

LATINO AMERICAN COMMISSION

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Mission Statement: The mission of the Latino - American Commission is to serve as a voice in the Nebraska State Government for Latino Americans/ Latinos.

Vision Statement: The vision of the Latino - American Commission is to empower the Latino Community through a pro-active approach to issues that affect their access to educational, political, economical and social opportunities in Nebraska.

2017 Nebraska Legislative Session

The 2017 Legislative Session is from January 4 to June 2. The Legislative Bills listed below are a few NLAC has been following or has testified as of March 2017 (Supported: LR 26, LB 75, LB 129, LB 267, LB 285, LB 289, LB 416, LB 427, LB 428; Opposed: LR 1CA; Neutral: LB 22; and Letter of Opposition: LB 505):

- LB 14 (Krist) - Require successful completion of a civics examination as a prerequisite to high school graduation;
- LB 18 (Kolterman) - Change licensure and scope of practice for dental assistants and dental hygienists;
- LB 22 (Speaker Scheer) - Provide, change, and eliminate provisions relating to appropriations and reduce appropriations;
- LB 23 (Speaker Scheer) - Provide for transfers and terminate funds;
- LB 24 (Speaker Scheer) - Change provisions to Cash Reserve Fund;
- LB 26 (Murante) - Change service requirements for harassment protection orders;
- LB 37 (Harr) - Adopt the Uniform Wage Garnishment Act;
- LB 47 (Watermeier) - Change provisions relating to the payment of fees and costs associated with grand juries and the deaths of incarcerated persons;
- LB 53 (Schumacher) - Change provisions relating to mandatory minimum sentencing and sentencing of habitual criminals;
- LB 57 (Morfeld) - Adopt the Uniform Unsworn Foreign Declarations Act and change provisions relating to perjury;
- LB 60 (Lindstrom) - Change Parenting Act provisions relating to limitation or denial of custody or access to a child;
- LB 61 (Kolterman) - Adopt Interstate Medical Licensure Compact;
- LB 63 (Speaker Scheer) - Eliminate a sales and use tax exemption relating to political event;
- LB 64 (Hansen) - Adopt the Adrenal Insufficiency Diagnosis Information and Support Act;
- LB 65 (Hansen) - Provide income tax credits for caregivers;
- LB 70 (Pansing Brooks) - Change provisions relating to operator's license revocation;
- LB 75 (Wayne) - Provide for restoration of voting rights upon completion of a felony sentence or probation for a felony;
- LB 76 (Wayne) - Require notice for Secretary of State regarding completion of felony sentence for purposes of voting rights;
- LB 82 (Blood) - Require the Department of Motor Vehicles to include certain traffic stop safety information in Driver's Manual;
- LB 85 (Blood) - Provide a requirement for persons seeking appointive or elective office as prescribed and to provide a duty for the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission;
- LB 91 (Hilkemann) - Change provisions to infant health screenings;
- LB 92 (Kolterman) - Require health carriers to provide coverage for certain services delivered through telehealth;
- LB 111 (Hansen) - Provide nonpartisan election of county officers;
- LB 112 (Hansen) - Permit registered voters moving within Nebraska without reregistering to vote provisionally;
- LB 120 (Schumacher) - Provide for Medical Assistance Act coverage for family planning services as prescribed;
- LB 123 (Pansing Brooks) - Provide for reimbursement when certain postsecondary institutions terminate operations;
- LB 127 (Groene) - Edit notice requirements of Open Meetings Act;
- LB 129 (Morfeld) - Increase the earned income tax credit;
- LB 139 (Crawford) - Change nonpartisan election of county officers;
- LB 145 (Hansen) - Provide for a hearing to determine financial ability to pay fines and costs and traffic citations and provide for community service;
- LB 163 (Vargas) - Require additional polling places prior to elections in certain counties;
- LB 169 (Wayne) - Exempt social security benefits and retirement income from income taxation;
- LB 173 (Morfeld) - Prohibit discrimination based upon sexual orientation and gender identity;
- LB 175 (Morfeld) - Adopt Student Online Personal Protection Act;
- LB 178 (Bolz) - Provide for sexual assault protection order;
- LB 183 (Hughes) - Authorize change of nomination and election provisions for county officers;
- LB 191 (Pansing Brooks) - Provide for renewals of domestic violence protection orders;
- LB 195 (Craighead) - Require notification following mammography;
- LB 233 (Smith) - Change revenue and taxation provisions;
- LB 258 (Hansen) - Provide opportunity for inmates to obtain state

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A Message from the Executive Director

We are midway through the 2017 Nebraska Legislative Session.

