



combined health
agencies drive



Programs and Services Guide

Statewide support provided by CHAD member charities



CHAD (Combined Health Agencies Drive) is a local, donor-designation driven organization that has been raising funds for Nebraska's premier health charities since 1972. Donors who give so generously during our annual statewide campaign ensure our 21 member charities are funded on a consistent basis, and 100% of donor-designated dollars go directly to full-member charities. Valuable donations help Nebraskans in need by providing care and support for those affected by a health diagnosis, funding education and prevention programs in our communities, and supporting advocacy and medical research. The programs listed below are funded because of donor support and are available to Nebraskans statewide.

The ALS Association Mid-America Chapter

402-991-8788 | www.alsa-midamerica.org / | 900 S. 74th Plaza, Suite 106, Omaha, NE 68114

The ALS Association is leading the fight to treat and cure ALS through global research and nationwide advocacy while also empowering people with ALS/Lou Gehrig's Disease and their families to live fuller lives by providing them with compassionate care and support.

Programs & Services Offered

- Education is available through materials and programs for people with ALS, caregivers and families.
- Equipment and Adaptation Program provides patients with the evaluation of equipment needs; identification of the best source of recommended devices and adaptations; and an equipment loan program with items ranging from power wheelchairs and electronic communication devices to small things like button fasteners.
- Resources & Referral: The Care Services Team members link people with ALS to appropriate resources to navigate the complex system of health, social, legal and financial services.
- Advocacy & Public Policy Program: The ALS Association's Chapter network plays a lead role in advocating for increased public funding and private support of ALS research and public policy initiatives that respond to the needs of people with ALS.
- The Care Services Team provides education and awareness of ALS and the programs/services of the ALS Association to the healthcare community and those who work with patients and families throughout the Chapter's service area via new client kits, physician kits, professional education and presentations.
- The Care Services Team provides support to family members and caregivers through a variety of programs and services including support groups, circles of care, caregiver programs and children's resources referral.
- The ALS Treatment Centers/Clinics Program is our most valuable program where people with ALS are seen every 3-4 months and are provided an individualized care plan.
- Quality of Life Grant Program: To assist ALS families with the challenges they face every day, the Quality of Life Grant reimburses ALS families for their needs in respite, communication, home modification, access to medical care and for special circumstances.
- Medical Research efforts focus on finding treatments and a cure for ALS.

Alzheimer's Association Nebraska Chapter

Omaha Office: 402-502-4301 | www.alz.org/nebraska | 11711 Arbor Street, Suite 110, Omaha, NE 68144

Lincoln Office: 402-420-2540 | www.alz.org/nebraska | 1500 S. 70th Street, Suite 201, Lincoln, NE 68506

Kearney Office: 308-520-3146 | www.alz.org/nebraska | 4009 6th Avenue, Suite 11, Kearney, NE 68845

The Alzheimer's Association works to provide and enhance care and support for all affected, eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research, and reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.

Programs & Services Offered

- 24/7 Helpline (800-272-3900) offers reliable information, referral and care consultations for individuals living with Alzheimer's or other dementias and their networks of support.
- www.alzconnected.org offers 24/7 online support including access to care navigation tools, chat rooms, and care planning calendar services.
- Free educational workshops provide insights into how to make lifestyle choices that may help keep your brain and body healthy as you age, how to employ effective communication strategies with your loved one with the disease and how to manage disease-related behaviors. Education is available virtually at <https://www.communityresourcefinder.org>.
- Caregiver support groups connect caregivers to their peers and community experts. For information go to <https://www.communityresourcefinder.org>.
- Alzheimer's Association TrialMatch® is an online clinical trial locator service that lets individuals create an online profile to be directed to clinical trials in their area.
- MedicAlert® emergency response and identification program facilitates the safe return of individuals who wander or have a medical emergency. A device and one year of service is available for free while funding permits.

American Lung Association in Nebraska

402-502-5940 | www.lung.org | 11225 Davenport Street, #101, Omaha, NE 68154

The American Lung Association is saving lives by improving lung health and preventing lung disease. We were founded over 115 years ago by a group of volunteers dedicated to ending the lung health threat of our time: tuberculosis. With TB largely controlled in the United States, we have extended that mission to other respiratory diseases. And thanks to our donors, volunteers, program and event participants, and staff, we are America's trusted source for lung health education, lung disease research, support, programs, services and advocacy.

When you can't breathe, nothing else matters®.

