



Thank You to Our Partners

The hallmark of Project Harmony’s approach in ending child abuse and neglect is bringing multiple agencies working within these systems together into one place, where they can coordinate and communicate most effectively and efficiently. This means the child is centered in the process, and they do not have to share their experience multiple times. The environment and staff are hyper-focused on their wellbeing.

OUR PARTNERS IN THIS LIFE-CHANGING WORK INCLUDE:

- Child Saving Institute
- Lutheran Family Services
- Nebraska Alliance of Child Advocacy Centers
- Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services
- Omaha Fire Department
- Omaha Police Department
- The Kim Foundation

Because of Project Harmony’s seamless coordination of care, children can move from crisis to courage.



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A Safe and Promising Future

for All Children and Families



Restoring **courage**. Facilitating **healing**. Empowering **families**.

Since 1996, Project Harmony has been working to end child abuse and neglect. We do this through an innovative and highly collaborative service model that encompasses three equally important and overlapping pillars: response, treatment and prevention.

Working Together to Support Children

According to Darkness to Light, a national leader in child sexual abuse prevention, the magnitude of the issue in our country is alarming:



1 in 10
children will be sexually abused before their 18th birthday.



60%
of child sexual abuse victims never tell anyone.



90%
of child sexual abuse victims know their abuser.



Adult survivors of child abuse are at greater risk for criminal behavior, physical health issues and substance abuse.



77%
of perpetrators of child abuse are a parent of their victim, according to Children’s Bureau.

Even though all communities are affected, Project Harmony works relentlessly to end these cycles by encouraging everyone’s involvement in prioritizing and supporting the wellbeing of children and families throughout our area.

Project Harmony’s collaborative model focuses on the child. It is designed to give children a voice and ensure that they are not further victimized by the systems intended to protect them.



TREATMENT & PREVENTION

Be someone *informed* in the life of a child.

Early treatment often leads to prevention. Project Harmony is dedicated to ending the cycle of child abuse and neglect in our community through youth-oriented mental health services, early intervention and training programs.

Connections

The *Connections* team works with schools and medical professionals to identify children in need of mental health care services. *Connections* is a voluntary program and referrals are based on guardian consent. Children are matched with community therapists, and the services are conveniently offered on school grounds, at Project Harmony or within the community.

Training

Project Harmony highly encourages everyone in our community to be trained on how to prevent child abuse and neglect. A wide variety of training topics are offered multiple times a month, both in person and virtually.



RESPONSE

Be someone *dedicated* in the life of a child.

Project Harmony’s expert team of law enforcement, social services and medical professionals work together to provide medical evaluations, forensic interviews, crisis counseling, advocacy services and more. Our collaborative approach ensures children are protected and given a safe space to use their voice.

Children and Family Services

Project Harmony is a nationally recognized leader in the healing and prevention of child abuse, and one reason is because of the range of professional, compassionate services we provide for children and families — including medical exams, foster care screenings and family advocacy, which involves continuous support throughout the investigation and court processes. One of the main distinctions and benefits Project Harmony provides to children and families is on-site, legally sound forensic interviews, which lessen the number of times a child needs to detail their traumatic experience.

Mental Health

Project Harmony provides evidence-based mental health services directly to children and families who are evaluated for abuse and/or exposure to violence. Services are offered on-site and by referral to community providers who have the experience and training to treat traumatized children. Project Harmony continues to meet the growing need of mental health care by expanding services, including group counseling, art therapy and play therapy.

Multi-Disciplinary Teams (MDT)

Project Harmony MDT coordinators facilitate many teams in Douglas and Sarpy counties in Nebraska, along with teams that serve 16 counties in Southwest Iowa. The teams streamline the handling of child abuse and neglect cases by developing, implementing and monitoring treatment and/or safety plans to help reduce the risk of harm to victims.

Missing Youth Services

Through a collaboration with the Douglas County Attorney’s Office, the Juvenile Assessment Center and Omaha Police Department’s Child Victim Sexual Assault Unit, Project Harmony leads the effort to identify and assess missing youth who are not involved with Juvenile Justice or the Child Welfare system. These missing youth are at risk for violence and exploitation, and the goal of this program is to seek solutions and assist these extremely vulnerable children.

Anti-Trafficking Services

Child sex trafficking continues to be a pervasive issue in our community. Project Harmony has a specialized team that works in tandem with Omaha Police Department to identify youth that they believe could benefit from a connection with an advocate/specialist. The team provides basic needs, mental health support and referrals to community resources that can help them out of their situation and heal.

Triage Center

In partnership with Child Saving Institute, Project Harmony offers a child-centered, welcoming place for children who might be in immediate need of alternative family placement. While the center is not an overnight shelter, children are provided a light meal, clothing, a medical exam and other items as needed. Most importantly, they are given safety, security and warmth.

HOW TO REPORT CHILD ABUSE

Be someone *trusted* in the life of a child.

If you suspect a child is being abused or neglected please call:

Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-652-1999	Iowa Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-362-2178
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In Nebraska, state law requires that anyone who believes a child is being abused or neglected is required to make a report.

Project Harmony is a member of the National Children’s Alliance.

Contact Us

For more information about tours, presentations, training or your role in ending child abuse, visit projectharmony.com or email info@projectharmony.com

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OUR MISSION:
To protect and support children, collaborate with professionals and engage the community to end child abuse and neglect.