

Community and Family Partnership Community Well Being Annual Data

July 1st, 2022, to June 30th, 2023

What is in this document? The data within this document are specific to your community and are organized into three main sections:

- **Section 1: Central Navigation.** This section shows information for all “new” participants who have accessed central navigation (i.e., completed enrollment and consented to participate in the evaluation) during the evaluation year. It contains detailed demographic information alongside community-wide data when available [Table 1], and shows some longitudinal data related to central navigation for the past three twelve-month periods (i.e., July 1 - June 30 for 2021, 2022, and 2023). Table 2 shows the amount of support services funds that have been distributed by category for the most recent twelve months along with twelve-month totals for 2021 and 2022.
- **Section 2: Central Navigation (Older Youth Only).** This section is a subset of Section 1, and includes the same information, but only for older youth, or participants who indicated they are between the ages of 14 and 25 when completing enrollment. Older youth may or may not be parents.
- **Section 3: Core Strategies for Parents.** This section shows demographic information for participants who accessed a few specific strategies within your prevention system during the evaluation year. It does not include all strategies within your system.
- **Section 4: Local Prevention Strategies.**
- **Section 5: Collaborative Success and Challenges.** This section includes information on the areas of growth and challenges collaboratives may have faced during the first six months of the evaluation year.
- **Section 6: Systems-Level Information (trainings, events, funding, and policy work).**
- **Section 7: Community-Level Partnerships.** This section includes information on the reach of the collaborative by identifying partnerships with different people, agencies, and entities in the community. Knowing that some partners may bring multiple perspectives to conversations, an organization or entity may be represented in multiple places.
- **Section 8: Connections to other Nebraska Children Initiatives.** This section includes information on the level of connection that the collaborative coordinator has to other NCFF initiatives that are active in the community.
- **Section 9: Local Evaluation Questions.**

NOTE: Several tables and charts throughout this document have footnotes. Please consider this information as you explore your data and engage in further reflection.

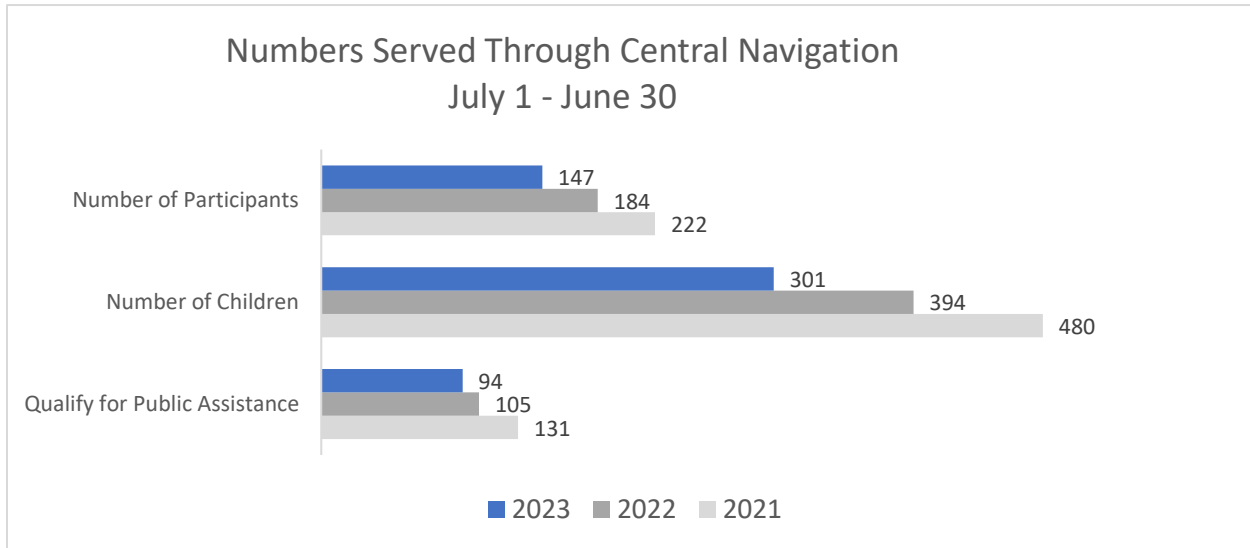
Section 1: Central Navigation

SUMMARY OF PARTICIPANTS SERVED THROUGH CENTRAL NAVIGATION

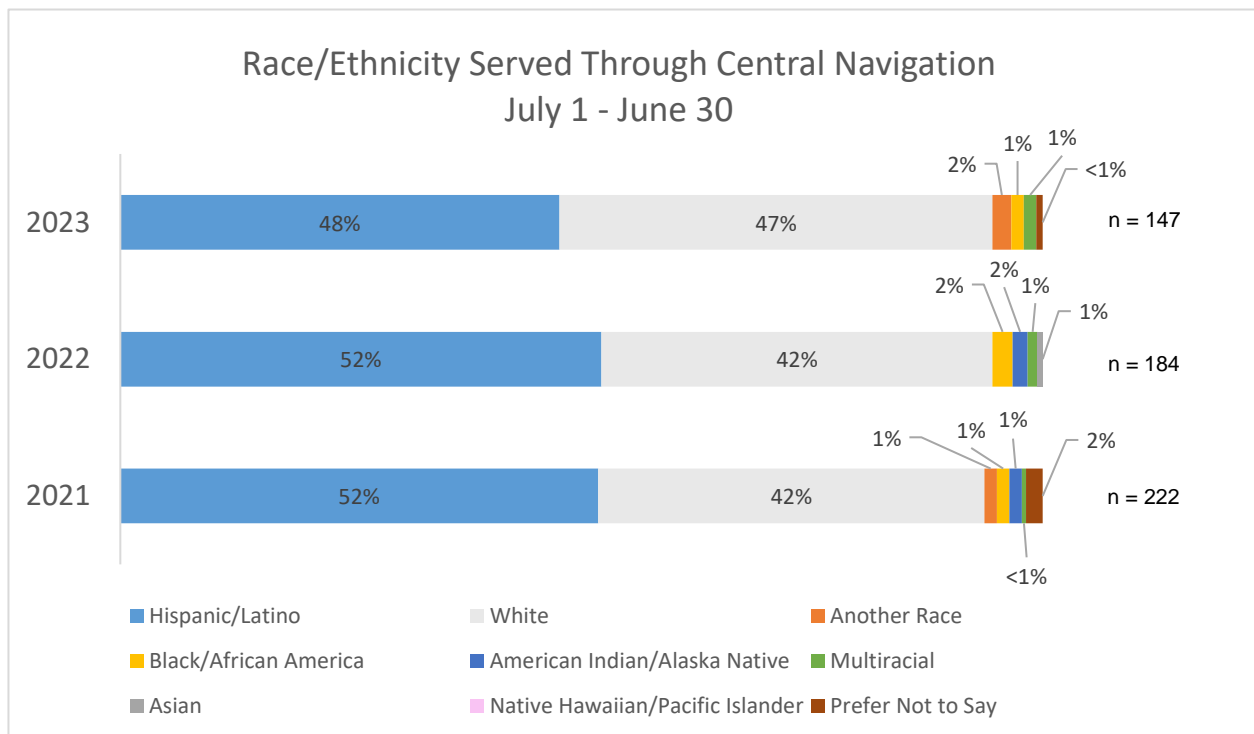
	July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023	Comparison to Larger Community served by Collaborative*
Number of Participants Served Directly	147	52,684
Number of Children Served Directly	301	
Race/Ethnicity		
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	1%
Asian	0	1%
Black or African American	2 (1.4%)	1%
Hispanic/Latino**	70 (47.6%***)	22%**
Multiracial	2 (1.4%)	4%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0	<1%
White	69 (46.9%)	90%
Another Race/Ethnicity	3 (2%)	4%
Prefer Not to Say	1 (<1%)	--
Gender		
Male	18 (12.2%)	--
Female	128 (87.1%)	--
Age		
Participants ages 14-18	1 (<1%)	--
Participants ages 19-26	28 (19%)	--
Participants ages 27-40	75 (51%)	--
Participants ages 41-60	40 (27.2%)	--
Participants 61+	1 (<1%)	--
Disabilities		
Participants with Disabilities	7 (4.8%)	--
Children with Disabilities	27 (9%)	--
Qualify for Public Assistance	94 (63.9%)	9%***
<p>*The communities included in this comparison are Boone, Colfax, Nance, and Platte</p> <p>**Direct comparisons of Hispanic/Latino populations between those served by Central Navigation and the community should not be made due to differences in how this information is collected between Central Navigation and the American Community Survey from the US Census Bureau.</p> <p>*** This captures the % of population at or below the federally-defined poverty income threshold, which is \$30,000 for a family of 4 in 2023. Participants may qualify for public assistance with higher incomes, typically up to 185% of the federal poverty rate (or give a range, 130%-185%). Direct comparisons should be made with caution.</p>		

Prevention System Infrastructure, Programs, and Practices	Number of Participating Staff	Number of Participating Organizations
Central Navigation (includes access to support service funds)	1	36
Coaching (formal or informal, community designed)	2	1
Youth and Parent Engagement and Leadership Activities or Opportunities	0	0

The figure below shows the number of participants and children, as well as the number of participants that qualified for public assistance served through Central Navigation from July 1 to June 30, for the past three years. The 2023 year's data is indicated by the blue lines, and previous years' data is indicated in the grey lines. For the same twelve-month period over the past three years, our collaborative engaged the largest number of participants in 2021.

