Nebraska is blessed with Abundance

In Nebraska, everything we need is right where we are

In Nebraska, everything and everyone works
County-Based Transfer of Wealth

Peak Years of Transfer
- Red: 2010 to 2019
- Gray: 2020 to 2039
- Beige: 2040 and after

Nebraska Community Foundation
Asset-Based Community Development

ABCD focuses on making visible the resources that are already in a community.

Premise: Every community has more potential resources than any one person knows.
Asset-Based Community Development

ABCD organizing is the process of bringing people into relationships that generates shared meaning by taking action together around a shared vision.
Leadership in the 21st Century

Leaders are people who create a shared vision powerful enough to lift people out of their day-to-day petty preoccupations and focus them on things worthy of their effort.
Community Development Math

Collective Vision
+ Distributed Leadership
+ Discretionary Capital
+ Citizen Engagement

Magnetic Hometowns
CHANGE

Change happens along the lines of relationships and at the speed of trust
21st Century Community Development

PEOPLE ATTRACTION

Build, grow and sustain hometowns that are magnetic – hometowns that are attracting stayers, returners and newcomers to be in community with us.
Focus on community brings big growth to Pender

ANDREA LARSON
August 16, 2017
PENDER — There is somewhere in the neighborhood of $50 million in construction taking place right now in this Northeast Nebraska community of just over 1,100 people.

If you want to look at it this way, that’s about $45,000 for every Pender resident.

And what’s all being planned? Get ready for an impressive list. There’s a new, 38,000-square-foot community center, a hospital expansion, a new police station and jail, and a Main Street rehabilitation project.

What’s more, Pender Public Schools is expanding and continually striving to improve the education and offerings to students.
Early childhood matters...

for kids

90% of a child's brain develops before age 5

Improved child outcomes
- Improved academic success
- Increased career/learning achievement
- Improved health outcomes
- Less likely to have teen pregnancy
- Less likely to involve in the criminal justice system
- Less likely to abuse drugs

Narrow the achievement gap and more
- More children enter ready to learn
- Narrow achievement gap
- Decrease special education costs
- Increase achievement and graduation rate

for schools

50% nearly 50% of children are not ready to succeed when they start kindergarten

Early childhood matters...

for businesses

$7 - $13 Return on Investment

Return on Investment

$1 Invested = $7 - $13 Return

Improved workforce
- Parents miss fewer work days
- Increased stable labor supply
- Attract high quality applicants
- Highly qualified employees
- Employees with "soft skills"

Together we can make a difference

Increased revenue and decreased costs
- Increase property values
- Increase incentives to attract businesses
- Reduce criminal justice expenses
- Reduce health costs
- Increase tax revenue
- Reduce reliance on public aid

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

- Margaret Mead
When it’s personal, it matters...

- Established need
  - Early Childhood Experiences - Comparing Quality Compared
    - LNF - DIBELS
    - FSF - DIBELS
    - Math Pre-Test - Saxon

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The Business Case for Early Childhood Investment

Talent Attraction

Bringing People into the Workforce

Talent Retention

Attendance