

## Nebraska Panhandle Families Count on In-Home Providers

Many programs throughout the Panhandle assist families caring for someone with special needs. If you would like to provide care to families that live close to you, here's how.

### Programs funded through the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services that use Independent Providers

Program	Contact	Requirements
Aged & Disabled Waiver ages 0 – 3	Early Development Network Service Coordinators for children active in EDN. See <a href="http://www.edn.ne.gov">www.edn.ne.gov</a> to determine EDN contact in your area.	Enrollment with Maximus Electronic Visit verification to log hours is done by using cell phone or computer.
Aged & Disabled Waiver ages 0 – 17	Resource Developer for Waiver Programs 308-436-6500	Enrollment with Maximus Electronic Visit Verification to log hours is done by using cell phone or computer.
Aged & Disabled Waiver ages 18 – 64	Tracy Grieb, League of Human Dignity, 17 E 21 <sup>st</sup> St., Scottsbluff, NE 69361 Phone: (308) 632-0470 Email: <a href="mailto:tgrieb@leagueofhumandignity.com">tgrieb@leagueofhumandignity.com</a>	Enrollment with Maximus Electronic Visit Verification to log hours is done by using cell phone or computer. Uses providers through CareTech and Helping Hands Stay at Home Care.
Aged & Disabled Waiver ages 65+ and Title III of Older American's Act ages 60 +	Cheryl Brunz Aging Office of Western Nebraska, 1517 Broadway, Suite 122, Scottsbluff, NE 69361 Phone: (308) 635-0851 Email: <a href="mailto:Cheryl.brunz@aown.org">Cheryl.brunz@aown.org</a>	Enrollment with Maximus. Electronic Visit Verification to log hours is done by using cell phone or computer.
Aged & Disabled All Ages	CareTech Inc. is a provider for the Aged & Disabled Waiver. If you would like to be an employee instead of an independent provider, please see the section on Agencies who hire providers.	
Developmental Disabilities Waiver	DD Provider Relations 301 Centennial Mall S., PO Box 98947, Lincoln NE 68509-8947 Phone: (877) 667-6266 Email: <a href="mailto:dhhs.ddproviderrelations@nebraska.gov">dhhs.ddproviderrelations@nebraska.gov</a>	Enrollment with Maximus. Electronic Visit Verification to log hours is done by using cell phone or computer.

Foster Parents	Melisa Misegadis, Guardian Light Family Services Phone: (308) 870-7260 Melissa.misegadis@guardian-light.com	To become a foster parent, you must pass an extensive background check, complete a training program, have a physical exam, provide references, show enough space in the home, provide evidence of financial stability and complete a home study. To learn more please call Melisa Misegadis.
Foster Parents	Sant Francis Ministries Teresa Robinson Phone: (402) 460-7296 <a href="mailto:Teresa.robinson@st-francis.org">Teresa.robinson@st-francis.org</a>	Just as children come from all walks of life, so do foster parents. You do not have to be wealthy, live in a big house, or be married. You simply need room in your heart and in your home to give children a safe space to heal and build hope. To learn more about the rewards of becoming a foster parent, please call Teresa Robinson.
Lifespan Respite Subsidy Program	Sherri Blome, Western Community Health Resources 300 Shelton St., Chadron, NE 69337 (866) 737-7483 <a href="mailto:respite@wchr.net">respite@wchr.net</a>	Annual background checks include: adult protective services, child protective services, sex offender, criminal history. One-time online orientation. Hours submitted on a paper billing document.

## Agencies Hiring In-Home Providers

Agency	Contact	Requirements
CareTech	<a href="http://www.caretechinc.com">www.caretechinc.com</a> James Farley <a href="mailto:james@caretechinc.com">james@caretechinc.com</a> Fred Kelly <a href="mailto:fred@caretechinc.com">fred@caretechinc.com</a> Phone: 1 (800) 991-7006	Complete application on Caretech website. Completed background check with adult protective services and child protective services central registry and law enforcement check.

## Volunteer Opportunities

Agency	Contact	Requirements
Buckboard Therapeutic Riding Academy	<a href="http://buckboardtherapeutic.weebly.com/">http://buckboardtherapeutic.weebly.com/</a> Kathy Gatch 270388 CR U Gering, NE 69341 (308) 783-2319 buckboard@vistabeam.com	14 years of age or older, flexible schedule with the ability to choose volunteer hours, dependable, have own transportation, attend training. No weekend hours.
Panhandle Connect Assist individuals to reach the closest transportation service or fill gaps when no transportation service is available with mileage reimbursed.	<a href="https://panhandletrails.com/">https://panhandletrails.com/</a> Jonnie Kusek, Panhandle Trails Intercity Public Transit 816 Flack Ave. Alliance, NE 69301 (308) 761-8747 panhandletrails@allophone.com	Is an authorized provider through the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. Successful bi-annual comprehensive background checks are required. Online and in-person training. Electronic scheduling and dispatching is utilized.
Chadron Community Hospital Home Health and Hospice	Diana Lecher, Chadron Community Hospital 825 Centennial Drive Chadron, NE 69337 (308) 432-5521 Diana.lecher@chadronhospital.com	To learn more about becoming a hospice volunteer, call (308) 432-5521.