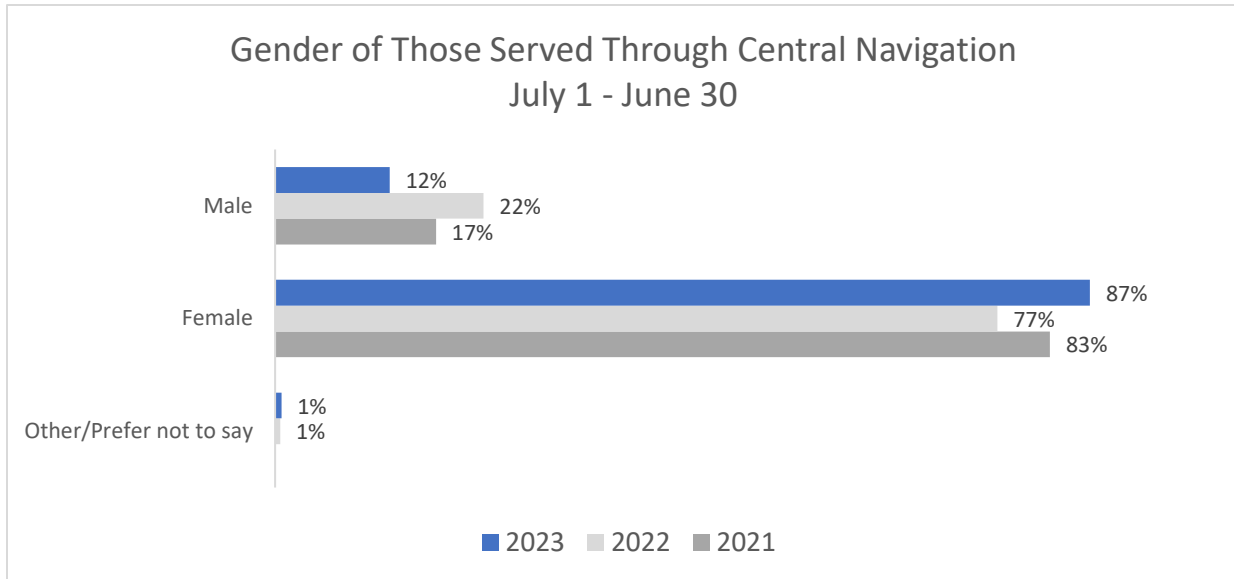


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The figure above shows the gender of those served through Central Navigation from July 1 to June 30 for the past three years. The 2023 year's data is indicated by the blue lines, and previous years' data is indicated in the grey lines. For the same twelve-month period over the past three years, our collaborative engaged mostly women.



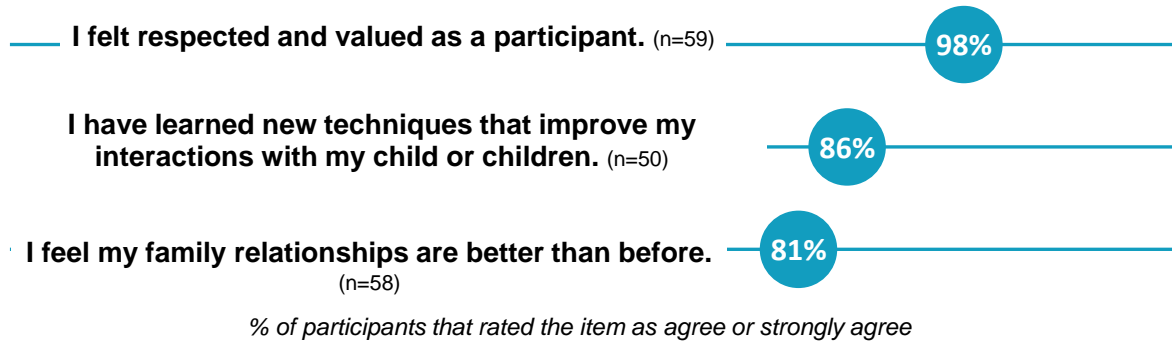
SUPPORT SERVICE FUNDS DISTRIBUTED BETWEEN JULY 1 AND JUNE 30

Priority Area	Number of Requests	All Dollars	Percent of Total	Average Dollars per Request
Daily Living	28	\$2,258.72	2.7%	\$80.67
Education	0			
Employment	0			
Housing	78	\$40,608.09	48.6%	\$520.62
Mental Health	88	\$18,089.64	21.6%	\$205.56
Other	20	\$4,004.97	4.8%	\$200.25
Parenting	13	\$1,853.65	2.2%	\$142.59
Physical/Dental Health	11	\$3,644.66	4.4%	\$331.33
Transportation	18	\$3,240.22	3.9%	\$180.01
Utilities	38	\$9,930.04	11.9%	\$261.32
2023 Total	294	\$83,629.99	--	\$284.46
<i>2022 Total*</i>	<i>421</i>	<i>\$122,007.72</i>		<i>\$289.80</i>
<i>2021 Total*</i>	<i>520</i>	<i>\$165,903.04</i>		<i>\$319.04</i>

**This amount includes federal CARES Act funding that was distributed to communities in 2020-2021. Caution is required when comparing these funds to prior years.*

Outcome data for Central Navigation

Were participants satisfied with Community Response Coaching?



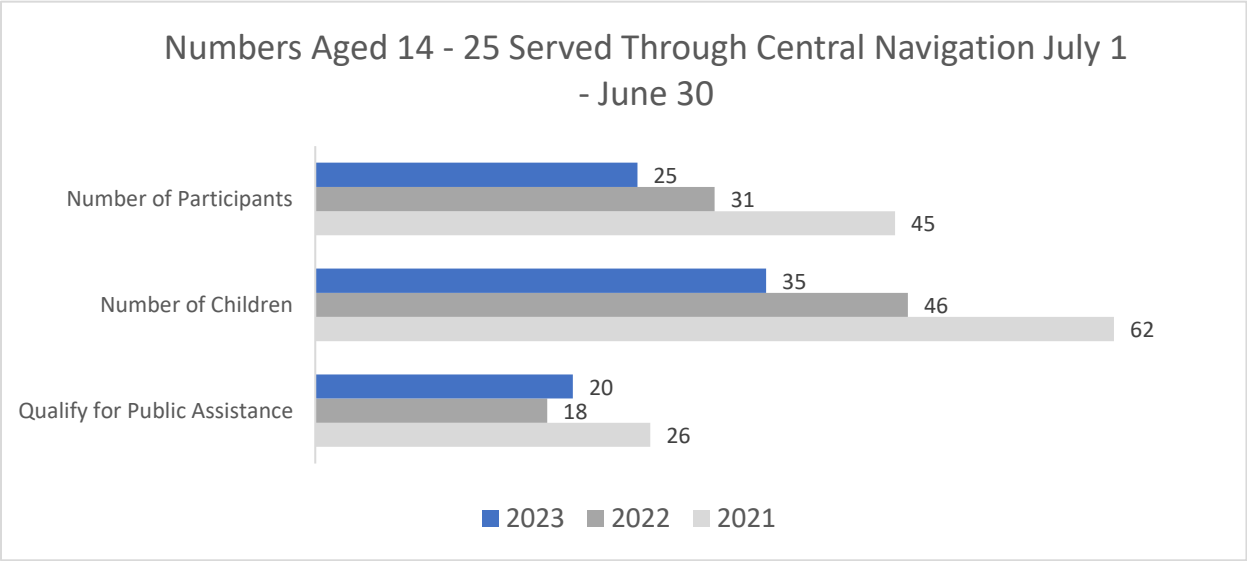
Section 2: Central Navigation (Older Youth Only)

