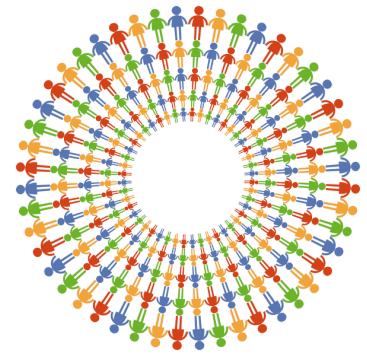


# Community Response



## What is Community Response?

Community Response is all of us—our friends, family, neighbors, co-workers, and community members—partnering together. To build support systems, improve protective and promotive factors, and offer safety nets to prevent life’s challenges from becoming a crisis. The ultimate goal is to reduce use of higher-end systems of care, such as foster care or group homes.

## What is Central Navigation?

Central Navigation is an initiative funded by Nebraska Children and Families Foundation under Community Response. United Way of South Central Nebraska administers this initiative in Adams, Clay, Nuckolls, and Webster counties. In this initiative:

- Families are matched to services, referrals are made, and data is tracked
- Ability to “fill gaps”, either through referrals to partner agencies or through flexible supportive funding
- Expertise in community trainings and resources for specific populations



**To be eligible for funds you need to live in the service area and be in one or more of the following categories:**

- Have full custody of children under 18 years
- Unconnected youth ages 18-24
- No open or voluntary CPS case
- Ability to prove it is a short-term need

**Possible financial support available for:**

- Rent and Mortgage payments
- Utility and Power Bills
- Gas
- Auto Insurance or Vehicle Repairs
- Equipment required for employment
- Dental Health
- Mental/Behavioral Health
- Substance Abuse Evaluations

## How do I apply?

- 1. Fill out the application\*. Applications can be found two places:**
  - United Way of South Central Nebraska office at 301 S. Burlington Ave., Hastings, NE
  - On our website: [unitedwayscne.org/get-help/](https://unitedwayscne.org/get-help/)
- 2. Turn in the Application:**
  - Email to [navigator@unitedwayscne.org](mailto:navigator@unitedwayscne.org)
  - Drop off at the United Way of South Central Nebraska office  
***YOU MUST INCLUDE YOUR BILLS/LEASE/PROOF OF NEED***
- 3. The Navigator will call you within two business days to discuss your application.**  
*\*By completing an application, you are not guaranteed assistance.*

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