This year we have testified on 11 legislative bills or resolutions, and are following many more; a very busy year for us. A detailed list of the bills and resolutions we are following and have testified on are listed on Page 1 of this newsletter.

You can contact your elected official and request they support or oppose a bill or issue that you follow closely, both locally and nationally. It is your right to contact your elected official, you can leave a message at their office phone number or via email, and you are also welcome to visit them at their office here in the Capitol Building in Lincoln or in their home district office.

You can locate your senator here: http://nebraskalegislature.gov/senators/senator_find.php and you can find your senators' contact information on their Senator web pages: http://nebraskalegislature.gov/senators/senator_list.php

The Latino Forum has been established in Lincoln with representatives from different organizations including the Latino American Commission, Nebraskans for Peace, Nebraska Appleseed, El Centro de las Americas, and other community leaders. The Forum has held community meetings exploring issues that affect Latinos in Lincoln such as healthcare, education, immigration, and legal challenges. These Forum meetings are open to the public and all are welcome to attend. Stay updated via our social media on Facebook and Twitter.

January 2017 is Human Trafficking Awareness Month; as members of the Governor's Task Force on Human Trafficking and the Nebraska Human Trafficking Task Force, we are sharing information on programs available statewide for all victims of human trafficking and sexual assault. Labor trafficking is a form of human trafficking that is often over-looked. If you would like a Spanish bilingual presentation on human trafficking to be held in your school or community, please contact Federico T. Vicente at (402) 898-6097 or email: Federico_Vicente@USC.salvationarmy.org.

You are welcome to contact us if there is a particular bill or issue you want to discuss. You can contact us via phone at (402) 471-2791 or Latino.info@Nebraska.gov.

Lazaro Spindola
Executive Director – Latino American Commission

NE History Museum Donations



NLAC donated several items to the Nebraska History Museum including the top 10 essays for Hispanic Heritage Month, decorations used for a Day of the Dead celebration and posters used by Latinx activists. If you would like to donate items, please contact Curator Laura Mooney at 402-471-4780 or email: laura.mooney@nebraska.gov.

Welcome, Commissioner Adolfo “Danny” Reynaga

Adolfo Daniel “Danny” Reynaga of Lincoln has been appointed by Governor Pete Ricketts to serve on the Latino-American Commission’s Board of Commissioners.

Reynaga replaces Commissioner Ramon Otero of Cairo who had served as a Commissioner for over 13 years.

Born and raised in Alliance, Nebraska, Reynaga is a first-generation Mexican-American. His parents, Dora and Adolfo Reynaga, are originally from San Benito and Mexico City, Mexico, respectively.

They had been working throughout the United States as migrant workers before settling in Alliance in 1996. They are currently the pastors of a Spanish-language church, Templo Nuevo Amanecer, in Alliance.

He is the second of four children; older sister Doraly is an ELL educator at Alliance Public Schools, and younger brothers Edgar and Eli are currently pursuing their undergraduate degrees at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Chadron State College, respectively.

After graduating from Alliance High School in 2010, he attended Chadron State College (CSC) in Chadron, Nebraska where he graduated with a bachelor’s degree in Legal Studies in 2014.

“During my time at Chadron State, I had many incredible opportunities,” said Reynaga. “Including the chance to work as a summer intern for Senator Mike Johanns in Washington D.C. I also had the privilege to serve as the Student Trustee for CSC during my senior year. As a Student Trustee, I sat on the Nebraska State College Systems Board of Trustees as a non-voting representative of CSC.”



Danny Reynaga

After graduation, Reynaga moved to Lincoln to attend law school. He will graduate in May with his Doctor of Jurisprudence (J.D.) degree from the University of Nebraska-College of Law.