SUMMARY OF PARTICIPANTS AGED 14-25 SERVED THROUGH CENTRAL NAVIGATION

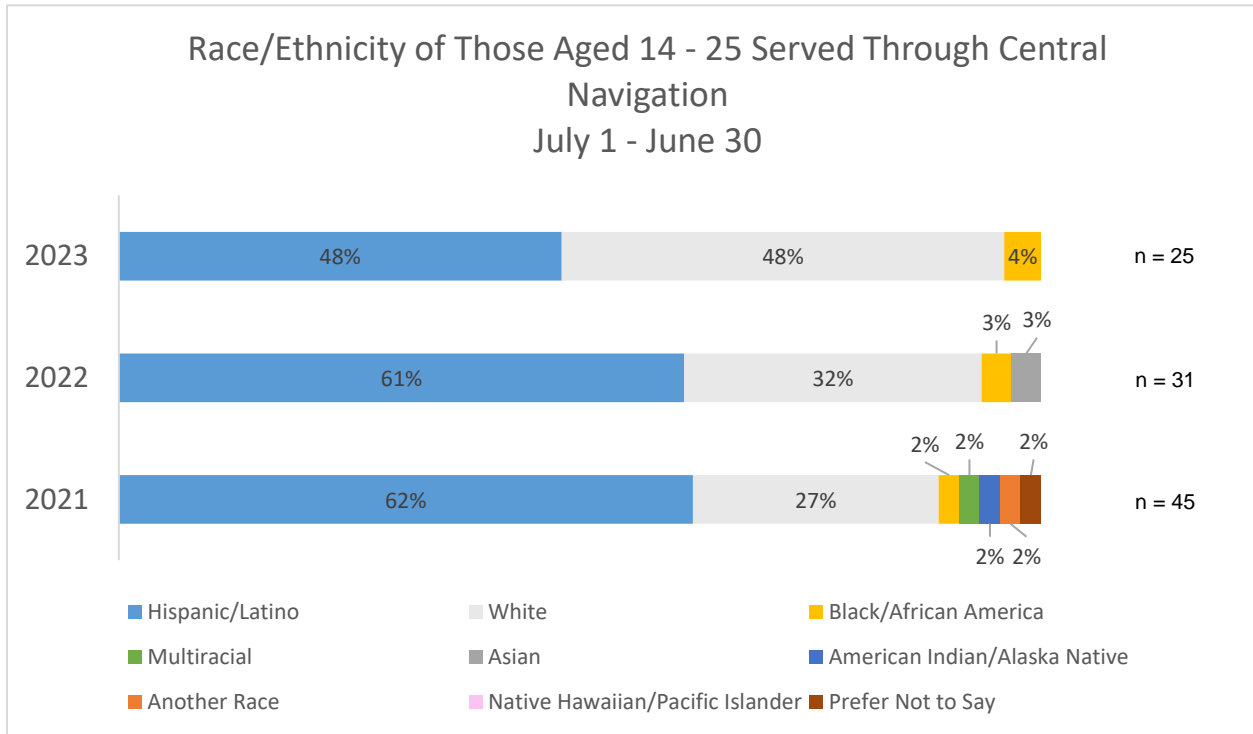
	July 1, 2022– June 30, 2023
Number of Participants Served Directly	25
Number of Children Served Directly	35
Race/Ethnicity	
American Indian or Alaska Native	0
Asian	0
Black or African American	1 (4%)
Hispanic/Latino	12 (48%)
Multiracial	0
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0
White	12 (48%)
Another Race/Ethnicity	0
Prefer Not to Say	0
Gender	
Male	4 (16%)
Female	20 (80%)
Age	

Participants ages 14-18	1 (4%)
Participants ages 19-26	23 (92%)
Disabilities	
Participants with Disabilities	1 (4%)
Children with Disabilities	0
Qualify for Public Assistance	20 (80%)

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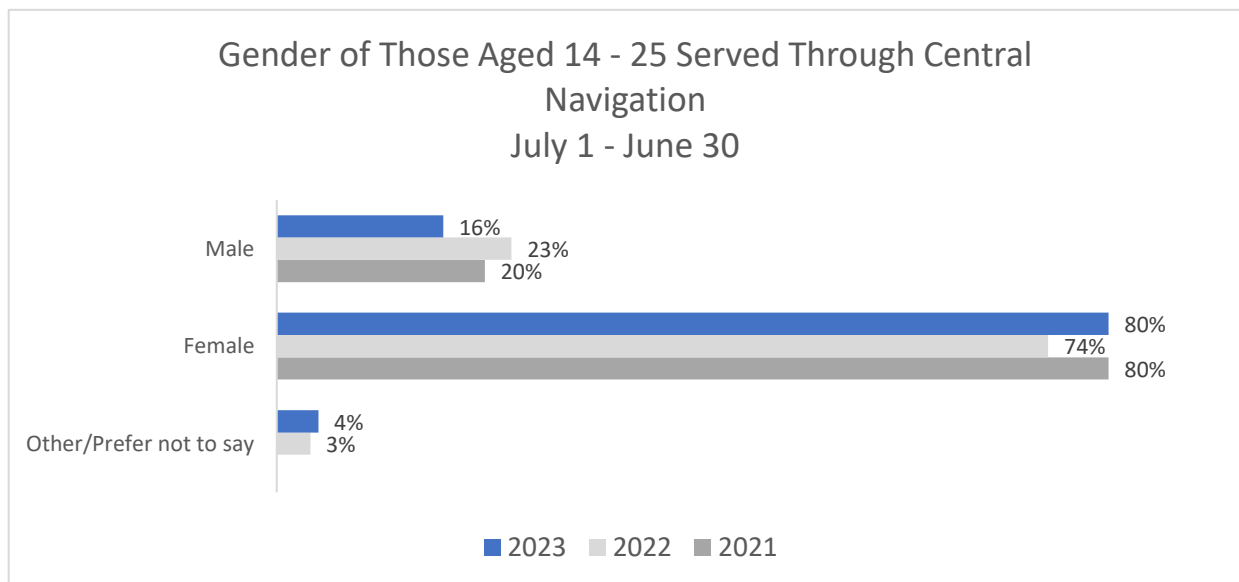


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SUPPORT SERVICE FUNDS DISTRIBUTED TO THOSE AGED 14-25 BETWEEN JULY 1 AND JUNE 30

Priority Area	Number of Requests	All Dollars	Percent of Total	Average Dollars per Request
Daily Living	7	\$606.02	5.3%	\$86.57
Education	0			
Employment	0			
Housing	21	\$9,241.47	80.4%	\$440.07
Mental Health	0			
Other	1	\$147.98	1.3%	\$147.98
Parenting	1	\$116.56	1.0%	\$116.56
Physical/Dental Health	0			
Transportation	3	\$445.05	3.9%	\$148.35
Utilities	4	\$932.96	8.1%	\$233.24
2023 Total	37	\$11,490.04	--	\$310.54
<i>2022 Total*</i>	<i>78</i>	<i>\$19,580.62</i>	<i>--</i>	<i>\$251.03</i>
<i>2021 Total*</i>	<i>85</i>	<i>\$31,977.45</i>	<i>--</i>	<i>\$376.21</i>

* This amount includes federal CARES Act funding that was distributed to communities in 2020-2021.