Programs & Services Offered

- Lung Helpline is a toll-free nationwide service staffed by registered nurses, respiratory therapists and certified addiction counselors that provide the most current lung health information to lung disease patients, family members and healthcare providers. Services include smoking cessation, lung disease counseling, physician referrals and financial assistance.
- Better Breathers Clubs: Adults with lung disease and their families connect with each another in support groups.
- Freedom from Smoking: This smoking cessation program helps tobacco users who are ready to quit.
- Inspire.com: The Lung Association is proud to support several free online communities on Inspire.com for people facing lung disease.
- ALA funds research programs aimed at finding cures and new medical treatments for lung disease, including lung cancer. In addition, we support the American Lung Association Asthma Clinical Research Center (ACRC).
- Saved By The Scan: Lung cancer is the No. 1 leading cause of cancer-related death in America, but now there's hope. This screening is used to detect lung cancer early, when it is more likely to be curable. If the disease is caught before it spreads, the likelihood of surviving five years improves from 11 percent to 55 percent. (Based on early-stage lung cancer stats stage 1 vs. stage 4)
- LUNG FORCE Expos are a great opportunity for patients and healthcare professionals to learn more about the latest trends, resources and research surrounding lung cancer, COPD, asthma and other lung diseases. These events feature experts from a variety of lung health-related fields presenting on current research and hot topics; an exhibitor showcase; and a chance for patients, caregivers and the local medical community to connect.
- State of the Air Report: For 20 years, the American Lung Association has analyzed data from official air quality monitors to compile the "State of the Air" report. The more you learn about the air you breathe, the more you can protect your health and take steps to make our air cleaner and healthier.
- State of Lung Cancer Report: "State of Lung Cancer" is the American Lung Association's report that shows how the toll of lung cancer varies by state. Examining lung cancer incidence, survival, stage at diagnosis, surgical treatment, lack of treatment, and screening, this report finds states must do more to protect their residents from lung cancer.
- Asthma-Friendly Schools Initiative: Learn how to create a long-term asthma management plan for your school. Get the guidance you need to help your local community plan and implement a comprehensive asthma management program.
- Open Airways for Schools: Open Airways For Schools® is a program that educates and empowers elementary-aged children through a fun and interactive approach to asthma self-management.
- Kickin' Asthma: This asthma management program for kids ages 11-16 (grades 6-10) educates and empowers them through a fun and interactive approach to asthma self-management.
- Clinical Quality Improvements in the Treatment of Children's Asthma: The American Lung Association partners with clinics and health systems across the state of Nebraska to help children from low-income families manage their asthma and lead full, productive lives. These partnerships help patients reduce asthma symptoms by helping care providers receive necessary training, improve clinic workflows, and incorporate best practices. Program results include reduced hospitalizations and emergency department visits and economic savings to health plans and families.
- Asthma Basics: This free one-hour interactive online learning module is designed to help you learn more about asthma. Asthma Educator Institute: This two-day professional development course teaches asthma guidelines-based care and helps professionals prepare for the National Asthma Educators Certified Board (NAECB) exam.
- E-Cigarettes: Electronic cigarettes, or e-cigarettes, are tobacco products that have been sold in the U.S. for about a decade. They include e-pens, e-pipes, e-hookah, and e-cigars, known collectively as ENDS—electronic nicotine delivery systems. They're also sometimes called JUULs, "vapes" and "vape pens." E-cigarettes are the most commonly used tobacco products among kids—and it's become an epidemic. While much remains to be determined about the lasting health consequences of e-cigarettes, there's evolving evidence about the health risks of e-cigarettes on the lungs—including irreversible lung damage and lung disease. The American Lung Association is very concerned that we are at risk of losing another generation to tobacco-caused diseases as the result of e-cigarettes. The Lung Association remains extremely troubled about the rapid increase of youth using these products and has repeatedly called upon the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to increase their oversight and scrutiny of these products to protect kids.

- InDepth: Teen tobacco use has long been linked to lifelong dependency, with 9 out of 10 cigarette users claiming they picked up their first cigarette before the age of 18. The introduction of e-cigarettes has amplified the problem: Over the course of just one year, vaping's popularity grew from 2.1 million in 2017 to 3.6 million in 2018, prompting the U.S. Surgeon General to declare e-cigarette use among our youth an epidemic. Teens are getting hooked on tobacco and instead of getting education or support, they are getting suspended from school or other disciplinary measures. INDEPTH® is a new way to help.
- COVID 19 Town Hall Series: In the wake of COVID-19, we've made it a priority to monitor recent developments, share new findings and support Americans with the science-based information and resources you can trust. The American Lung Association's virtual COVID-19 Town Hall Series is bringing top health experts together to raise awareness about the effects of COVID-19 and discuss the health impact of the pandemic on all Americans. Register here: <https://www.lung.org/lung-health-diseases/lung-disease-lookup/covid-19/action-initiative/town-hall>.
- COVID 19 Resources: <https://www.lung.org/lung-health-diseases/lung-disease-lookup/covid-19/covid-19-resources>.

Arthritis Foundation Nebraska

402-262-0144 | www.arthritis.org/nebraska/ | 11414 West Center Road, #348, Omaha, NE 68144

Leading the fight for the arthritis community, the Arthritis Foundation helps conquer everyday battles through life-changing information and resources, access to optimal care, advancements in science and community connections.