He currently works as a Law Clerk for Bruning Law Group in Lincoln, and serves as the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Chair for the 8th Circuit American Bar Association Law Student Division, a national program aimed at offering free tax preparation services for low-income taxpayers.

Reynaga resides in Lincoln with his wife Stephanie and young children, Noah and Jonah. He believes his background in law and perspective as a first-generation

Mexican-American will help Latinos in Nebraska.

“Our country is at a crossroads, in many different respects. From a political standpoint, the issues surrounding immigration have come to a boiling point and many people have been swept up by the tides of partisan debate,” said Reynaga.

“As a first-generation American, and someone who has worked in the immigration field, I have witnessed the devastating impacts of this issue. Misinformation about the topics most important to Latinos have caused a rift among neighbors across this country. I hope as a Commissioner I can help to shed light on the complicated issues faced by Latinos across Nebraska. With my experiences in education, immigration, and the law, my goal is to be an asset for the Nebraska Latino-American Commission, and continue to serve this incredible state.”

Human Trafficking Awareness 2017 Proclamation



Governor Pete Ricketts signed a Proclamation on January 9 observing January 2017 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Nebraska. At the ceremony, from left to right, Colonel Brad Rice NSP, former Nebraska Senator Amanda McGill-Johnson, Trafficking Response Coordinator Meghan Malik of Women’s Fund of Omaha, Human Trafficking Task Force Coordinator Alicia Webber of the Nebraska Salvation Army, Coordinator of the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner at Omaha’s Methodist Hospital Anne Boatright, Senator Patty Pansing-Brooks (District 28), Nebraska Attorney General Doug Peterson, Social Services Director of the Nebraska Salvation Army Linda Burkle, Governor Ricketts, Human Trafficking Task Force Coordinator with the Nebraska Attorney General’s Office Glen Parks, Latino-American Commission Public Information Officer Jasel Cantu, Nebraska Latino American Commission Chair Adrian Sanchez, Douglas County Sheriff Tim Dunning, Captain Martin Fehringer of the Lincoln Police Dept., Attorney General’s Office Human Trafficking Investigator Amber Schlote, and Julie Shrader, Director of Rejuvenating Women.

NE Coalition to End Sexual & Domestic Violence

The Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence is a statewide advocacy organization that is committed to the prevention and elimination of sexual and domestic violence.

The Nebraska Coalition has 20-member programs that provide direct services to survivors across the state of Nebraska, including:

- 24-hour crisis line/Linea de Crisis español: 1-877-215-0167
- Legal referrals/assistance with protection orders
- Emergency shelter
- Ongoing support individually and through support groups
- Transportation
- Education and prevention programs
- Medical advocacy and referrals

The Coalitions' website is: www.nebraskacoalition.org and a listing and map of their 20-member programs across the state can be found at: http://www.nebraskacoalition.org/get_help/help.html

Their 2017 State Conference, "NO MORE Crimes of Power and Control," will take place on September 20th and 21st at the UNL Nebraska Innovation Campus in Lincoln. This Conference is open to the public.

The Coalition also has a legal department, which provides assistance with U-Visas (for victims of domestic violence), T-Visas (for victims of human trafficking) and Self-Petitions. Their Legal Director is Robert Sanford, and his contact is: roberts@nebraskacoalition.org

The Coalitions' 20-member programs in Nebraska include:

The Bridge (Crisis Center for DA/SA)

141 S. Union Street / PO Box 622
Fremont, NE 68025-5703
Office: 402-721-4340
Crisis: 888-721-4340
Email: suzannes@bridgefromviolence.com
www.bridgefromviolence.com

Crisis Center-Blair

810 N. 22nd Street / PO Box 674
Blair, NE 68008
Office: 402-533-4411

Crisis Center-West Point

430 North Monitor Street
West Point, NE 68788
Office: 402-372-2204

Bright Horizons

601 East Norfolk Ave.
Norfolk, NE 68701
Office: 402-379-2026
Crisis: 402-379-3798 / 877-379-3798
Email: executivedirector@brighthorizonsne.org
Web: www.brighthorizonsne.org

