting a special day for individuals with physical and mental disabilities, at the 2023 NE State Fair. This day will be Friday, September 1st from 10 AM- 2 PM. The Nebraska State Fair wants to provide an experience that is safe, fun, and inclusive for all!

During this time block they will aim to provide a sensory-friendly environment for individuals of all ages. This event will include a resource fair for parents and caretakers to discover resourceful organizations in the community along with sensory friendly activities in a private area for just those attending the event.

The carnival will be operating with dimmed lights and low sounds from 12:00 P.M to 2:00 P.M. Registration will include one free ticket with the purchase of one general admission ticket at the price of \$10.00/ticket. The first 50 registrants will receive a State Fair swag bag.

You are invited to share this event with those who may be interested! <https://www.statefair.org/fair-tastic-friday/>

FAIR-TASTIC FRIDAY!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST - 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M.



Thank You for joining us in our mission!

“Serving Jesus Christ by enabling people with developmental disabilities to creatively explore and live full meaningful lives in their communities”

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FEEDBACK

We want to make ABLED the best agency. Please use the link at the top of this email to let us know how we're doing and provide suggestions. Your survey comments are anonymous, unless you choose to submit your name.

You may also contact us by phone, email, mail or on our website at www.abledinc.com.

Pioneers Park Picnic Event Jul 31



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We want everyone to know that we appreciate all your efforts to further ABLED's Mission! We encourage participants and staff to take advantage of all ABLED events. We also encourage you to share photos and suggest new events.

ABLED's Prayer

We ask for God to lead us.

We request to be good followers.

We thank God for so many answered prayers.

We pray for wisdom to run ABLED and be good stewards.

Thanks everyone for being part of the ABLED family and may God richly bless you!



Super Fair & Bull Riding Event Aug 11

Parkway Lanes Event Aug 14



Still Waters Equestrian Academy

Learn about Horses, Walk a Horse, Brush a Horse

When: Monday Aug 21

Time: 1 pm (hour long session)

Where: 18221 S 68th St Hickman, NE 68372

***Guardian Waiver Form Needed**



NEW LOCATION

**1701 Windhoek Dr
Lincoln, NE 68512-1204**

Clinical Director Kim Schroeder has moved to a new office. Kim completes ABLED's FBAs and writes BSPs. She submits exception funding requests and works with the DHHS Clinical Team. She writes and maintains behavior protocols in safety plans. She is available for behavior consultations. A conference room is available for meetings or training.

WHAT'S GOING ON AT DHHS

PROPOSED SHARED LIVING CHANGES

DHHS continues their work to draft changes for Shared Living services. The final policy update is scheduled to be announced next month with changes effective Jan 1. Previously proposed changes included;

1. SLPs would no longer be allowed to provide day services for the participant living in their home.
2. School age students may have different rules.
3. Agency would complete two SLP home visits per month for advance or higher. One home visit required for all other tiers.
4. SLP contracts would pay a flat rate such as 80/20.
5. No more than two participants in an SLP home.
6. Only one participant in an SLP home for advanced tier and higher.
7. No awake overnight service authorization in an SLP home.
8. No SLPs allowed for staffing greater than 1:1.

Certain changes to SLP services may be grandfathered. Grandfathering would end when someone moves in or out, or if staff changes agencies.

We will keep everyone posted of the final policy changes. We will work together with each team to make arrangements to ensure all participants receive the highest quality services.

Please let anyone on Admin know if you have any questions or concerns.

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN (CAP)

CMS approved Nebraska's Corrective Action Plan on Jun 26, 2023. The CAP will allow Nebraska additional time to demonstrate compliance with the Final Settings Rule for settings under heightened scrutiny.

- Settings providing inpatient treatment.
- Settings adjacent to a public institution.
- Settings with the effect of isolating people.

GUARDIANSHIP IN NEBRASKA

The Liberty Healthcare is setting up a training with the Office of Public Guardian.

An overview of guardianship parameters and how this pertains to individuals receiving Medicaid Home and Community Base Waiver Services.

- September 12, 2023 at 1:00 pm
- Register in advance at:
- https://nejudicial-gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_OhMZTLBiRwaQDyLScmtziQ

LB376 FAMILY SUPPORT WAIVER

DHHS is developing a new waiver. This will be a Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services Waiver with developmental disabilities eligibility requirements.

The intent of the waiver is to help eliminate unmet needs for children ages birth to 21 years in Nebraska. The new waiver will serve up to 850 children with developmental disabilities. Each participant will have a maximum annual budget of \$10,000.

The 30-day public comment period is from July 28 through August 27, 2023.

Upon approval by CMS, this waiver would go into effect January 1, 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to the Department to consider changes. Written comments must be postmarked or received by August 27, 2023. Public comments may be submitted by:

Email: DHHS.HCBSPublicComments@nebraska.gov

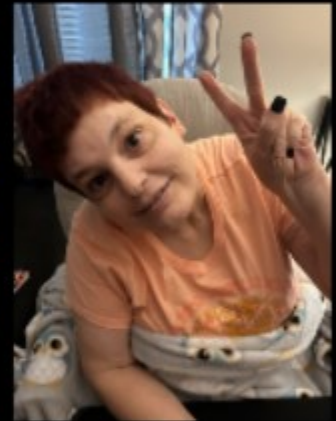
Fax: (402) 471-8792

Mail: DHHS – Division of Developmental Disabilities, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 95026,



EVERY DAY IS A GREAT DAY TO BE AMAZING





THERE ARE SO MANY REASONS TO BE HAPPY



The God of all Comfort



2 CORINTHIANS 1:3

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort"

Paul often begins his letters by giving thanks to God for those to whom he is writing, as well as praying for them in some way. His letter in 2 Corinthians is different. Instead, he begins by focusing on God's comfort to those who experience affliction.

He starts out by offering praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Paul often focuses his prayers on God the Father, something possible only through personal faith in Christ the Son, who is our Lord. (John 14:6)

Because God stands in the position of judge over all people, He is also the source of all mercy. Instead of executing judgment on all who deserve it—which is all of us—He freely gives His mercy to those who come to Him through faith in Christ (John 3:16–18). Paul understands that in the middle of our suffering and affliction, believers must remember that God has given us mercy and will continue to do so.

He is also the God of all comfort. Christians do not run *from* God to seek relief from their pain; they run *to* Him as the source of comfort. God's comfort is a major theme of 2 Corinthians.

Some form of the word translated comfort, *paraklesis* in the Greek, appears 29 times in this letter. The idea of the word is more than just momentary relief from pain; it also involves encouragement and strengthening.

God's comfort allows us to quit striving in our own strength against suffering and affliction and to rest, to be strong, in His strength.