Programs & Services Offered

- Referrals and toll-free Helpline: Licensed, clinical social workers offer support at 1-844-571-4357 (HELP).
- State-and federal-level advocacy is in place to keep medications accessible and affordable.
- National JA Conference and local Family Days provide tools and information to JA families, scholarships available.
- Camp Spirit is a camp for children with juvenile arthritis and their siblings; scholarships provided.
- Live Yes! INSIGHTS is an online partnership between the Arthritis Foundation and the arthritis community, which uses scientific study to shine a light on the realities of arthritis.
- The Live Yes! Online Community connects you 24/7 with those who understand what it is like.
- Online support is provided through peer groups found on Facebook or chat sites.
- Virtual Connect Groups are being formed.
- Medical research takes place through partnerships in order to find cures for a range of rheumatic diseases.
- Better Living Toolkits are available free for adults with arthritis and include a variety of resources and tools to help individuals manage their arthritis in daily life.
- JA Power Packs are available free for families that have a child with arthritis and include a variety of resources and tools to help individuals manage their arthritis in daily life.
- Annual LYYRA event is free to those with Rheumatoid Arthritis. LYYRA was held in Omaha in September of 2018 and in Lincoln at the Arthritis Center in April of 2019.
- Partners 4 Patients program partners health care providers with patients to provide resources and emotional support.
- A virtual open house event will reach out to volunteers.
- A pain management event will be virtual this year.
- Walk to Cure Arthritis 2021 will take place at Werner Park on May 22.
- Woman of the Year Gala, 2021 will honor Annie Bird on September 30 at the Omaha Marriott Regency.

Autism Action Partnership

402-763-8830 | www.autismaction.org/ | 10110 Nicholas Street, Suite 202, Omaha, NE 68114

Autism Action Partnership's mission is *to improve the quality of life of persons on the autism spectrum and their families through education, advocacy and support, thereby enabling them to be an integral part of the community*. In addition to working directly with individuals and families, we also work together with a variety of wonderful partners and businesses to help create a more inclusive community for those we serve. Our programs and services reach the autism community all across Nebraska (and a little of Southwestern Iowa too!).

Programs & Services Offered

- Education
 - Circle of Friends (COF): Structured social clubs within schools across Nebraska connect students with and without autism. These clubs promote social skills development and inclusion efforts, increase positive peer interactions, reduce bullying, and benefit students of ALL abilities. Over 200 elementary, middle, and high schools currently have COF programs involving nearly 3000 student participants annually.
 - Autism Awareness: Numerous and diverse efforts increase the public's understanding and acceptance of autism.
 - Education Summit: At this annual conference of national and local experts, insights, best practices and resources are shared with the local community and the professionals who serve them.
 - BE SAFE training: A specialized curriculum educates individuals with autism (and their caregivers) on how to properly interact with law enforcement.
- Workforce Development
 - Partnership for Autism Career Employment (PACE): Direct service programming is offered to businesses and job seekers (with autism) to match needs and talents in permanent employment position.
 - PACE for Job Seekers provides assessment of skills and interests, resume and interview preparation, job readiness training, job shadowing/placement, onsite job coaching and support, and long-term advisement.
 - PACE for Employers provides worksite/job duty assessment, individualized screening of candidates, training for management/coworkers, specialized onboarding support, workplace accommodations (as needed), and inclusivity training and support.
- Enrichment and Inclusion
 - Making Memories: Exclusive events allow individuals with autism and their families to enjoy local area attractions in a sensory-friendly setting (at no cost to the families). These attractions include Werner Park, The Rose Theater, Omaha Children's Museum, Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium, Omaha Symphony and Omaha Community Playhouse.
 - Summer Art Camp is a weeklong day program for individuals with autism to work with local artists and create art of their own (in partnership with local arts organization, Why Arts?).
 - Project Lifesaver program provides wearable technology to individuals with autism who have a propensity to wander, and provides the Omaha Police Department with the technology and training to locate the individual wearing the technology.
 - Sensory-Friendly Initiatives programming and services are offered to all organizations in our community who would like to improve the inclusivity of their business practices.

Brain Injury Alliance of Nebraska

402-423-2463 | www.biane.org/ | PO Box 22147, Lincoln, NE 68542

The Brain Injury Alliance of Nebraska is the only statewide nonprofit exclusively dedicated to brain injury in our state. As such, it strives to enhance the quality of life for the more than 36,000 individuals living with disabilities caused by brain injury as well as their families.