Section 3: Core Strategies for Parents

Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT)

SUMMARY OF PARTICIPANTS SERVED THROUGH PCIT

	July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023
Number of Participants Served Directly	0
Number of Children Served Directly	0
Number of Participating Staff	1
Number of Participating Organizations	1

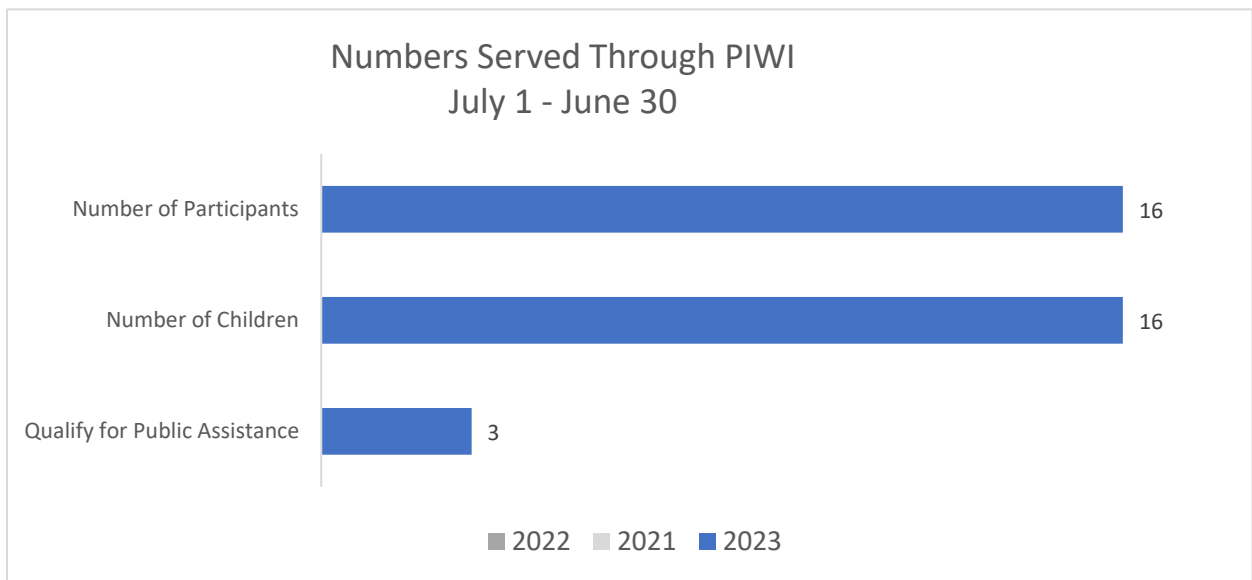
Parents Interacting With Infants (PIWI)

SUMMARY OF PARTICIPANTS SERVED THROUGH PIWI

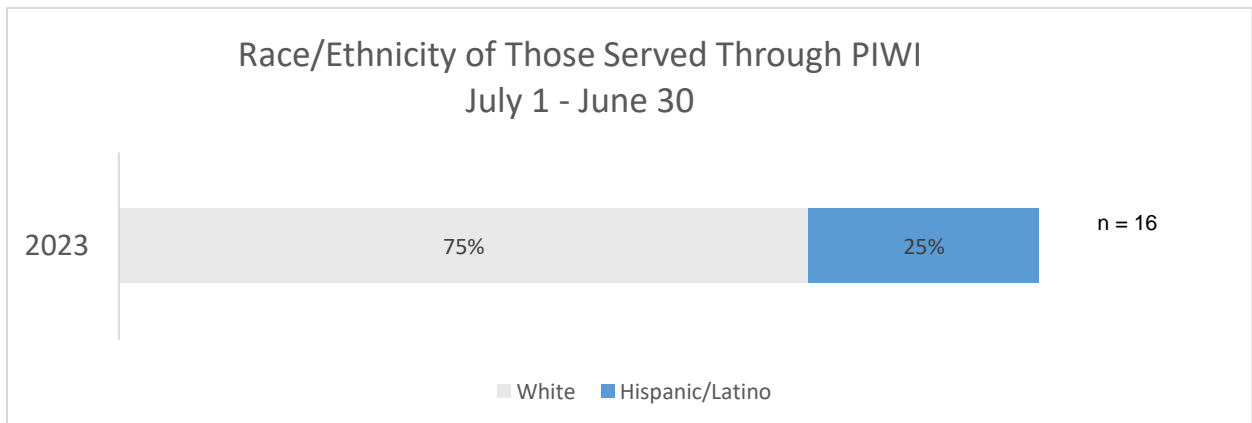
	July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023
Number of Participants Served Directly	16
Number of Children Served Directly	16
Gender	
Male	3 (19%)

Female	12 (75%)
Disabilities	
Participants with Disabilities	0
Children with Disabilities	1 (6%)
Qualify for Public Assistance	3 (19%)
Number of Participating Staff	0
Number of Participating Organizations	2

The figure below shows the number of participants and children, as well as the number of participants that qualified for public assistance served through PIWI from July 1 to June 30 for the past year. The 2023 year's data is indicated by the blue lines. For the same twelve-month period, our collaborative engaged the largest number of participants in 2023.



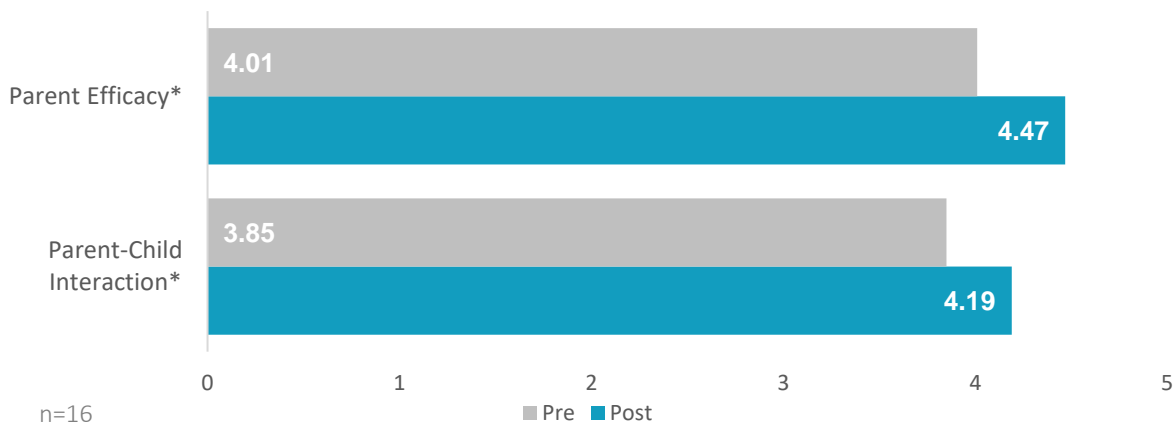
The figure below shows the racial/ethnic background of those served through PIWI from July 1 to June 30 for the past year. The top blue line is the 2023 year's data.



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Outcome data for PIWI

Parents reported statistically significant improvements in Parent Efficacy and Parent-Child Interactions after participating in PIWI sessions.



Section 4: Local Prevention Strategies

This community did not report any local prevention strategies

Section 5: Collaborative Successes and Challenges

Collaborative Successes

CFP Focuses on Three Priority Areas

As a result of the CFP Visioning Session in October 2022, the Steering Committee narrowed down the nine priority areas that emerged from the CFP Visioning Session to three for CFP to lead. This was done in an effort to strategically focus on three key areas to make impactful change rather than scratching the surface on all nine areas. The three priority areas include 1) Elevated and Equitable Early Care and Education; 2) Embracing & Empowering the Voices of Lived Expertise and 3) Increased Mental Health Supports. Community members self-selected the priority area they wanted to participate in. The Collective Impact Director (CID) leads the first two initiatives. The third priority area; Increased Mental Health Supports is co-led by Karmen VanDeWalle, East Central District Health Department (ECDHD), Hope Freshour, Columbus Area United Way (CAUW), and Roberta Miksch, CFP Collective Impact Director (CID).