Bright Horizons – O'Neill

318 East Douglas
O'Neill, NE 68763
Office: 402-336-1774

Bright Horizons – Ainsworth

938 East Zero St. / PO Box 313
Ainsworth, NE 68210
Office: 402-382-5676

Catholic Charities - The Shelter

3300 North 60th Street / PO Box 4346
Omaha, NE 68104
Office: 402-558-5700 / Crisis: 402-558-5700
Email: francesh@ccomaha.org
Web: www.ccomaha.org

Center For Survivors

3103 13th Street / PO Box 42
Columbus, NE 68602-0042
Office: 402-564-2155
Crisis: 402-564-2155 / 800-658-4482
Email: director@centerforsurvivors.net
Web: www.centerforsurvivors.net

Crisis Center, Inc.

2251 N. Webb Road / PO Box 5885
Grand Island, NE 68802-5885
Office: 308-382-8250
Crisis: 308-381-0555 / 866-995-4422
Email: alarson@gicrisis.org
Web: www.gicrisis.org

Domestic & Sexual Assault Services

322 Norris / PO Box 714
McCook, NE 69001-0714
Office: 308-345-1612
Crisis: 308-345-5534 / 877-345-5534
Email: dgoad@dasas.net
Web: www.dasas.net

The Doves Program

2035 10th Street / PO Box 98
Gering, NE 69341
Office: 308-436-2787 / Crisis: 866-953-6837
Email: hilary@dovesprogram.com
Web: www.dovesprogram.com

DOVES-Alliance

519 West 3rd Street / PO Box 981
Alliance, NE 69301

DOVES-Chadron

342 Main Street
Chadron, NE 69337

DOVES-Sidney

941 8th Avenue
Sidney, NE 69162

Friendship Home

PO Box 85358
Lincoln, NE 68501-5358
Phone: 402-434-6353
Crisis: 402-437-9302
Email: amyefriendshiphome.org

Haven House

509 Dearborn Street / PO Box 44
Wayne, NE 68787-0044
Office: 402-375-5433
Crisis: 800-440-4633
Email: amunder@qwestoffice.net
Web: www.havenhousefsc.com

Haven House – South Sioux City

117 East 28th Street
South Sioux City, NE 68776
Office: 402-494-7592
Email: havenhouse@qwestoffice.net

Healing Hearts & Families

724 South D Street / PO Box 96
Broken Bow, NE 68822
Office: 308-872-2420
Crisis: 308-872-5988 / 800-942-4040
Email: hhfed1@yahoo.com

Healing Hearts & Families-Ord

Grandview Assisted & Independent Living
827 North 19th Street
Ord, NE 68862

Heartland Family Service

Domestic Abuse/Sexual Assault Program
302 American Parkway, Papillion, NE 68046
Office: 402-339-2544
Crisis/Shelter: 800-523-3666 / 402-292-5888
Email: dconley@heartlandfamilyservice.org
Web: www.heartlandfamilyservice.org

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Six Students Graduate with GED



Graduates with their GED recognition certificates. From left to right: Jaime Echeverría Hichos, Yerimi Antonio Felipe Pérez, Libby Marisol García de Paz, Sonia Patricia Quinteros, Juana Roque Sánchez and Darlon Machado Costa.

On January 22, six students received their GED at a graduation ceremony held at El Centro De Las Américas in Lincoln.

The students, of various backgrounds and ages, took Spanish GED courses at supporting institutions in Hastings, Lincoln, Norfolk and Omaha.

The students had to travel to Laramie County Community College in Cheyenne, WY to take the GED exam in order to earn their diplomas.

The graduates, all from Lincoln, are Darlon Machado Costa, Jaime Echeverría Hichos, Juana Roque Sánchez, Libby Marisol García de Paz, Sonia Patricia Quinteros and Yerimi Antonio Felipe Pérez.