Programs & Services Offered

- Resource and Referral for Brain Injury Survivors: BIA-NE has brain injury resource facilitators providing individualized assistance, resources and referral services for individuals with brain injury and their families.
- Changing the Culture of Concussion: BIA-NE leads the Nebraska Concussion Coalition, which creates statewide concussion recognition and management. Those targeted include coaches, parents, players, teachers and healthcare professionals.
- Responding to the Needs of Domestic Violence Victims: BIA-NE educates community providers about the importance of brain injury recognition and management to meet the needs of victims with brain injury due to domestic violence.
- Preventing Abusive Head Trauma (Shaken Baby Syndrome): BIA-NE captured the devastating stories of four children after being shaken as babies in a documentary, "Forever Shaken." This 30-minute educational tool is being used by childcare advocates, schools, hospitals and more to show the lifelong challenges that face children of Abusive Head Trauma.
- Brain Injury Education and Outreach: Annual statewide conference, website, monthly e-newsletter and 18 statewide Support groups bring current information to individuals with brain injuries, their families and healthcare professionals.

Crohn's & Colitis Foundation, Nebraska/Iowa Chapter

402-505-9901 | www.crohnscolitisfoundation.org/chapters/iowanebraska/ | 3606 N 156 St, #176, Omaha, NE 68116

The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation is a non-profit, volunteer-driven organization dedicated to finding the cures for Crohn's Disease and ulcerative colitis and to improving the quality of life of children and adults affected by these diseases. The Foundation has remained at the forefront of research in Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, known as IBD (inflammatory bowel diseases).

Programs & Services Offered

- Advocacy Network uses patients' collective voice to raise awareness and create action to better lives.
- Crohn's & Colitis Congress provides professional education for medical professionals.
- Patient Education Conference provides valuable information for patients and caregivers.
- Professional Education Conference provides an overview of Digestive Disease Week to educate local medical professionals on new treatment approaches.
- My IBD Family Event provides pediatric patient and caregiver education and time to develop relationships.
- Camp Oasis is an experience of a lifetime for kids living with IBD.
- Power of Two matches newly diagnosed patients with a patient mentor.
- Medical research is cutting edge and pursuing cures for IBD.

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation – Nebraska Chapter

402-330-6164 | www.cff.org/nebraska/ | 2827 S. 88th Street, Omaha, NE 68124

The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation works to cure CF (cystic fibrosis) and provide all people with CF the opportunity to lead full, productive lives by funding research and drug development, promoting individualized treatment and ensuring access to high-quality, specialized care.

Programs & Services Offered

- CFF supports a wide range of innovative research programs to discover and develop new and effective CF therapies.
- Compass program helps CF patients find the answers they need on any CF-related questions such as insurance and co-pay assistance, diagnostic testing and legal issues.
- State-of-the-art diagnosis and treatment services are available at the accredited CF Care Center at Nebraska Medicine. Social workers and clinic coordinators are also available at the Care Center.
- Community engagement, volunteer and advocacy opportunities are available; also referrals to CF family support groups
- CFF offers a number of resources for learning about clinical trials and treatments that are being developed to improve the treatment of cystic fibrosis.

Epilepsy Foundation Nebraska

402-715-9416 | www.epilepsy.com/local/nebraska | 108 N 49th Street, Suite 205, Omaha, NE 68132

We are the Epilepsy Foundation. We exist to END EPILEPSY®. That means increasing awareness and changing the conversation around epilepsy, improving and saving lives through care, advocacy, research and new therapies, and education, and mobilizing everyone to take action.

Programs & Services Offered

- Outreach programs and prenatal education materials and information are available to the community.
- Our local Epilepsy Foundation Nebraska chapter provides direct services and connections for individuals and families impacted by seizures and epilepsy.
- We provide educational support for individuals and families to help make sure they can manage and control their seizures to the best of their ability. We educate the general public to help improve understanding of epilepsy and seizure recognition including our Seizure First Aid Certification training. All training programs are free to the participants.
- Our Kids Crew program provides empowerment activities and social support for children 14 and under who are impacted by epilepsy. This free program celebrates imagination and creativity, allowing participation no matter where kids are or how much help is needed.
- Our epilepsy research ecosystem covers the entire spectrum of discovery – from the idea to market. We foster the development of new scientists and support research that leads to better treatments and care and an end to Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy (SUDEP).
- We are committed to people with epilepsy, their family members, and caregivers; to advocating for funding for epilepsy programs, research, and a cure; to policies that promote research and innovation; to improving access to and coverage of quality care and essential services; and to the protection of the rights of individuals with disabilities.

JDRF Nebraska – Iowa Chapter

402-397-2873 | www.jdrf.org/nebraskaiowa | 9202 West Dodge Road, Suite 304, Omaha, NE 68114

Type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune disease that strikes both children and adults suddenly. It has nothing to do with diet or lifestyle. There is nothing you can do to prevent it. And, at present, there is no cure. JDRF is the leading global organization funding T1D (type 1 diabetes) research. Our strength lies in our exclusive focus and singular influence on the worldwide effort to end T1D.

