



2025
**ANNUAL
REPORT**

Helping Families Thrive Since 1891!



George Welch

Chair of Family Service Lincoln
Board of Directors 2025

We are proud of the accomplishments achieved in 2025 as Family Service Lincoln continues to help families thrive. This past year, we saw doors open at our FiftyOne Commons development in Northeast Lincoln, bringing additional affordable housing to the community.

While budgets tighten across the country in the nonprofit space, Family Service Lincoln continues to excel in our WIC, Youth Development, Behavioral Health, Housing and Support, Child Care Food and Community Crop programs.

President/CEO Dennis Hoffman and his team have Family Service Lincoln uniquely positioned to further shine in 2026. The STEAM Activity Center and community garden will open this summer at FiftyOne Commons, bringing further out-of-school learning opportunities for children and providing the public space to grow and harvest their own foods.

The Board of Directors thank you for supporting the work and mission of Family Service Lincoln and hope you can join us to help all Lincoln families prosper!



2025 Accomplishments



Four New Schools

Behavioral Health provided four new schools with mental health resources.



30+ Years with CCFP

CCFP celebrated one provider reaching 40 years of service, six reaching 35 years, and eight marking 30 years of service!



A New Garden

The Belmont Community Garden opened in north-central Lincoln.



Day One

FSL lead community efforts to address homelessness for families with children.



A Place to Call Home

The FiftyOne Commons Rowhouses are now providing affordable homes to families!



Doubling Capacity for Care

Funding was approved to double the capacity of our Housing and Support Service's Rapid Rehousing Program.



Baby Shower Success

WIC gave away car seats and diapers to 130 families at our annual Baby Shower!



CLC Us Grow

Meadow Lane became a CLC with FSL awarded as the lead agency.



Behavioral Health

Providing school-based individual, group, and family therapy to strengthen families and support youth through skill-building and self-advocacy.



680

students were provided therapy at their school.



99%

shared that they were very satisfied with our services.



86%

reported therapy helped them handle daily life better.



10,399

hours of therapy were provided in 38 schools.



“Therapy is a beautiful experience. The most helpful thing I’ve learned is this: I cannot control other people’s emotions, but I can control my own and how I communicate them.”

- Behavioral Health Client



Child Care Food Program

Providing training, support, and reimbursement to licensed home child care providers for serving healthy meals to promote nutrition across Nebraska.



587

child care providers were supported across Nebraska.



8,816

children received nutritious meals and snacks.



92%

shared that CCFP allowed them to provide more nutritious meals to kids.



42

classes were taught to providers ranging from CPR to Nutrition Education.

“I think the food program is incredibly beneficial to my child care program. My monitor does a great job of supporting me with any questions I have!”

- Home Child Care Provider





Community Crops

Providing education, advocacy, and experiences to grow local food through community gardens, production greenhouses, incubator farms, and workshops.



15

sites were operated-
consisting of 19 acres of farms,
gardens, and greenhouses.



35,841

pounds of produce were
grown and harvested by
693 gardeners.



313

households were supported
across the garden, farm,
greenhouse, and education
programs.



93%

described how growing
produce helped relieve stress
and created a stronger sense
of community.



***“I got to spend more time with
my dad and learn more from
him about gardening.”***

***We went almost every week
during the growing season
and now we spend more time
together than we did before
starting the plot.”***

- Community Crops Gardener



FiftyOne Commons

Providing Northeast Lincoln with affordable housing, youth development opportunities, and meaningful community spaces.



Affordable Housing

Eight affordable rowhouse rentals have been completed! Our team is developing partnerships with community organizations, seeking ongoing referrals and providing resources to tenants.



STEAM Activity Center

The STEAM Activity Center will open in the summer of 2026, expanding our youth programming during out-of-school time through a new Maker Space, Podcast Studio, Recreation Room, Classroom, and Gymnasium!

“Thank you for everything... now I have a better life, and I’m a student, so I’ll be able to finish my GED.”

- Rowhouse Resident





Housing & Support Services

Providing solutions to homelessness through prevention, financial support, and case management for families and transition-age youth.



149

households received case management and housing support.



90%

of Rapid Rehousing participants transitioned to permanent housing.



90%

of participants agreed they were better at handling daily life after exiting the program.



47

days was the average time from enrolled to housed in the Rapid Rehousing Program.



“I am beyond thankful. I am so blessed to have you in my life, you are an angel on earth.”

- Rapid Rehousing Participant



Women, Infants, & Children

Providing nutrition education, supplemental foods, and health care referrals for pregnant and postpartum women and their children up to age five.



157%

annual increase in exclusively breastfeeding infants at 6 months.



3,507

mothers and children received support, a 1.3% increase from 2024.

“We talk about everything from dentists, to breastfeeding and recipes! WIC is truly a lifesaver and so, so important to women and children.”

- WIC Client





Youth Development

Providing expanded learning opportunities while helping to build stronger communities through before and after school programming and Community Learning Centers.



3,494

students participated in Youth Development programming.



99%

reported their child enjoys their before and after school program.



1,430

children participated in Community Learning Center clubs that aligned with their unique interests.



260

youth participated in fun and educational summer camps.



“Youth Development works so hard to show up for their kids. They are great role models!”

- Parent of YD Student

The Future of FiftyOne Commons



Dennis Hoffman
Family Service Lincoln President / CEO

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It's no secret that 2025 brought significant anxiety and uncertainty to the nonprofit community. Despite these challenges, we stayed focused on our mission to help families thrive, while keeping our eyes on the future and how we can do even more for those most in need.

FiftyOne Commons is just one example of this commitment. Eight new homes—prioritizing immigrant and refugee families—opened in October, and our 11,500-square-foot STEAM Youth Activity Center is so close to completion that I can already see and hear kids engaging in project-based learning.

One of the many amazing things about Family Service Lincoln is how we can help families meet their most basic needs, but also throw a lot of fun into what we do and offer. As always, thank you so much for your support in helping to make this possible.



STEAM Activity Center

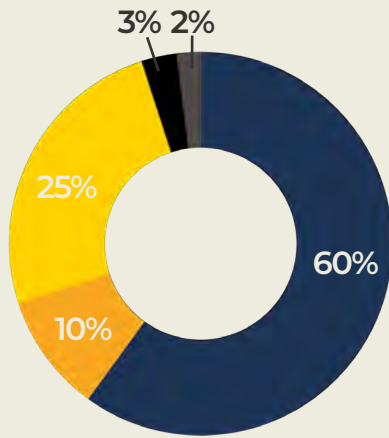
Support the programs at the STEAM Activity Center that will bring art and science to the kids in Northeast Lincoln!



2025 Financials

Revenue* \$14,706,006

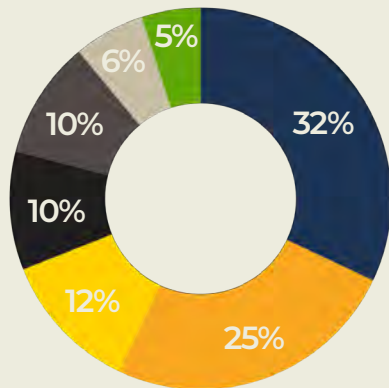
- Government Grants
- Other Grants
- Program Fees
- Interest/Misc.
- Contributions



*Revenue compared to expenses was greater than anticipated due to the FiftyOne Commons Capital Campaign.

Expenses \$12,905,109

- CCFP
- Youth Development
- H&SS
- Behavioral Health
- Administration
- WIC
- Community Crops



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