GED program statewide volunteers include: Carmen Acosta, Frida Aguilera, Vivian Pérez Alvarado, María Alvizar, Alejandra Ayotitla Cortez, Nahomi Ayotitla Cortez, Darlon Machado Costa, Dolores de la Torre, Beverly Denman, José Luis Fajardo, Jaquelin García, Yenis P. Gutiérrez-Murgas, Karla Martínez, Jackie Polak, Gabriel Fernando Pardo, Victor Pastor, Julio Saquil, Gloria Sarmiento, Octavio Sordo, Inés Benigna Pérez Torres, Angela Pastor Valer and Myriam Valer.

The supporters of the GED program include: El Centro De Las Américas of Lincoln, Centro Hispano Comunitario de Nebraska of Columbus, Immaculata Monastery of Norfolk, Laramie County Community College of Cheyenne, WY, Latino Center of the Midlands of Omaha, María Alvizar of Scottsbluff, the Migrant Program of Hastings, the Nebraska Latino-American Commission and Southeast Community College of Lincoln.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in the Spanish GED program, please contact Gloria Sarmiento at (402) 438-8853 ext. 111 or E-Mail: gsarmiento@neappleseed.org.

Legislation Continued...

- identification card or driver's license before discharge;
- LB 260 (Hansen) - Provide for state food insecurity nutrition incentive grant program and state intent regarding appropriations;
- LB 267 (Linehan) - Change provisions relating to onsite vaccinations at health care facilities;
- LB 272 (Vargas) - Change procedures for tax credits under the Nebraska Job Creation & Main Street Revitalization Act;
- LB 283 (Riepe) - Change and eliminate provisions relating to licensed practical nurses;
- LB 285 (Linehan) - Change and eliminate provisions to HIV testing;
- LB 289 (Pansing Brooks) - Change provisions and penalties relating to pandering, human trafficking, labor trafficking, and sex trafficking and prohibit solicitation of a trafficking victim;
- LB 290 (Vargas) - Modernizes voter registration to sync with eligible applications at the Depts. Of Motor Vehicles, Education, and Health & Human Services;
- LB 295 (Smith) - Adopt the Opportunity Scholarships Act and provide tax credits;
- LB 308 (Brasch) - Provisions relating to Americanism committee;
- LB 407 (Pansing Brooks) - Create and provide duties for the Whiteclay Public Health Emergency Task Force;
- LB 416 (Vargas) - Appropriate funds to Dept. of Labor and make changes to uses of the Employment Security Administration Fund;
- LB 417 (Riepe) - Change and eliminate provisions relating to public health and welfare;
- LB 420 (McCollister) - Adopt the Fair Chance Hiring Act;
- LB 425 (Crawford) - Change and eliminate provisions relating to the Nurse Practitioner Practice Act;
- LB 427 (Vargas) - Require breast-feeding accommodations to student parents
- LB 428 (Vargas) - Direct school districts to develop and implement an absence policy that accommodates student parents;
- LB 447 (Chambers) - Change penalty provisions relating to criminal conspiracy and certain drug-related offenses;
- LB 505 (Brewer) - Adopt Refugee Resettlement Notification Act;
- LB 534 (Vargas) - Provides funding for a statewide housing coordinator to support regional behavioral health districts;
- LB 595 (Groene) - Provide for the use of physical force or physical restraint or removal from a class in response to student behavior;
- LB 608 (Linehan) - Adopt the Parental Choice Scholarship Program;
- LB 653 (Murante) - Adopt the Redistricting Act.

The following Legislative Resolutions are being followed or NLAC has testified on (Supported LR 26 and Opposed LR 1CA):

- LR 28 (McDonnell) - Interim study to research how the state and each of the counties handle, process, and test sexual assault evidence collection kits;
- LR 15CA (Morfeld) - Constitutional amendment prohibiting requiring a voter to present identification prior to voting;
- LR 26 (Vargas) - Oppose federal action rescinding DACA; and
- LR 1CA (Murante) - Constitutional amendment to require voter identification.

You can ask your senator to support or oppose a bill. Visit www.nebraska.gov to find your senator and their contact information.