Programs & Services Offered

- Outreach programs and prenatal education materials and information are available to the community.
- JDRF is the leading source of funds and advocacy for T1D research worldwide.
- JDRF Bag of Hope is delivered to newly diagnosed children and their families, and JDRF Adult T1D Care Kit is delivered to adults and teenagers diagnosed with T1D.
- The Mentor Family program provides support and resources to anyone living with Type 1 diabetes and their family.
- JDRF TypeOneNation Summit is a single-day education-based program provided at no cost to individuals and families.
- Free toolkits for parents, teens, adults and educators equip the recipients with the knowledge, resources and confidence to navigate life with T1D.
- Support Groups include: Get Pumped Support Group; One Talk Adult T1D Networking/Support Group; Empower1 (teen group).
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- JDRF Nights Out, including Parent Night Out and Adult Night Out, and other Family Outreach programs help to connect the T1D community.
- JDRF provides referrals to physicians and diabetes educators.
- Speakers Bureau is designed to allow speakers to share their T1D story and experiences with the community.

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society – Nebraska Chapter

402-344-2242 | www.lls.org/nebraska | 11840 Nicholas Street, Suite 215, Omaha, NE 68154

The mission of LLS (The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society) is to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. LLS exists to find cures and ensure access to treatments for blood cancer patients. We are the voice for all blood cancer patients, and we work to ensure access to treatments for all blood cancer patients.

Programs & Services Offered

- Patient advocacy for blood patients and their families: The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society advocates public policy positions that accelerate progress toward cures for leukemia, Hodgkin and non-Hodgkin lymphoma and myeloma, and improves the quality of life of those with blood cancer, along with their friends and families.
- Statewide co-pay, transportation and emergency financial assistance programs benefit patients and their families.
- Information Resource Center (IRC) 800.955.4572 (M-F, 9am to 9pm ET): Speak one-on-one with an Information Specialist who can assist you through cancer treatment, financial and social challenges and give accurate, up-to-date disease, treatment and support information. Our Information Specialists are master's level oncology social workers, nurses and health educators.
- Medical research is funded by our donors and conducted by outstanding scientists at the forefront of leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma research.
- Support groups and telephone support are for anyone affected by blood cancers and are free.
- First Connection peer-to-peer support program is for newly diagnosed patients: Patients and families are able to speak one-on-one with a matched trained peer volunteer who has gone through a similar diagnosis, treatment or experience.
- Meet the Doctors program: Patients are able to come and talk with doctors that are part of the UNMC ASH Review. They are able to hear about what is going on in the world of cancer and ask questions.

March of Dimes, Nebraska & Western Iowa Market

402-496-7111 | www.marchofdimes.org | 3606 N 156th Street #101-248, Omaha, NE 68116

March of Dimes fights for the health of all moms and babies. We're advocating for policies to protect them. We're working to radically improve the health care they receive. We're pioneering research to find solutions. We're empowering families with programs, knowledge and tools to have healthier pregnancies. By uniting communities, we're building a brighter future for us all.

Programs & Services Offered

- Outreach programs and prenatal education materials and information are available to the community.
- NICU Family Support Specialist program provides emotional and educational support to families whose babies are in the NICU and to moms on bed rest at Nebraska Medicine and CHI Health CUMC Bergan Mercy Hospitals.
- Educational materials and referrals provide a wide range of resources for patients and their families.
- Professional education opportunities are offered for medical professionals who specialize in obstetrics and premature birth.
- Patient advocacy and innovative medical research are an essential part of promoting the health of women, children and families.
- Parent dinners and discussion groups are held at Nebraska Medicine and CHI Health CUMC Bergan Mercy Hospitals.
- An annual Prematurity Summit focuses on continuing education for maternal child health nurses, as well as Professional Education for all nurses and other healthcare workers.
- Group prenatal care is offered for moms to be in central Nebraska.
- Annual educational baby showers provide for military moms of Offutt AFB.

Muscular Dystrophy Association of Nebraska

402-390-2914 | www.mda.org/

Muscular Dystrophy is often used to refer to a group of progressive muscle wasting and neuromuscular diseases that can include: Duchenne MD, Limb-Girdle MD, ALS, Friedreich's Ataxia and Spinal Muscular Atrophy. Muscular Dystrophy can affect people of all ages. Although some forms become apparent in infancy or childhood, others may not appear until middle age or later.

Programs & Services Offered

- Special patient care centers give individuals access to a nationwide network of some 200 hospital-affiliated centers and 40 MDA/ALS research and clinical care centers.
- MDA Care Centers provide neurologist consultation with diagnostic services, therapeutic services and rehabilitative follow-up care.
- MDA equipment loan program provides free equipment and assistance in repairing equipment for MDA-registered clients.
- MDA provides both education and advocacy in support of people affected by neuromuscular disease.
- MDA Summer Camp is available at no charge for all children ages 8-17 with a neuromuscular disease.
- MDA is the leader in research for ALS and other neuromuscular related diseases. MDA spent \$18 million last year.

