



COALITIONCONNECT

The Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence has moved into 2021 with an organizational emphasis on civic and social justice. We have committed ourselves to joining this necessary and important movement.

The Nebraska Coalition has always been committed to rooting out violence and serving those who have experienced abuse.

Following the events of the past summer, we took serious the internal review of our policies and structure. We engaged in a learning process that caused us to rethink our operations as an organization and as individuals.

Our commitment is this: We will remain steadfast in the pursuit of achieving justice for every individual, we will fight to advance the plight of underserved communities, and we will continue growing this Coalition.

In the coming months, you will see a diversity of work from the Coalition.

We are turning our focus to intersectionality, while respecting our roots.

We know that if we are going to root out sexual and domestic violence, we have to end oppression for every marginalized community.



Staff Spotlight



Lynne Lange, Executive Director

In 2008, Lynne joined the Nebraska Coalition, bringing with her a wealth of experience in the field of organizing and leadership and a passion for prevention.

Outside of the Coalition, Lynne serves on the Membership Committee for the National Network to End Domestic Violence and is the outgoing Board Chair for the Nebraska Alliance for Child Advocacy Centers.

In her own words, Lynne has grown up in this movement — it's developed her character. She is inspired by the opportunity to center social progress and work with friends and allies to build this movement, together.

National Slavery & Human Trafficking Prevention Month

In January, the Nebraska Coalition turned its attention to National Slavery and Human Trafficking Month. Here are some highlights:

Slavery and Human Trafficking

- ▶ \$99 Billion
Made per year in sex trafficking
- ▶ 4.5 Million
victims of forced sexual exploitation
- ▶ \$51 Billion
made from forced labor
- ▶ 21 Million
victims of forced labor



Fast Facts:

1 in 6 endangered runaways will be taken into human trafficking.

It is the second largest criminal industry in the world.

Though it is a global issue, human trafficking happens right in our backyard.

From the Nebraska Attorney General's office, this map that shows the location of human trafficking reports in Nebraska.

The Advocate's Dictionary

In 2021, the Nebraska Coalition launched a monthly series called 'The Advocates Dictionary.' This series is meant to highlight terms that are important to our work and relevant to the social justice movement.

the advocate's dictionary
learning & leading.



intersectionality

folks with intersecting identities who are impacted by a multitude of social justice and human rights issues



Policy Update

The Nebraska Coalition has always had a vested interest in advocating policy at the state level in an effort to codify change into law.



This work allows us to support those who have experienced violence, and work to root out the systemic causes of violence.

As the 2021 session has gotten underway, the Nebraska Coalition is closely watching the Unicameral. As we continue to identify legislation of interest, we will work to take direct action on that policy.

We are seeking to build our network of advocates that can take action. If you are interested in getting involved in this process, stay connected with the Nebraska Coalition where we provide periodic updates.

Nebraska Engage



Over the past year, the Nebraska Coalition has moved to create a comprehensive youth outreach program.

Titled Nebraska Engage, the purpose of this initiative is to connect with young people across the state.

Our core focus is to provide relevant training to produce young leaders who can extend this fight for generations to come.

We focus on advocacy and allyship, direct policy action, and how to engage in this movement using outcome-driven strategies. Last year, we launched two sub-programs to begin building this network.

Votes and Voices: The purpose of this initiative was to educate our member-network on how to engage young people in the civic process. In the 2020 election cycle, we executed a voter education campaign, a voter registration drive, and voter excitement campaign.

In the coming months, we will be using Votes and Voices to engage in the Lincoln Municipal Election cycle.

Young Leaders Coalition: This program serves as a leadership development program that has brought together high school and college students from across Nebraska.

Participants meet bi-monthly to hear from community leaders on a variety of civic and social justice issues. Beginning in September and running through May, students are tasked with creating a social justice campaign in their community.

Things To Come

The Nebraska Coalition has many exciting plans in the works for 2021 as we continue to develop the role of this organization to meet the call of the social justice movement.

COVID-19 Commitment

Through the course of COVID-19, the Nebraska Coalition has remained committed to doing its part to slow the spread of the Coronavirus.

Our staff members are working remotely, we have paused all in-person activities, and transitioned our processes to meet the needs of our programming in a safe and responsible way.

With the vaccine rolling out, like you, we hope that the end of this virus is near. However, we remain committed to social responsibility and will continue our COVID restrictions as long as necessary.

The Coalition Commitment

The Nebraska Coalition supports the philosophy that abuse is a choice and a practice by which people achieve power, gratification or financial advancement through the abuse of another person by abrogating that person's human right to dignity, equality, autonomy and physical and mental well being.

Therefore, we must work to eliminate racism, homophobia, anti-Semitism, classism and oppression of all traditionally silenced groups.

These oppressions are perpetuated by the same systems that profit from sexual and domestic violence and cannot be separate from the overall mission of the Coalition, for the oppression of one is the oppression of all.