Within the four-county service area of CFP, which also mirrors the local health department's service region, there are a few different mental health meetings that occur monthly or bi-monthly, each with their own focus. For instance, there is CHIP (Community Health Improvement Plan) meeting for ECDHD related to substance misuse; a Columbus Community Hospital meeting which focuses on provider recruitment; and the Platte County Juvenile Services Team which promotes youth-serving organizations to work together to prevent involvement in the juvenile justice system, which includes reviewing whether mental health needs of local students are being met. CHI-Schuyler has a behavioral health meeting, the CAUW has "How are you, really?" PSA campaign meetings and the addition of CFP's Increased Mental

Health Supports new priority area. In an effort to assess, coordinate and stream-line community based mental health resources, the CAUW/CFP and ECDHD held a facilitated conversation in March 2023 and invited all of those involved in the meetings above as well as many other key community stakeholders to the meeting. In attendance were school administrators, school counselors, hospital employees from our two largest hospitals (Columbus and Schuyler), licensed mental health practitioners, health department staff, those who work with youth outside of schools, and others. Conversation at the meeting included mental health collaboration possibilities and identification of gaps or services. The consensus of the meeting was that CAUW/CFP and ECDHD would partner to merge the meetings mentioned above into one or two to make the best use of community resources. CHI Schuyler preferred to continue to hold their own behavioral health meetings and not merge with other meetings at this time. We remain in the process of merging the meetings and hope to have them merged by October 2023.

Mental health needs have been on the radar of the communities over the past 10 years with local hospitals involved in the discussion and services. Recently, Columbus Community Hospital communicated that it is working directly with UNMC and Creighton, starting July 2023 will have psychiatry residents (PGY4's, up to 4 through UNMC, will have PGY2's through Creighton) available in the community through their/CCH outpatient mental health clinic. CCH will have the capacity to support additional patient needs (only a few blackout months within a year period with these new additions).

The priority area of Elevated & Equitable Early Care & Education had a similar situation with meetings merging. There were a few community meetings occurring regarding early childcare and education that were merged in April 2023 which has resulted in streamlined, higher efficiency community collaborative meetings. One success is CFP now has a Central Community College – Columbus Campus representative at these meetings, namely Taylor Brase, Area Wide Early Childhood Education Program Director.

CFP Steering Committee Adds New Folks

Three CFP Steering Committee seats were open in the fall 2022. Seats were filled with interest from a number of people who were vetted through the Nomination Committee and Steering Committee. On the CFP Steering Committee is representation from two Columbus Public Schools staff, a pastor, law enforcement, an attorney who works with youth, Centro Hispano staff, Boone Central Schools, CHI, CNCAP, and a former CAUW Board of Director who was familiar with CFP and is a retired accountant attending as an interested citizen.

CAUW Executive Director Becomes Columbus City Council Member

Hope Freshour, CAUW E.D., is finishing the term of one of the long-standing city council members of 30 years. Several community members submitted their resumés for completing the term of this council member with Hope being selected for the seat. She will complete the term which ends November 30, 2024. If Hope would like to continue as a City Council Member she will need to run for the position and be voted in by ballot. We are thrilled that Hope is a voice for all of those in our community, especially those that are marginalized.

Central Navigator Collaborates with Power Company(ies) to Prevent Shut Off Notifications

Community Response staff, after hearing of a project from another community, decided to explore working more closely with the power companies in our four-county service area. The goal is to have information on local services provided to households that are in danger of having their power disconnected due to non-payment. After several conversations it was determined that the most effective way to proceed was to encourage utilization of the statewide 211 system. Two of the largest power companies have agreed to distribute the English/Spanish rack cards to community members they are providing shut-off notices to, and another is waiting for approval from management to move forward. One company has declined to participate, however, through the collaboration, the goal is to connect families with tools and resources to have an immediate response to equip families and prevent entry into other systems of care.

CFP Leads Partners to Nebraska Diaper Bank

Once the CFP CID discovered the Nebraska Diaper Bank, she connected the four county area food pantries as well as the Sixpence Program at Schuyler Community Schools and Columbus Public Schools to this resource. One food pantry, Colfax County Food Pantry, is interested in receiving continued diapers through this avenue. The Sixpence Program in one county did not reach out to the diaper bank when they read online that diapers would need to be picked up in Omaha. The CID learned of this after reaching back out to the program and encouraged them to apply and not let this be a barrier to diapers for them as the Diaper Bank was looking to possibly begin delivering diapers to an area in northeast Nebraska and could possibly drop them off at a closer location. The CID encouraged all parties interested to advocate with NE Diaper Bank in order to navigate barriers.

Thriving Families, Safer Children Work

The CFP TFSC team meets monthly and through the review of data from the Casey Family Program came to a consensus that we would offer panel presentations to schools or other entities that wanted to learn about resources/services available to children, youth, and families. Thus, the team created a panel of presenters including Health & Human Services, Child Advocacy Center, local law enforcement, Columbus Area United Way, CFP Central Navigator, Community Response Coach, and UNITE Us to speak at locations throughout the four-county area to educate, answer questions and create partnerships. We have found this to be a fantastic opportunity for schools to bring several agencies into the school at one time to hear information and answer questions. The panel is moderated by the CID. Preplanned questions are asked of the panel for roughly 40 minutes with the time remaining spent on taking questions from the audience. The panel presentations have been very well received thus far with numerous questions from the audience. In this reporting period, the team has presented to St. Edward School system, Cedar Rapids School system, and East Central District Health Department/Good Neighbor Community Health Center staff. The majority of school panel presentations for the remaining schools in the four-county area will occur in the 2023-2024 school year.

After reviewing data from the Casey Family Program regarding substantiated and unsubstantiated calls, the local TFSC team felt that having conversations with law enforcement would be beneficial. Thus, an HHS Supervisor and either the CID or CN have met with all the city and county lead law enforcement officers and/or their appointed staff on the topic of our collective TFSC work in the four-county region. We discussed what their process is when their officers pull over a parent/adult for impaired driving including what happens to children that may be with them in the vehicle. We have listened to their protocols on this situation and all area law enforcement try to place the children in the care of another adult, parent or family member or friend so that the children are not placed in the care of HHS. This has been a wonderful opportunity to build collaboration and partnership with law enforcement to conduct community collective impact work. Out of these meetings, a request for CR business cards and postcards was requested by two different law enforcement agencies thus, we created and distributed the items as requested in English and Spanish.

TFSC Work in Relation to Increased Learning from Lived Expertise

CFP holds monthly evening meetings with voices of our community or lived expertise which has three individuals regularly attending. Though the group is small they remain incredibly dedicated and bring forth discussion and creativity to the table. To date, they have been guiding us on our work of food access along with the creation of an event similar to "Project Homelessness" in Norfolk but developing and focusing it to the specific needs of Schuyler high school students that are unattached or unaccompanied. Our intent is to have an event for these youth in March or April of 2024.

To help promote April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, one lived expertise person who works for Heartland Workers volunteered to recruit people to help decorate glass jars in which we placed pinwheels. Her role with Heartland Workers allows her to work with many people who want to contribute to their community in various ways of volunteerism and service. Roughly 12-15 people were present one evening in March to decoupage glass jars including a mom and dad with their four children all under the age of 12 years who also participated with jar decoupage. The languages spoken in the room were English and Spanish with the language spoken across all cultures being heard, laughter. The jars they decorated were then taken to agencies in the four-county service area along with table tents acknowledging that of Child Abuse prevention month.

Two Additional Ways of Increasing Learning from Lived Expertise for the Future

CFP would like to hear more from our lived expertise partners in two ways coming up in Aug/Sept 2023. One way is through accessing the parents of a Girl Scout troop that meets weekly during the school year. The girls meet on the first floor of the same building CAUW/CFP are located in. While the children meet with the troop leader, the parents are invited to meet upstairs to have a focused conversation led by the two lived expertise dedicated folks. A meal will be served for both girls and parents on the second floor of the building prior to the start of the Girl Scout Troop meeting. The second way is through working with a JAG (Jobs for America's Graduates) instructor for Columbus High School and their students. The CAUW E.D. and the CFP CID met with the Columbus Public School instructor that teaches the JAG students throughout the school year. We ran the following idea by her to which she replied she would love this opportunity and those in her class have their own lived experience regarding issues like food access that we might be able to learn from. The following is a highlight of what the partnership would look like. CPS JAG students will be given the opportunity to lead and conduct the entire project as outlined here. The JAG class will receive a certain amount of dollars to be used as mini grants. They/JAG students will create the stipulations for the mini-grants and release an RFP to the Columbus community. Applications must address what families, children, or youth are encountering as challenges and focus on a strategy with outcomes. At this time, we believe we will have the topic areas for the mini grants be specific to food access, mental health supports, or early care and education which align with CFP's priority areas or are areas of concern in our communities. With their teacher guiding them, JAG students will create an RFA, release it, review applications, and select grant recipients based on a scoring sheet. Communication with applicants and recipients will be completely done by the JAG students. JAG students will need to review expenses submitted to ensure they are reimbursable. They will be responsible for establishing and reviewing reporting guidelines and due dates as well as documentation for fiscal purposes. JAG students will have an opportunity to improve their leadership, writing and critical thinking skills through this process and CFP will learn about what ideas the community has to assist families, youth, and children.