Pieces of Nebraskan Hispanic/Latino History

1806: Melgares' Quest To Intercept Pike Expedition

The following was compiled from articles found in the 10th, 47th and 74th volumes of "Nebraska History" originally published in 1927, 1966 and 1993. The authors are A.T. Hill, James A. Hanson and Donald Jackson. Additional information taken from an article by Stephen G. Hyslop, published in the 29th volume of "Kansas History" in 2006. Both the Nebraska State Historical Society and the Kansas Historical Society have granted permission for reprinting information. For complete articles, visit: www.nebraskahistory.org/publish/index and: www.kshs.org/p/kansas-history-a-journal-of-the-central-plains/12443

In 1806, Lt. Don Facundo de Melgares would lead the last official Spanish military reconnaissance to Nebraska.

In 1800, Spain had returned the Louisiana territory to France still under control of Spanish authority. In return, France pledged not to transfer Louisiana without Spain's consent. In 1803, the Louisiana Purchase took place between France and America angering Spain who would question the validity and legality of the Purchase for years.

Spanish soldiers were sent into these now disputed areas, including Kansas and Nebraska, to reinforce Native American tribes' allegiance to Spain and reinforce their own control of the region.

In 1806, President Thomas Jefferson sent out an exploring expedition led by Lt. Freeman after having sent Lewis and Clark on their expedition. Spanish soldiers had been unable to intercept and stop Lewis and Clark, and now a new army was sent to stop Freeman's expedition.

Two-hundred Spanish soldiers under Capt. Francisco Viana intercepted Freeman in modern-day Texas, forcing him to turn back. Freeman told Viana that another American expedition led by Lt. Zebulon Pike was exploring to the north. Pike along with 20 men was sent to the Great Plains to solicit the allegiance of the Pawnee who were still allied to Spain. Viana sent half of his army led by Lt. Melgares to head north to intercept Pike. Melgares' army consisted of 105 dragoons, 400 New Mexican militia, 100 Indian allies, and 2,000 riding and pack animals.

The Spaniards were unable to find Pike and eventually returned to Santa Fe empty-handed. However, during their search they reinforced their friendship with the Pawnee as far north as the Republican River.

In September 1806, Pike and his men reached a Pawnee village on the Republican River southwest of present-day Guide Rock. Melgares had already departed by then, and had distributed gifts to the Pawnee encouraging them to trust Spain and spurn American advances. The Pawnee village was also flying the Spanish flag, which angered Pike, and he demanded they replace it with an American flag under threat of battle. The Pawnee responded that they did not side with either nation, but did replace the Spanish flag with the American flag, at least in Pike's presence. This event would mark the first time that the American flag flew in the central Plains.

Pike left the Pawnee village on Oct. 7, 1806, writing in his journal that when he reached the summit of a hill overlooking the village, "I felt



A marker where Pike observed a "view from the hill over the village" in 1806 near Guide Rock. Photo taken by A.T. Hill in 1924, courtesy of the Nebraska State Historical Society and reprinted with permission.

my mind as if relieved of a heavy burden..." and led his party south toward Kansas following Melgares' trail. Pike proceeded into Colorado, which was still Spanish territory, entering the mountains where he miscalculated his position and got lost. Pike and his men remained in the summit throughout the winter enduring hunger and the elements.

Pike may have remained in Colorado had not their presence been reported to Santa Fe. Lt. Melgares returned and arrested Pike and his men (or rescued them, depending on whose account you read) in February 1807. Melgares escorted the prisoners first to Santa Fe and then to Chihuahua for further interrogation. Pike and Melgares would become friends by the end of this trip. In July 1807, Pike and his men were eventually escorted back to the American border and released.

In 1813, Pike died in battle in Canada. The Colorado summit where he was arrested (or rescued) was named "Pike's Peak" in his honor.

Melgares would serve as the Governor of New Mexico from 1818 until 1822. After 1823, he is lost to history.

For years, Kansas and Nebraska claimed the site where the American flag flew in the Pawnee village. Historians believed the location could have been in Republic County, Kansas or Webster County, Nebraska.

In 1923, historian A.T. Hill met the DeWitt family near Guide Rock who claimed to have discovered artifacts, but had plowed over them. Hill and the DeWitt's opened a nearby grave that contained a skeleton and many items including a Spanish bridle bit and spur. Hill contacted the Nebraska Historical Society, and in 1924, an archeological survey led by Addison Sheldon unearthed the remains of a large Pawnee village with many Spanish and American relics including medallions and buttons with the raised figure of a "1"; the number of Pike's infantry.

