



# Nebraska Court Improvement: Infant and Toddler Project

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# CIP – Infant and Toddler Project

- ◆ Increase the focus of infants and toddler needs in court hearing
- ◆ Enhance legal representation of cases involving infants and toddlers
- ◆ Increase understanding and focus on well being of court involved infants and toddlers
- ◆ Identify and address barriers for safety and well being for infants and toddlers in the court system
- ◆ Partner with other systems to improve well being of infants and toddlers



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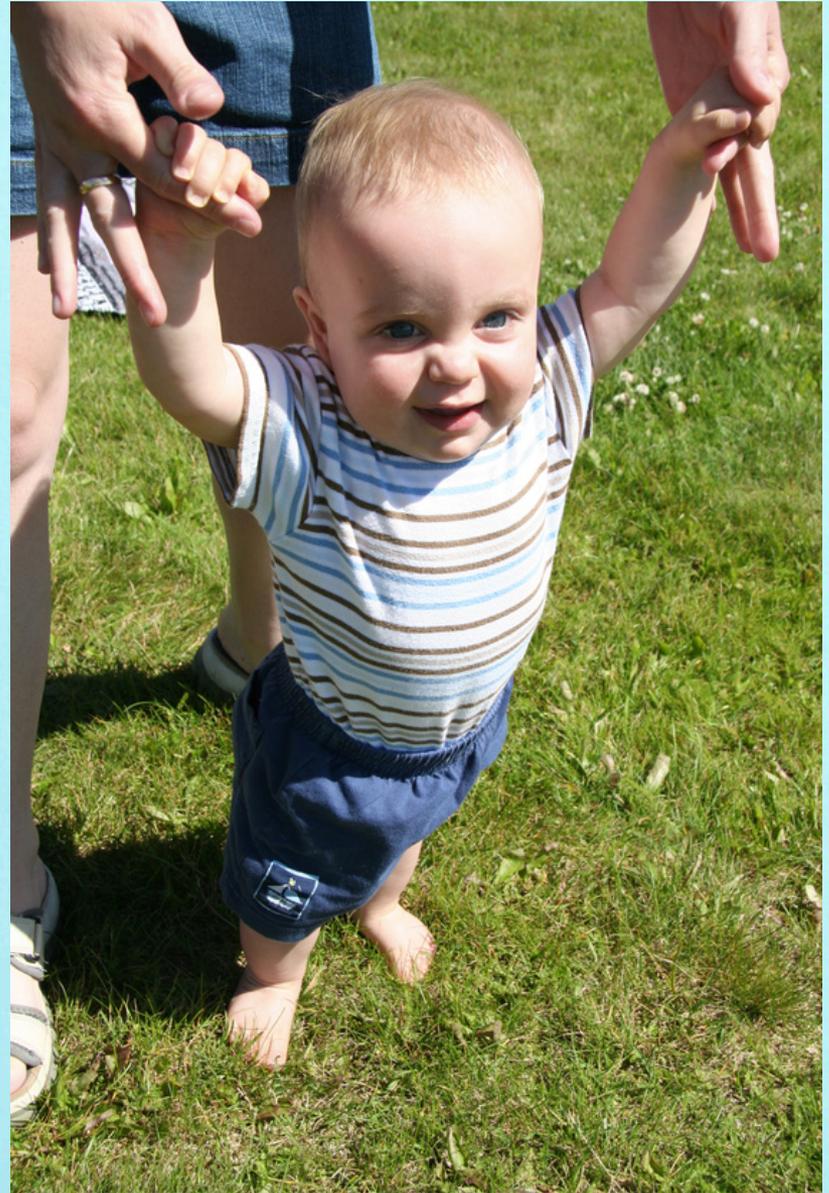
# Coordination

- ❖ Self-Assessment of System for Infants and Toddlers and planning
- ❖ Full system “walk through” or case file walk through for infants and toddlers
- ❖ Services Surveys and planning
- ❖ Barriers surveys and planning
- ❖ Engaging stakeholders and team planning around issues related to infants and toddlers
- ❖ Partnering with system – child care, medical, mental health, education



# Training

- ❖ Specific training topics already identified related to infants and toddlers
- ❖ GAL or attorney training about services/needs of infants and toddlers
- ❖ Multidisciplinary training on issues related to infants and toddlers
- ❖ Training about services specific to infants and toddlers and area resources



# Tools

- ❖ Sample GAL reports for infants and toddlers
- ❖ Checklists for Infants and Toddlers for caseworkers and attorneys
- ❖ CAPTA checklists
- ❖ Trauma Referral Tool
- ❖ Sample motions or forms
- ❖ Case specific consulting for difficult cases with infants and toddlers





# Thank- You

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