National MS Society - Mid America Chapter

800-344-4867 | www.nationalmssociety.org/Chapters/KSG

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society exists because there are people with MS. Our vision is a world free of MS. We will cure MS while empowering people affected by MS to live their best lives.

We are more than an organization. We are a movement. United in our collective power to do something about MS now and end this disease forever. We are the gathering place for people with MS, their family and loved ones, healthcare providers, volunteers, donors, fundraisers, advocates, community leaders and all those that seek a world free of MS. We are a place to connect and take action. In order to change the world, we mobilize all possible human and financial resources to achieve results.

Programs & Services Offered

- Medical research on MS is a high priority for the Society.
- MS Navigators, highly skilled, compassionate professionals, connect people with MS to the information, resources and support needed to move their lives forward and navigate the challenges of MS.
- Educational and wellness programs are available to people with MS and those who care about them.
- Partners in MS Care is a National MS Society program that recognizes and supports quality MS care by encouraging strong partnerships between MS clinicians and the Society.
- Support Groups for specific populations including online and one-on-one peer connections are available.
- Financial assistance program is available.
- Health Care Professional Education opportunities are offered to health care providers.

Nebraska AIDS Project

Omaha Office: 402-552-9260 | www.nap.org | 250 S. 77th Street, Suite A, Omaha, NE 68114

Lincoln Office: 402-476-7000 | www.nap.org | 127 S 37th Street, Suite A, Lincoln, NE 68510

Kearney Office: 308-338-0527 | www.nap.org | 2121 B Avenue, Kearney, NE 68847

Norfolk Office: 402-649-3584 | www.nap.org | 302 W. Phillip Avenue, Norfolk, NE 68701

Scottsbluff Office: 308-672-0794 | www.nap.org | 1517 Broadway, Scottsbluff, NE 69361

The Nebraska AIDS Project leads the community in the fight to overcome HIV/AIDS and its stigma through education, support services and advocacy.

Programs & Services Offered

- NAP facilitates community outreach programs that result in getting new populations in for testing to know their status
- NAP provides free HIV testing and STI testing with bilingual capability.
- NAP operates a FREE PrEP program for people who are interested in accessing a daily medication that protects from an HIV infection – even if an exposure occurs.
- Education & Outreach identifies and targets at-risk populations and serves their need to get tested.
- HIV and STD risk-reduction programs are offered.
- Mental health services are available for individuals and family members or partners
- Support groups are in place to help persons living with HIV/AIDS or anyone affected by HIV/AIDS.
- NAP advocates to advance policy for the benefit of those living with HIV/AIDS.
- Case management provides direct client services and outreach programs to assist those living with HIV/AIDS to maintain adherence to effective medical treatment and provide essentials such as personal care items and ongoing monitoring of needs for clients served.

Nebraska Chapter of the National Hemophilia Foundation

402-742-5663 | www.nebraskanhf.org/ | 8031 W. Center Road, Suite 304, Omaha, NE 68124

The Nebraska Chapter of the National Hemophilia Foundation is dedicated to finding better treatments and cures for inheritable bleeding disorders and to preventing the complications of these disorders through education, advocacy and research.

Programs & Services Offered

- Medical research: NHF funds a broad range of programs and projects addressing bleeding disorders.
- Annual Family Education Weekend and Adults with Bleeding Disorders Education Day bring both education and fun for all ages.
- Certified Hemophilia Treatment Center at UNMC and Children's Hospital provides comprehensive care.
- Nebraska Chapter Financial Assistance Program exists to improve the quality of life of individuals and families affected by bleeding disorders.
- Parent Information & Networking Group assists families of newly diagnosed children ages 0-12
- Family camp brings those with bleeding disorders together for outdoor activities, connection and learning how to safely adventure while living with a bleeding disorder.
- Social and networking opportunities connect people with bleeding disorders with others who understand.
- Annual State Advocacy Day: The day offers people with bleeding disorders and their advocates training on how to speak with legislators, and an opportunity for individual visits with members of the state legislature.

Nebraska Community Blood Bank

NCBB Office and 84th & O Donor Center | 402-486-9414 | www.ncbb.org | 100 North 84th Street, Lincoln, NE 68505
27th & Superior Donor Center | 402-486-9414 | www.ncbb.org | 4900 North 26th Street, Lincoln, NE 68521
Pine Lake Donor Center | 402-486-9414 | www.ncbb.org | 1631 Pine Lake Road, Lincoln, NE 68512
Omaha: Donor Center | 402-486-9414 | www.ncbb.org | 12100 Pacific Street, Omaha, NE 68154

Nebraska Community Blood Bank, a Division of Innovative Blood Resources, has been saving lives in our communities since 1968 as an independent nonprofit. Driven by our mission, we are dedicated to connecting people who need life-saving blood with generous volunteers who give. We provide a stable supply of blood and blood components to 19 healthcare facilities in 11 counties throughout eastern Nebraska and western Iowa.

