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Agencies and Organizations Serving Older Nebraskans

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Note: Toll-free numbers and Web site addresses change. Agency responsibilities change over time. Refer to the phone directory or contact information. This is not a complete listing of all agencies and services. It is intended only to create awareness. No endorsement of services is intended, nor is any criticism intended of those omitted.

Comprehensive Web Sites:

Many of the organizations and agencies serving the older population and their housing concerns can be located through comprehensive Web sites.

Answers4Families

<http://nncf.unl.edu>

Included are complete listings of state, regional and local agencies, organizations and services, the contacts, and a description of the program.

Nebraska Resource Referral System

<http://nncf.unl.edu/nrrs/>

The NRRS database contains information about hundreds of community agencies and organizations that provide services and telephone hotline resources to Nebraskans.

Examples of Services and Housing Programs for the Older Population:

AARP

<http://www.aarp.org/universalhome/resources8.html>

The site includes information of interest to the older population. Information on home modifications and universal design includes windows and doors, kitchen and bath, storage, electrical, lighting, steps and walkways and outside the home.

Aging Services

<http://nncf.unl.edu>

Click on "Find Services," type Aging Services in the search box. Phone: (402) 441-6157 Focuses on development of programs and services designed to benefit older people, news information, current topics and program issues and details of specific programs.

Links to:

- Adult Protective Services
- Adult Family Homes
- Advance Directives
- Age Discrimination
- Aged & Disabled Medicaid Waiver
- Care Management
- Consumer Protection
- Employment
- Homestead Exemption
- Legal Services
- Link-up Nebraska
- Long-Term Care Facilities, Insurance, Ombudsman
- Medicaid and Medicare
- Medicare Supplemental Insurance
- NICA Program
- Nutritional Services
- Older Nebraskan's Voice
- Power of Attorney Guardianship, Conservatorship
- Reverse Mortgages
- Rural Housing
- Senior Care Options
- Social Security Income
- Supplemental
- Veterans' Benefits
- Weatherization

Alzheimer's Disease Caregiver's Manual

<http://nncf.unl.edu/alz/manual/section1.html>

Provides information on Alzheimer's. Compiled by the Alzheimer's Association Lincoln/Greater Nebraska Chapter, (402) 420-2540.

Area Agencies on Aging

<http://www.hhs.state.ne.us/ags/aaa.htm>

Provides listing of the contact person and address, and counties served for each region of Nebraska.

Assisted Living - Central Office Staff

<http://nncf.unl.edu/assisted/centraloffice.html>

Includes listing of aging and disability services administrators, early intervention waivers and adult protective services from Nebraska Health and Human Services System.

Assistive Technology Partnership

Statewide mobile rehabilitation service designed to provide technology evaluation at worksites for individuals with disabilities. Contact the Assistive Technology Partnership about information on the Aged & Disabled Home and Community Based Waiver and on ramps, accessible tubs and showers, exterior and interior lifts and door widening.

Lincoln: (888) 806-6287 or (402) 471-0734
Omaha: (877) 201-4141 or (401) 595-1309
Kearney: (800) 683-6699 or (308) 867-5349 North Platte: (308) 535-8129
Scottsbluff: (308) 632-1332

AgrAbility

<http://www.agrability.org>

Provides access to services for persons with disabilities who live in agricultural and rural communities.

Caregiver Support Groups

<http://nncf.unl.edu/eldercare/info/supgroup.html>

Topics focus on support for caregivers, health-related support groups and locations of various support groups.

Caregiver Web Sites

[http://nncf.unl.edu/eldercare/info/Web sites.html](http://nncf.unl.edu/eldercare/info/Web%20sites.html)

Provides links to many resources focusing on medical and health concerns and the older population such as:

- Administration on Aging
- A Guide for People Who Care
- Alzheimer's disease
- Benefits CheckUp
- Caregiver Zone
- ElderCare Online
- Gateway to Neurology
- Healthfinder, etc.
- Hospice
- National Family Caregivers Association
- National Library of Medicine
- Stroke information
- National Library of Medicine

Center for Independent Living

Provides services to all ages and disabilities to achieve goals for independence.