Elementary School Monitor at Columbus Public Schools

For the past few fiscal years, CFP has been funding a part-time Columbus Public Schools staff member to serve as an elementary school attendance monitor. This fiscal year, CPS is using ESSER (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief) funds to financially support the elementary school attendance monitor position. This is an example of how CFP launched a program with an entity and the entity taking ownership of it.

Community Response Expansion into Boone and Nance Counties

Funding specifically for Community Response in Boone and Nance County continues to be utilized. In 2021-2022 twelve families in Boone and four in Nance were served. In this funding cycle of 2022-2023, four families in Boone and nine in Nance were served. We continue to spread the word about CR services in our service area. We expect with our recent law enforcement visits to all of the counties that we will begin to see an increase in the number of families served in Boone and Nance.

CFP's Sustainability Work

The sustainability work being done with NCFE and Ron Fairchild is proving to be fruitful such that we are ever more defining who CFP is, our value proposition and intended impacts. Determining exactly what our intended impacts are will be helpful as we engage other sectors of the community. Additionally, the interviews with six different entities (two CFP collaborated with nominally, two CFP consider partners and two CFP consider strong partners) has been enlightening for us. We were able to gain insight from their responses about CFP and the work within the community.

Additionally, through the interviews with partners, we have reengaged an important partner, Youth & Families for Christ and have strengthened a relatively new relationship with a vibrant, active church, 1C | The Sanctuary church.

Child Abuse Prevention Month Organized by CFP

Historically, Child Abuse Prevention Month promotion efforts have been organized by a group of individuals from a few different local/Columbus agencies who coordinated several promotion efforts well

and specific to Platte County. This year for Child Abuse Prevention Month the promotion efforts transferred hands from the dedicated local folks focusing on Platte County to CFP which expanded the work to all four counties. During the process of transferring the duties, the CID ensured to honor the great work done in previous years.

As the baton to lead these meetings was transferred to CFP, our meetings began in January and ended in May. Those at the table/Zoom grew to include school representation from Columbus Public and Schuyler Community Schools, former Senator Annette Dubas from Nance County, Boone (Albion) County Health Center, CHI Schuyler, Communities for Kids+, HHS, Healthy Families, Community Response, Child Advocacy Center, WIC, Columbus Public School Kramer Center, CASA, NE Foster Care Review Office, and the Rooted in Relationships Coordinator. Some folks such as Annette Dubas were not able to be at our meetings but did all of the footwork for spreading the education information out to the Fullerton community. The local Guardians of the Children Heartland Chapter were incredible partners. Though none of their team could be at the meetings, one member of their team, Ed Vogue, did the footwork in securing Proclamations to be read in several communities. Ed was present for several of the Proclamations being announced at City Council meetings; several members were present for the City of Columbus Council proclamation. The Guardians of the Children have been amazing partners with this work.

Examples of the work our collective team carried out in relation to Child Abuse Prevention Month included:

- Large banners were displayed on agency lawns in at least one site in each county; Schuyler placed banners in English and Spanish. Numerous pinwheels accompanied each large banner display.
- Lawn signs were placed throughout Columbus, Schuyler, Genoa, Albion, and Fullerton (including an in-home childcare provider).
- The Facebook page "Child Abuse Prevention Council of Columbus, NE" was changed to "CFP Child Abuse Prevention Council".
- "Wear Blue" flyer was sent to schools, childcare providers, and businesses. Wear Blue was an invitation for others to join us in promoting this prevention work by wearing blue among their students, staff, children in their care, etc. Pictures submitted on the CFP Child Abuse Prevention Council Facebook page and from the numerous submissions, one winner from each category of school, childcare providers and businesses were selected.
- A news release went out to several newspapers in the CAUW/CFP area.
- At family or child-oriented events held in the communities during late March and through April, someone from our team attended and shared educational and promotional (jar openers, for instance) information on Child Abuse Prevention. For the first time, CFP had a photo booth present at "Healthy Kids Day" an event at the Columbus YMCA. We had scarves, sunglasses, costume jewelry available and created photo booth props such as signs that had saying like "I love my kids!", "I love my mom!", "I love my dad!", "I love my brother/sister", "Healthy families have fun together!", "#CFPChildAbusePreventionCouncil", "#ColumbusAreaUnitedWay" and more. We posted pictures with parental consent on the CFP Child Abuse Prevention Council Facebook page.
- Five to six pinwheels were placed for show/appearance in glass jars decoupage by lived expertise folks and volunteers. A table tent and decorated jars with pinwheels were distributed by team members to many agencies and entities in the four-county area during the month of April.
- The Child Advocacy Center staff member's husband is gifted with making metal signs and made a beautiful metal sign which included a large pinwheel and "Pinwheels for Prevention". A beautiful sign which is displayed at the CAUW/CFP.
- In April the team agreed this year had been much easier and had a broader reach with multiple people involved.

Increasingly Using Data to Make Informed Decisions

CFP has been working with UNMC evaluators to assist us with determining what we might consider evaluating in addition to Community Response. With their assistance, we have partnered to create a survey (link and QR code) to be shared at each collaborative meeting for attendees to use to evaluate the meeting and provide feedback. Results will be shared at the following meeting. We continue to look for other ways to use data to drive decision-making.

CAUW Leads Community Work with CFP Present at the Table

Mental Health Campaign - The CAUW led Phase II of the “How are you, really?” mental health PSA in collaboration with agencies throughout the service area. Phase II focuses on the target audience of youth and parents, was launched in the fall of 2022. People likely to be known by those in the larger community such as a local high school coach, radio personality and others were the focus of videos created for the campaign which has the focus on youth and parents/adults recognizing mental health needs of youth. June 2023 the campaign spent dollars for strategic cinema and geofencing promotion of the PSA with 19,533 cinema impressions and 1,109 mobile campaign clicks to the PSA local website. The collaborative group is meeting in the Fall to develop an action plan for outreach with schools and youth focused programming within the four-county region.

Food security specific to Boone and Nance counties – along with CAUW, CFP has conversed multiple times with the Fullerton (Nance) and Albion (Boone) Food Pantries. They are both seeing an increased need for food in their communities. CAUW and CFP spoke with Catholic Charities in Omaha and shared with them the increased food security needs in the rural communities of Boone and Nance. This conversation occurred with perfect timing for Catholic Charities as their goal this fiscal year is to expand to rural regions. After bringing all to the table for a meeting, the decision was made for Catholic Charities to provide food the first Monday of the month. Catholic Charities orders and purchases the food from a local grocery store in Fullerton and the food pantry staff pick up the food from the grocer. When asked “how much food is too much to ask for,” the response of Catholic Charities was “you can’t ask for too much food”. Some of this food includes fresh produce, dairy, and meat.

Food security specific to CFP – From multiple collaborative partners, CAUW/CFP are hearing about the need for food. CFP’s backbone agency of the CAUW has led robust and well attended monthly community conversations since January about food access throughout the four-county area. A food service matrix outlining food resources in each county was created along with the identification of food gaps in servicing those in need.

As a result of these meetings, the CAUW has led the way with a new partnership with a CSA (Community Supported Ag) business, Daniel’s Produce. This CSA sells produce to local stores. CSA produce which does not meet the grade for selling in stores is often times left in the field. Fresh produce with wind burns, wind scars or produce that is misshapen remains in the field and goes to waste. Since June 2023, Daniel’s Produce has gathered and loaded, on a weekly basis, unsellable fresh produce for CAUW to distribute to those in need. Once a week for five weeks, food was provided by Daniel’s produce. In total, the nine trailer loads of food provided equated to:

Most of the vegetables were given to us in reusable plastic containers - approximate size 36" long, 18" wide, 12" deep -

- Zucchini 185 containers
- Tomatoes 103 containers
- Yellow squash 140 containers
- Bell peppers 11 containers
- Cucumbers 22 containers

- Plus Macro Bins - these were 4 feet by 4 feet by 4 feet -
- Cantaloupe - 2 macro bins
- Sweet Corn - 1 macro bin

- 100 heads of Romaine
- 100 heads of IceBerg Lettuce
- 100 bags of spring mix lettuce

CAUW/CFP collaborate with many in the communities from industry, faith-based sector, human services, etc. which are notified weekly of the fresh produce available each week. Agencies secure the number of food boxes of produce with the CAUW weekly for pick up on Thursdays. Agencies are responsible for pick up and distribution of food to those they serve with food security needs.