Programs & Services Offered

- Through effective outreach to donor, continual development of biomedical expertise; and brand-building partnerships with the community, blood drive sponsors and healthcare facilities, Nebraska Community Blood Bank connects those who need blood with those generous volunteers who give.
- Blood typing and education programs are put on throughout the community.
- PACE-approved courses through NCBB's learning management system are offered to hospital clinical laboratory staff.
- Each fall, we conduct a workshop for high school students who coordinate blood drives at their schools. Participating high schools are eligible for secondary education scholarships.
- Informal speaker's bureau is comprised of blood donors, patients and other community members who share their experiences about the importance of blood donation.

Nebraska Health Care Foundation

402-435-3551 | www.nehca.org/foundation | 1200 Libra Dr., Suite 100, Lincoln, NE 68512

The Foundation works to support the quality improvement efforts of health care professionals working in Nebraska's nursing homes and assisted living facilities through training and resources, as well as efforts to build Nebraska's health care workforce.

Programs & Services Offered

- NHCF's emergency support fund was established to meet the needs of Nebraska's long-term care community in the wake of a natural disaster, catastrophe, pandemic (e.g., personal protective equipment), or another unanticipated event.
- Nebraska Health Care LEAD (Lead. Excel. Advance. Develop.) is a year-long program that brings together long-term care workers from across Nebraska who have a desire to grow as leaders in the profession.
- NHCF co-sponsors a public television program called, "Now What?" The NET series focuses on dementia-related topics. All 19 programs that have been produced to date are available online for public education and professional in-service training.
- NHCF serves the needs of Nebraskans training to become direct care workers by providing equipment (e.g., mannequins, IV therapy training supplies) and supporting the production of training manuals.

Nebraska Hospice and Palliative Care Association

402-477-0204 | nehospice.org | 1200 Libra Drive, Suite 100, Lincoln, NE 68512

The Nebraska Hospice and Palliative Care Association is a statewide partnership that exists to improve the quality of life for all Nebraskans who have chronic conditions or are near the end of life and to support the various communities who care for them. Hospice provides care for all ages and includes a team of professionals to provide support.

Programs & Services Offered

- “Find a Hospice” at nehospice.org allows visitors to search for a Nebraska hospice or palliative care provider by county, city, ZIP code or company name or by downloading a list.
- NHPCA provides handouts and resources to help people determine if they or a loved one are ready for hospice care. NHPCA also provides resources for physicians related to end-of-life care.
- NHPCA educates state and federal legislators on hospice and palliative care’s vital role in supporting terminally and chronically ill Nebraskans and their families.
- The annual “Living a Good Life... at the End of Life” Conference features a trade show, education sessions, and awards banquet to provide hospice and palliative care professionals with networking opportunities, continuing education, and recognition for their important work. NHPCA offers several scholarships for hospice and palliative care professionals to attend the conference.
- Professional workshops and webinars keep Nebraska hospice and palliative care providers updated on topics such as symptom management, bereavement, dementia, family dynamics, regulations, and volunteer programs.
- The Nebraska End-of-Life Survey Report offers a look at our state’s perceptions on end-of-life issues, such as pain, death, advance directives, and support from family and physicians. The survey has been conducted four times, offering Nebraska the unique opportunity to gauge changes in perceptions over time.
- The “Hospice lets me be...” outreach campaign focuses on real-life stories to promote hospice benefits, awareness, and connect people with resources.
- NHPCA places a special focus on bringing awareness to the needs of veterans at the end of life. In partnership with the Department of Veteran Affairs, NHPCA leads the Nebraska Hospice-Veteran Partnership to ensure Nebraska’s veterans near the end of life receive the best care possible. The Nebraska Hospice-Veteran Partnership Annual Workshop and Meeting brings together hospice professionals for education and networking regarding end-of-life care for Nebraska veterans. NHPCA also distributes lapel pins used by hospice providers in inspirational pinning ceremonies that recognize dying veterans.

Nebraska Kidney Association

402-932-7200 | www.kidneyne.org / | 11725 Arbor Street, Suite 120A, Omaha, NE 68144

The Nebraska Kidney Association has been helping Nebraska kidney and transplant patients for more than 45 years, providing education, programs and services, screening opportunities and advocacy for those affected by kidney disease or organ donation.