1804 South Eddy

PO Box 12863

Grand Island NE 68802

(308) 382-9255

Disabilities or Chronic Illness Web sites

<http://nncf.unl.edu/common/disabilities/disability.html>

Search for general Web sites by alphabetic listings.

Eldercare Services in Nebraska

<http://nncf.unl.edu/eldercare/info/services.html>

Links to local and long-distance caregivers at the federal, state and local levels:

Federal:

- Access America for Seniors

Administration on Aging
Resources in Other States

State:

Nebraska Health and Human Services System: Aging Services
Nebraska Resource Referral System (NRRS)

Local:

Lincoln Information for the Elderly (LIFE)

Nebraska Area Agencies on Aging:

Aging Offices of Western Nebraska (AOWN)
Blue Rivers Area Agency, Eastern Nebraska Office (BRAAA)
Lincoln Area Agency on Aging (LAAA)
Midlands Area Agency on Aging (MAAA)
Northeast Nebraska Area Agency (NENAAA)
South Central Area Agency (SCNAAA)
West Central Nebraska Area Agency on Aging (WCNAAA)

Great Plains Disability & Business Technical Assistance Center www.adaproject.org

Regional access to ADA information.

The ADA Project

100 Corporate Lake Drive

Columbia MO 65203

Ph: (800) 949-4232 FAX: (573) 884-4925

Handyman Service for the Elderly

<http://nncf.unl.edu/nrrs>

Type "Handyman Service for the Elderly" in the search box. Provides seasonal home maintenance service such as lawn care, window washing, painting, minor repair services and minor safety modifications.

Housing for the Elderly in Nebraska

<http://nncf.unl.edu/eldercare/elderliving.html>

Describes various types of living arrangements with leads to assisted living facilities, adult family homes, and the Nebraska Area Agencies on Aging.

National Government Web sites

<http://nncf.unl.edu/common/gov/national.html>

Search for national organizations, agencies and many services.

Nebraska Commission for the Blind

<http://www.answers4families.org>

Search for the phrase "Nebraska Commission for the Blind or

<http://www.ncbvi.state.ne.us>

Program provides education, counseling and support groups, training and employment assistance, skills training, homemaking, computer literacy, etc.

Nebraska Statewide Respite Coalition

<http://nncf.unl.edu/eldercare/info/respit.html>

(866) 737-7483

Nebraska Rehabilitation Services for the Visually Impaired

<http://www.answers4families.org>

Click on "Find Services and search for the phrase Nebraska Rehabilitation Services for the Visually Impaired" or go to

<http://www.hhs.state.ne.us/vii/viiindex.htm>

See also Nebraska Commission for the Blind. Persons are eligible for services if they have a visual condition which may lead to blindness or if their sight seriously limits their ability to engage in ordinary vocations and activities in life.

Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (NCDHH)

<http://www.nol.org/home/NCDHH>

A state agency designed to serve Nebraskans who are deaf or hard of hearing.

4600 Valley Road, Suite 420

Lincoln, NE 68510-4844

Ph: (402) 471-3593

FAX: (402) 471-3067

1313 Farnam-On-The Mall, 2nd Floor

Omaha, NE 68102-1836

Ph: (402) 595-3991

FAX: (402) 595-2509

(800) 545-6244

Nebraska Vocational Rehabilitation Services

<http://www.answers4families.org> or

<http://www.vocrehab.state.ne.us>

Services include programs to assist persons with severe disabilities to live more independently in the home or community, home evaluations, home modifications, assistive devices, etc.

Rural Housing Programs

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ne/housing.htm>

The USDA Rural Development in Nebraska has various programs available to aid in the development of rural America. One of these programs focuses on affordable housing. Both single family and multi-family housing are addressed. Programs include:

- Farm Labor Housing Loans and Grants
- Guaranteed Loans
- Home Improvement and Repair Grants
- Home Improvement and Repair Loans
- Housing-Direct Loans
- Preservation Grants
- Rental Assistance
- Rural Housing Site Loans
- Rural Rental Housing Direct Loans
- Rural Rental Housing Guaranteed Loans
- Self-Help Technical Assistance

Salvation Army - Services to the Aging

<http://nncf.unl.edu/nrrs/>

Type in the search box Salvation Army. Volunteers make personal or telephone reassurance visits to

homebound elderly, handicapped, etc. (402) 554-5900

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