Food access with Catholic Charities and 1C for distribution to trailer parks – CAUW/CFP along with 1C Church and Catholic Charities has begun food distribution to seven trailer parks in Columbus on a rotating basis once a week. One of our lived expertise folks has a team of Spanish speaker volunteers who assist with communicating with Spanish speakers at the trailer parks food is distributed to. The goal is to have a trailer park resident take ownership for communicating with other park residents as to when the food is available to them, meaning the day and time. Currently there are contacts at each trailer parker who is the liaison for that neighborhood and helps communicate with neighborhood residents about times of distribution.

Transitional Housing – Marigold Lane is a newly formed 501c3 in Columbus for the purpose of transitional housing for women or women with children who are trying to get on their feet financially. Community partners for years have discussed the need for transitional housing. Directors of the 501c3 include realtor Shae Spitz, Columbus Housing Authority E.D. Bonnie McPhillips, CAUW E.D. Hope Freshour, Central Navigator Tammy Bichlmeier, 1C Director of Discipleship Greg Schatz, lived expertise person Kelley Goldblatt, Center for Survivors E.D. Thomas Catterson, Habitat for Humanity Director Lori Peters, and CFP CID Roberta Miksch. We have met with and came to an agreement with two different landlords in Columbus who are willing to work with us as we position women/women with children into transitional housing. We have developed proper paperwork for applicants of transitional housing, have a policy in place and have every intention of housing our first woman/woman with children prior to December 31, 2023.

The Columbus Rescue Mission has been in the community for a number of years but has been aloof to responding to requests to meet with multiple community partners for at least the last six years. In this collaborative work relationships are crucial. Greg Schatz/1C Church, one of our newest Transitional Housing partners, recently reached out to the Columbus Rescue Mission E.D. Nathan and personally invited him to attend a recent Marigold Lane meeting. Shae Spitz, a local realtor, was replacing desks at her office and had five to give away. Nathan/Columbus Rescue Mission reached out to Shae to accept the desks which she gladly agreed to. Nathan and a team member picked up the desks from Shae's location and Shae took the opportunity to speak for a few moments to Nathan about transitional housing and invited him to join our next meeting. When the June meeting came around, Nathan was in attendance at the transitional housing meeting. Shae and Greg accomplished what none of us were able to over the past five years. We continue to be excited as the pieces of transitional housing seem to be coming together.

Transportation Conversations with CAUW/CFP, Partners and Nebraska Department of Transportation

One of the barriers many of our families in the four-county area face is that of a lack of transportation for work, appointments, or school. The CAUW brought community members from different sectors such as the school system, including community college, business, human services, city administrator, and others together in January 2023 to begin conversations around this topic. During the January meeting it was shared that Columbus Public Schools (CPS) have been seeing an uptick in the last three years with chronic absenteeism issues due to lack of transportation. Over the next few months, the group met and came to the consensus that we would work with the Nebraska Department of Transportation and create an English/Spanish survey for the public to complete to gather data on perceived transportation needs. The survey opened in mid-May for three weeks with results indicating that of the 927 people that completed the survey, 807 responding in English, 120 responding in Spanish. Fifty percent of those self-identifying as English speakers and 75% of those self-identifying as Spanish speakers indicated they knew someone who has challenges finding transportation in the area. Our next steps will be to conduct a complete full analysis of the community survey, complete a community overview, discuss what future services may be needed and begin reaching out for potential funding partners.

Collaborative Challenges

Engagement - Engaging other sectors and agencies to join us at the collaborative table has been and continues to be a challenge. We believe the sustainability work will help us in further defining our prevention work and in doing so, will better our chances of securing others to join and support the work.

Capacity - CFP is at or over capacity in regard to our coaching services being provided in Spanish. Since last summer 2022, CFP has had a wait list of CR families waiting to be served by its bilingual coach. For the greater part of the year there has been a wait list of up to six families at one time. We were unable to hire a third coach due to funding constraints.

The collaborative coordinator/Collective Impact Director (CID) is over capacity with the work that needs to occur to not only sustain CFP but to grow the collaborative into a vibrant, beautiful community network system that comes together for the greater good of its families and children. There is little time for the collaborative coordinator to do anything but keep up with the tasks expected related to fiscal, community engagement, reporting (including reviewing of C4K and now PDG 4.0 funding) and oversight to the pieces of grant management. The CAUW/CFP did hire a FT team member (.75 CAUW, .25 CFP) as a Resource Development Specialist early 2023. This person has helped to take routine tasks off of the CID plate, which has been beneficial. We continue to optimize the .25 FTE she has with CFP.

Full-Service Community Schools - Another challenge during the reporting period was the position of FSCS Coordinator that was open since August 2022, with only one applicant by the end of September. We opted to keep the position open for a while until we were notified that the funding would only last through June 2023. Once we were notified of the funding timetable changing from the end of September 2023 to June 2023, the Steering Committee decided to pull the job posting thereby letting the seat be empty. We know this is a needed position for the community yet cannot hire a new person only to let them go when funding ended months into the position.

Support for Unaccompanied Youth - Support for unaccompanied youth is a challenge. This is specific to Schuyler High School though we know unaccompanied youth also exist in other school systems. In this situation we are referring to students who come to this country alone, unaccompanied, to the Schuyler community. They may or may not be living with relatives or friends. Some live with a host family. Some are paying rent to live with others. Some are working full-time after school daily to pay their rent and at times to send money home to their family. The CID has worked with the Schuyler school staff who works/teaches these youth which number around 40. The results of a co-created survey of these youth indicated that their greatest need was dental and food access. The challenge for these youth to receive dental services is significant as transportation is an issue for many. The federally qualified health center (FQHC) in Columbus does have a van which could pick up the students from school and return them. In addition, the FQHC does require a parent or guardian to accompany these youth to their appointment. Neither the FQHC or UNMC offers a mobile dental clinic; the CID has an upcoming call with Creighton's Dental College on this topic.

Connecting and involving those who are underrepresented and/or underserved in our communities is also a challenge for the collaborative. Within CFP there is a diverse population from different ethnicities. Relationships are huge as we strive to work with other cultures, and we are aware that we will likely need a bridge person to begin our work with others and to gain their trust.

Section 6: Systems-Level Information

TRAININGS HOSTED TO ENHANCE SUPPORTED STRATEGIES

	Number of Trainings Held	Number of Organizations	Number of Individuals Trained
July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023	8	53	186

Note. The numbers above do not represent an unduplicated count.

This section includes trainings that the collaborative supported, facilitated, or paid for during the evaluation year.

How trainings strengthened the prevention system in the community
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided service agency staff with tools to protect themselves when working with the public. Provided support and care for human service agencies. • Provided insight on the realities of economic diversity and the causes of generational poverty. • The Northeast NE Family Violence Summit allowed CR staff to increase knowledge about abuse/domestic violence issues so that we may better serve families dealing with this trauma. • Provided tools to help coaches identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among adults. • The panel presentations are a fantastic opportunity for 6-8 CFP partners to come into a school or health care facility to share with them a great deal of information while answering questions regarding the process of LB1184, e.g., to them. • The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion summits focus revolved around DEI, and this fully intertwines with the prevention work CFP is doing. • With disclosures of child abuse and neglect it is crucial professionals know how to respond appropriately, ask open-ended questions and work collaboratively with authorities investigating abuse and neglect.

EVENTS HOSTED THAT EXTENDED OUTREACH EFFORTS TO CONNECT WITH FAMILIES

	Number of Events Held	Number of Individuals Engaged
July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023	26	91,554

Note. Numbers reported for the current evaluation year are estimates and not unduplicated counts.