Programs & Services Offered

- Emergency financial aid is available for kidney and transplant patients.
- Patient advocacy is in place to assist Nebraska kidney, urologic and transplant recipients.
- Professional education programs are offered, including Joint Council Workshop, where relevant topics are discussed with nurses, techs, social workers and dietitians who then in turn implement these with the patients served.
- Organ and tissue donation information educates donors and potential donors.
- Free KEDS early kidney disease screenings are available at locations around the state.
- Patient information is accessible through a resource guide; general education; and a Nebraska toll-free hotline, which provides information and referrals to callers.
- Patient to Patient Mentoring Program is coming soon.

Susan G. Komen® Great Plains

402-502-2979 | komengreatplains.org | 8707 West Center Road, Suite 101, Omaha, NE 68124

Susan G. Komen Great Plains provides breast health information and resources to empower individuals to make informed breast care decisions and funds free or low-cost breast cancer screenings for uninsured, underinsured and low-income men and women unable to access care.

Programs & Services Offered

- Information and referral to services for breast health or breast cancer is available.
- Low- or no-cost breast cancer screenings and short-term financial assistance is offered for medically underserved men and women, including uninsured and underinsured patients.
- Educational outreach programs and activities promote breast health awareness.
- Short-term financial assistance and other support is essential to breast cancer patients throughout Nebraska.
- The Komen Breast Care Helpline (1-877 GO KOMEN) offers breast cancer support and counseling to anyone with questions or concerns, as well as information on breast cancer clinical research trials. All calls are answered by trained staff Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. CT.

Team Jack Foundation

Atkinson: 402-925-2120 | www.teamjackfoundation.org/ | 47640 E. Hwy 20, Suite 2, Atkinson, NE 68713

The Team Jack Foundation's mission is to raise money and awareness for pediatric brain cancer research. Childhood brain cancer affects nearly 4,600 children each year, making it the leading cancer cause of death in children. Each year, less than 4% of U.S. federal funding is solely dedicated to childhood cancer research, and even less than this is spent on child brain cancer research. The Team Jack Foundation has raised more than \$5.3 million for pediatric brain cancer research. The funding is currently fueling eight research projects nationwide. The Team Jack Foundation is working with world renowned researchers, directly, to develop relevant and impactful research initiatives.

Programs & Services Offered

- 100% of funds raised after expenses go to research. In 2018, the Foundation committed to two new projects.
 - Project 1: \$5,000,000 was pledged to the University of Nebraska Medical Center/Children's Hospital & Medical Center as part of the POWER5 Pediatric Brain Tumor Program. This \$5 million commitment will focus on four key areas: clinical and laboratory research, pain management in cancer and education.
 - Project 2: In December 2018, the Team Jack Foundation committed funds to a new project at Memorial Sloan Kettering. These dollars will support a research project at Memorial Sloan Kettering focusing on a new drug delivery method which would lead to new treatments for kids with DIPG. DIPG is the deadliest form of brain cancer in kids with nearly a zero percent survival rate.
 - In addition, the Team Jack Foundation is still currently funding the following: Clinical Trials with Targeted Agents (additional contributions to previously committed trials: MEK162 & TAK580) at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, UNMC Pediatric Brain Tumor program.

United Cerebral Palsy of Nebraska

402-502-3572 | <http://ucpnebraska.org/> | 920 S. 107th Avenue, Suite 302, Omaha, NE 68114

Cerebral palsy is a non-progressive disorder of the motor control areas of the developing brain. It is caused by damage to one or more specific areas of the brain. There is no cure for cerebral palsy; however, treatments that reduce the symptoms can improve quality of life. UCP of Nebraska provides education, advocacy, grants and social programs to individuals and their families with cerebral palsy and similar disorders.

Programs & Services Offered

- Tech Tools – A Developmental Technology Library: Libraries are located throughout the state and offer a wide variety of adapted toys, equipment and devices to individuals of all ages with developmental delays and physical challenges.
- The Referral Network in Nebraska is used by people with disability, their family members, professionals and advocates.
- Advocacy is in place to promote legislation and initiatives that support independence, productivity and full citizenship of people with disabilities.
- Client Assistance Grants are provided to qualified families and individuals with cerebral palsy and similar disorders to promote independence, encourage empowerment, enhancement of mobility and improve quality of living through support to caregivers and/or improvements to living environments. Grants help with things such as adaptive equipment, assistive technology, transportation and home or vehicle modifications.
- Family Focus is a series of events intended for individuals in the community with special needs and their immediate family members. This program offers activities as well as an opportunity to draw strength and knowledge from others facing similar challenges.
- Toy Adapting Workshop: Hands-on workshops located throughout Nebraska educate attendees on how to modify everyday toys for all ages and abilities.
- Caregiver retreat: UCP Nebraska collaborates with other organizations to plan and host a day for anyone providing care, support or advocacy for another to reflect, re-energize and relax.

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- West Central Office: 915 Baumann Drive, Suite 100, Grand Island, Nebraska 68803 | 308-398-0127
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