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Jim Pillen, Governor

April 21, 2023

Lincoln Arneal  
Nebraska Parent and Caregiver Citizen Review Panel  
Nebraska Children and Families Foundation  
215 Centennial Mall South, Suite 200  
Lincoln, NE 68508

RE: Annual Report and Recommendations

Dear Parent and Caregiver 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 have reviewed the 2022 Parent and Caregiver Annual Report and appreciate the continued effort of the CRP.

CFS recognizes the importance of the CRP and has received the following recommendations:

- Review and streamline the background check policy for approving familial childcare providers.
- Review the Title 20 process for reimbursement, looking at Iowa as a more efficient model.
- Increase awareness of services available, especially for non-English speaking residents.
- Provide more supports for youth aging out of foster care in rural areas of Nebraska.

We look forward to continued collaboration this coming year. Thank you again on behalf of the children and families of Nebraska.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dannette R. Smith".

Dannette R. Smith  
Chief Executive Officer  
Interim Director, Children and Family Services  
Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services