On Oct. 12, 1925, members of the Nebraska and Kansas Historical Societies, Smithsonian archeologists and Nebraska residents examined the site near Guide Rock, drove 40 miles and examined a similar site in Webster County, Kansas. Both sites were compared with the journal and maps from Pike's expedition. A unanimous decision declared that the Nebraska site fit the description.

Today, a Historical Marker detailing both expeditions is in Guide Rock.

Upcoming Events

- **Holiday: March 31**
Cesar Chavez Day
- **Holiday: April 28**
Arbor Day
- **Event: May 5-7**
Cinco de Mayo Festival, Omaha
- **Deadline: May 15**
Unicameral Youth Legislature
- **Holiday: May 29**
Memorial Day
- **Legislative Session: June 2**
Last Day of Nebraska Legislative Session
- **Meeting: June 17**
NLAC Spring Quarterly Meeting, Lincoln
- **Holiday: July 4**
Independence Day

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Crisis: 877-388-4673
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Web: www.hopecrisiscenter.org

Hope Crisis Center – Crete

225 E 9th, Suite 2
Crete, NE 68333
Office: 402-826-5727
Email: crete@hopecrisiscenter.org

Hope Crisis Center – Beatrice

Family Resource Center
5109 W Scott #407
Beatrice, NE 68310
Office: 402-223-6635
Email: beatrice@hopecrisiscenter.org

Hope Crisis Center – Seward

529 Seward Street, Suite 103
Seward, NE 68434
Office: 402-643-3056
Email: seward@hopecrisiscenter.org

Parent – Child Center

1001 North Washington / PO Box 722
Lexington, NE 68850-0722
Office: 308-324-2336
Crisis: 308-324-3040 / 800-215-3040
Spanish: 308-324-1942 / 866-351-9594
Email: melaniegomez43@gmail.com
Web: www.dawsoncountytne.net/pcc/

Project Response

PO Box 213 / 908 13th Street
Auburn, NE 68305
Office: 402-274-5092
Crisis: 402-274-5092 / 800-456-5764
Email: ashleyrobertson77@gmail.com

Project Response – Nebraska City

917 Wildwood Lane, Rm 113
Nebraska City, NE 68410
Office: 402-873-3835

Rape / Domestic Abuse Program

414 East A Street / PO Box 393
North Platte, NE 69101
Office: 308-532-0624
Crisis: 308-534-3495 / 888-534-3495
Email: jbonta@nrdap.org

S.A.F.E. Center

620 East 25th Street, Ste 14
Kearney, NE 68847
Office: 308-237-2599
Crisis: 308-237-2599 / 877-237-2513
Email: safecenter@safecenter.org
Web: www.safecenter.org

Sandhills Crisis Intervention Program

111 West 3rd Street / PO Box 22
Ogallala, NE 69153
Office: 308-284-8477
Crisis: 308-284-6055
Email: katbauerscip@gmail.com

SASA Crisis Center

220 S Burlington, Suite 4
Hastings, NE 68901
Office: 402-463-5810
Crisis: 402-463-4677 / 877-322-7272
Spanish: 402-463-5806
Email: executivedirector@hastingsasasa.com

SASA-Superior

448 North Kansas
Superior, NE 68978
Office: 402-879-1547

Voices of Hope

2545 N Street
Lincoln, NE 68510
Office: 402-476-2110
Crisis: 402-475-7273
Email: mmetzger@voicesofhopelincoln.org
Web: www.voicesofhopelincoln.org

Women's Center for Advancement

222 South 29th St.
Omaha, NE 68131
Office: 402-345-6555
Crisis: 402-345-7273 / Spanish: 402-672-7118
Emails: amyh@wcaomaha.org

Community Domestic Violence Intervention Program

102 East Third, #204
North Platte, NE 69101
Office: 308-534-5879

Family Violence Council

4600 Valley Road, Ste 408
Lincoln, NE 68510
Office: 402-489-9292
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