**Parent Advisory Council Charter**

**Purpose:**  Create a team of parents who are enthusiastic and eager to be leaders within Nebraska to improve the quality of life for all children and Families. Opportunities will be available for parent leaders to lead conversations, identify solutions and take action on:

* Addressing community and or State conditions that affect families, aka what is happening in communities
* Topics parents are passionate about regarding supporting families to be financially sustainable and experiencing healthy, well-balanced lives
* Communicating with community and government agencies to influence positive outcomes for families in Nebraska.

**Structure:** The desired structure of the parent advisory council will consist of:

* Leadership Team: Two parent leaders who will plan and facilitate the Parent Advisory Council Planning Team.
* Parent Advisory Council Planning Team: This team will have 5-7 parent leaders who will design the parent advisory council including identifying goals, recruiting parent leaders to join the council, facilitate meetings, and lead action.
* Parent Advisory Council: Several parent leaders who will come together to converse, identify solutions and action items to address topics affecting the wellbeing of children, youth and families in Nebraska.

**Expectations:**

* Leadership Team: Members should have the ability and capacity to commit to weekly planning, alignment and coordination meetings to coordinate and align activities (approximately 7 hrs. a week).
* Parent Advisory Council Planning Team: This team will have 5-7 parent leaders who will design the parent advisory council including identifying goals, recruiting parent leaders to join the council, facilitate meetings, and lead action (approximately 2-3 hrs. a week).
* Parent Advisory Council: Several parent leaders who will come together to converse, identify solutions and action items to address topics affecting the wellbeing of children, youth and families in Nebraska (regular attendance a meetings, maximum 2 hours a month).

**Values and Commitments:**

* Equality
* Self-Determination
* Learning and Development
* Compensation
* Commitment
* Diversity

**Resources:**

* Support for members will be individuals and can include compensation (This includes time devoted to attending meetings, follow-up activities, travel, etc.), coaching, development and skill building opportunities
* Learning opportunities
* Networking opportunities to build relationships among the parent leaders in Nebraska and with national partners
* Access to tools and resources to further action items identified by the parent advisory council