This section includes events that the collaborative supported, facilitated, or paid for during the evaluation year.

How events strengthened the prevention system in the community
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing tools for our service providers to use for their safety as they meet with community members. • Schuyler community is in process of being mobilized to determine need for childcare center • For Communities for Kids work among the diverse community of Schuyler, a bilingual person has been crucial.

- Keeping partners up to date with community resources, identifying gaps in services and brainstorming solutions to improve processes or close gaps.
- Large social media audience engaged for the CAUW “How are you, really?” mental health campaign.
- The formation of a 501c3 and board of directors for a new transitional housing endeavor, Marigold Lane, along with having two landlords willing to work with the model presented to them indicates this will be an avenue for women/women and children who are trying to get stability in their lives.
- Increasing awareness of child abuse and prevention of it.
- CAUW/CFP hosted a Columbus Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours meeting, where the Chamber, CAUW/CFP, and Rooted in Relationships teamed up with We Care for Kids to host our first “After Hours” event. The goal was to increase awareness of early childhood providers in our community by inviting providers and business professionals to the table to learn about the importance of Early Childhood Education as well as meet 16 providers in our community. We shared a short video “No Small Matters” on the importance of the first five years of life.
- Communities for Kids+/Schuyler held a “Cookies with Cops” free 2-hour event. The intent of this was to have children and adults meet local law enforcement in a fun environment where other services are present. Agencies provided information as to how they can assist families, such as Head Start, CAUW/CFP, CHI, Nebraska State Patrol and NE Game and Parks Commission.
- A ‘Touch a Truck’ free event was held intentionally for the diverse community Schuyler to come to one location and see, touch and sit in 35 different kinds of vehicles such as law enforcement, fire department, electric company vehicle, boat, ATV, cement truck, farm implements, jet ski, camper, hearse, and many more. The primary purpose of this event was to give families of all cultures something fun to do and to build community. Lots of horn honking and sirens could be heard! This was a collaborative effort with partners being Schuyler Chamber of Commerce, Heartland Workers Center, Schuyler Community Schools, Schuyler Public Library, Communities for Kids+ - Schuyler, and CAUW/CFP.

POLICY RELATED ENGAGEMENT AND SUPPORT

Type of Policy Support (Policy Change, Practice Change, or Community Engagement)	Number of Activities
Policy Change	3
Practice Change	1
Community Engagement	5

FUNDS LEVERAGED FROM MULTIPLE FUNDING SOURCES

	July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023
Funding from Nebraska Children for Community Well Being	\$532,018.00
Additional funding from Nebraska Children to community (includes RiR, C4K+, BSB, PDG)	\$753,129.11
Totals:	\$1,285,147.11

Data obtained from NC and CWB Collaboratives.

EXTERNAL FUNDING AWARDED TO COLLABORATIVE OR COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS

	July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023
External funding invested in the local CWB prevention system by the Collaborative and/or partners	\$56,666

Data obtained from CWB Collaboratives.

How external funding impacted the collaborative
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing awareness of Child Abuse Prevention month • We Care for Kids funding provided new route for partnering on a project with Kramer Childcare Center, Columbus Community Hospital Childcare as well as nurture existing relationships of others • Teens & Young Parent Program Expansion provided for concrete supports for teen and young adult parents and baby/babies as well as mental health vouchers. • Funding for CR specific to Boone and Nance Counties • An alternate funding pot to utilize for concrete services if a student has been identified by a school nurse, school counselor or school staff as needing assistance.

LOCAL IN-KIND FUNDING AND/OR RESOURCES

	July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 (total approximate value)
Local in-kind funding and/or resources received or leveraged by the Collaborative	\$26,965

Data obtained from CWB Collaboratives.

How local in-kind funding supported the collaborative
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows for continued Communities for Kids+ work in Schuyler to address quality childcare gap • An alternate funding pot to utilize for concrete services if a student has been identified by a school nurse, school counselor or school staff as needing assistance.

Section 7: Community-Level Partnerships

For the table below, please use the following definitions to understand levels of involvement:

Actively Involved: Attends regular meetings and participates in making important decisions.

Involved: Attends regular meetings but does not influence decision-making.

Connected: Attends meetings sporadically and is connected to the collaborative through their work, but not involved in decision-making.

No Partnership: The collaborative does not have a current partnership with anyone in this category.

Does Not Exist: Based on the coordinator's knowledge, this organization/entity does not exist in the community.

Community-Level Partnerships	
Actively Involved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents and caregivers with lived experience • Interested Community Members • Human Services/Service providers • Local elected officials • Department of Health and Human Services • Behavioral/mental health • Local Law Enforcement • 1184 Team • Birth-12 Education • Colleges/universities • Child advocacy centers
Involved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Representative from the Public Health • Juvenile Justice • Educational Service Unit • Faith Community
Connected	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other state agencies • Child and youth serving organizations
No Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth with lived experience • Volunteer organizations • Local Crime Commission Representative • Health care providers • City/county agencies • Recreation/Fitness Centers • Business community • Committees/boards • Media
Does Not Exist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tribal agencies

Section 8: Connections to Other Nebraska Children Initiatives

Connections to Other Nebraska Children Initiatives	
	Initiatives:
I am actively involved and connected to this work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communities for Kids • Rooted in Relationships
I am informed of this work but not involved in it	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connected Youth Initiative • Full-Service Community Schools
I am not informed of this work, though I know it is in our community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beyond School Bells • Sixpence
To my knowledge, this initiative is not in our community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Society of Care

Section 9: Local Evaluation Question

Community and Family Partnership: Local Evaluation Work 2022-2023

A satisfaction survey was sent to CFP’s collaborative members after their June 2023 monthly meeting. The purpose of this survey was to gain members perspectives on how effective their meetings were regarding their collaborative goals. Analysis of the responses identified key areas; these data are explored in the visuals below. Out of approximately 33 attendees, 13 members responded to the survey after the meeting concluded, with a response rate of 39%.

Members suggested some partners to invite for future CFP meetings to include church leaders and staff from Equus Workforce Solutions. In addition, a topic of interest for future collaborative meetings was affordable childcare. When asked to specify ways to improve collaborative participation during the meeting, members suggested small break-out rooms.

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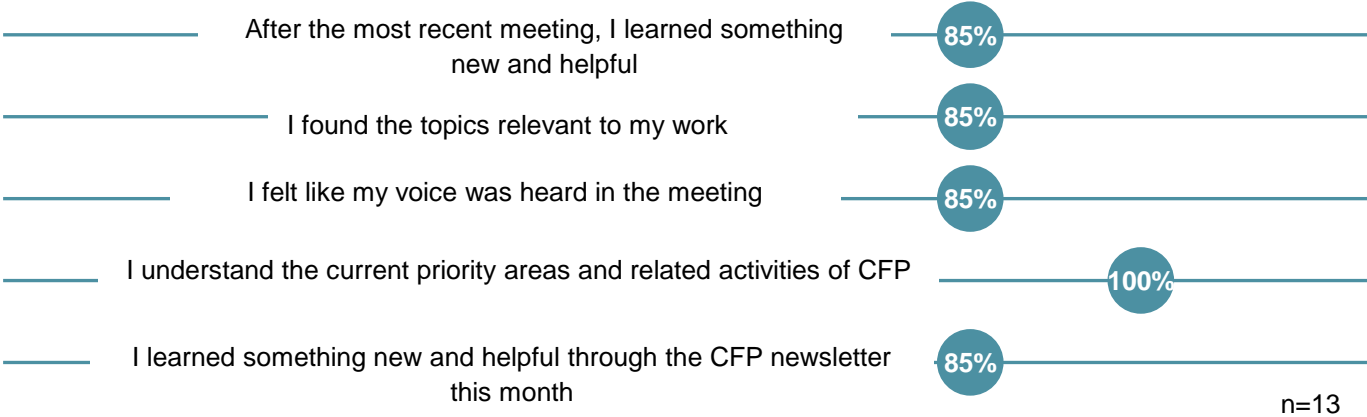
“I always enjoy community resource updates.... Helps me tremendously!”

CFP Collaborative Attendee

June 2023

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Collaborative attendees learned something new and understand the priority areas of CFP activities



n=13

Percentages indicate participants that chose "Strongly Agree" and "Agree" as a response to the above statements