

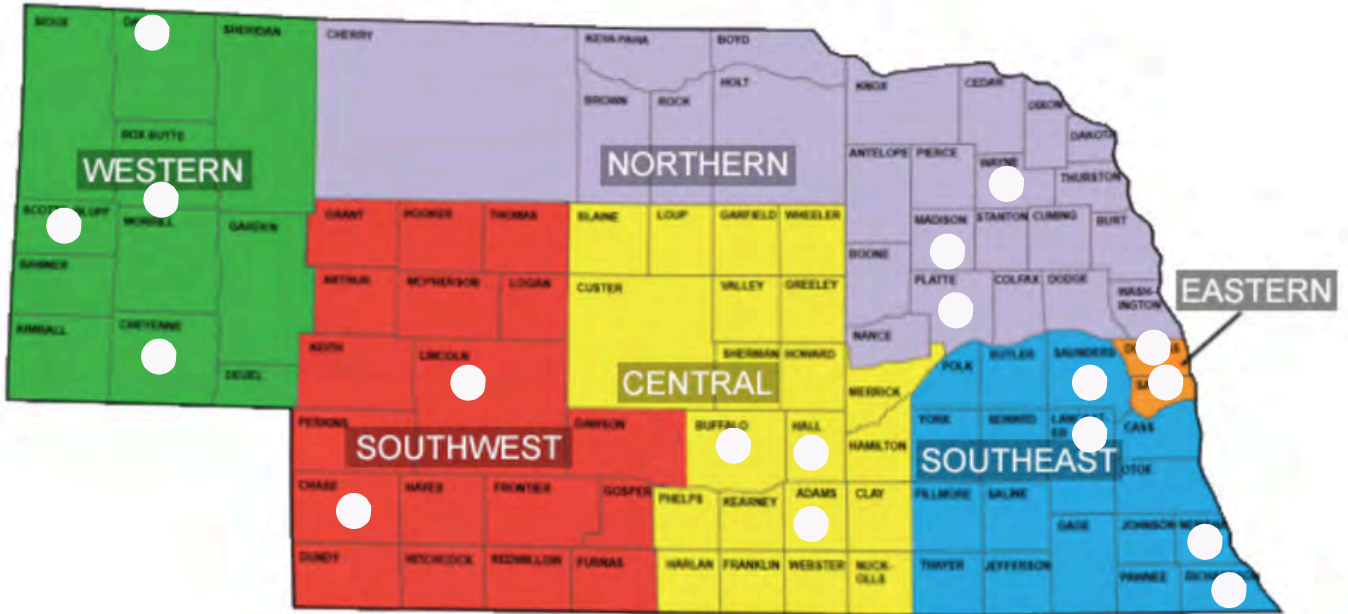
# FY25 ANNUAL REPORT

**RESPITE  
EMPLOYER  
ENGAGEMENT**



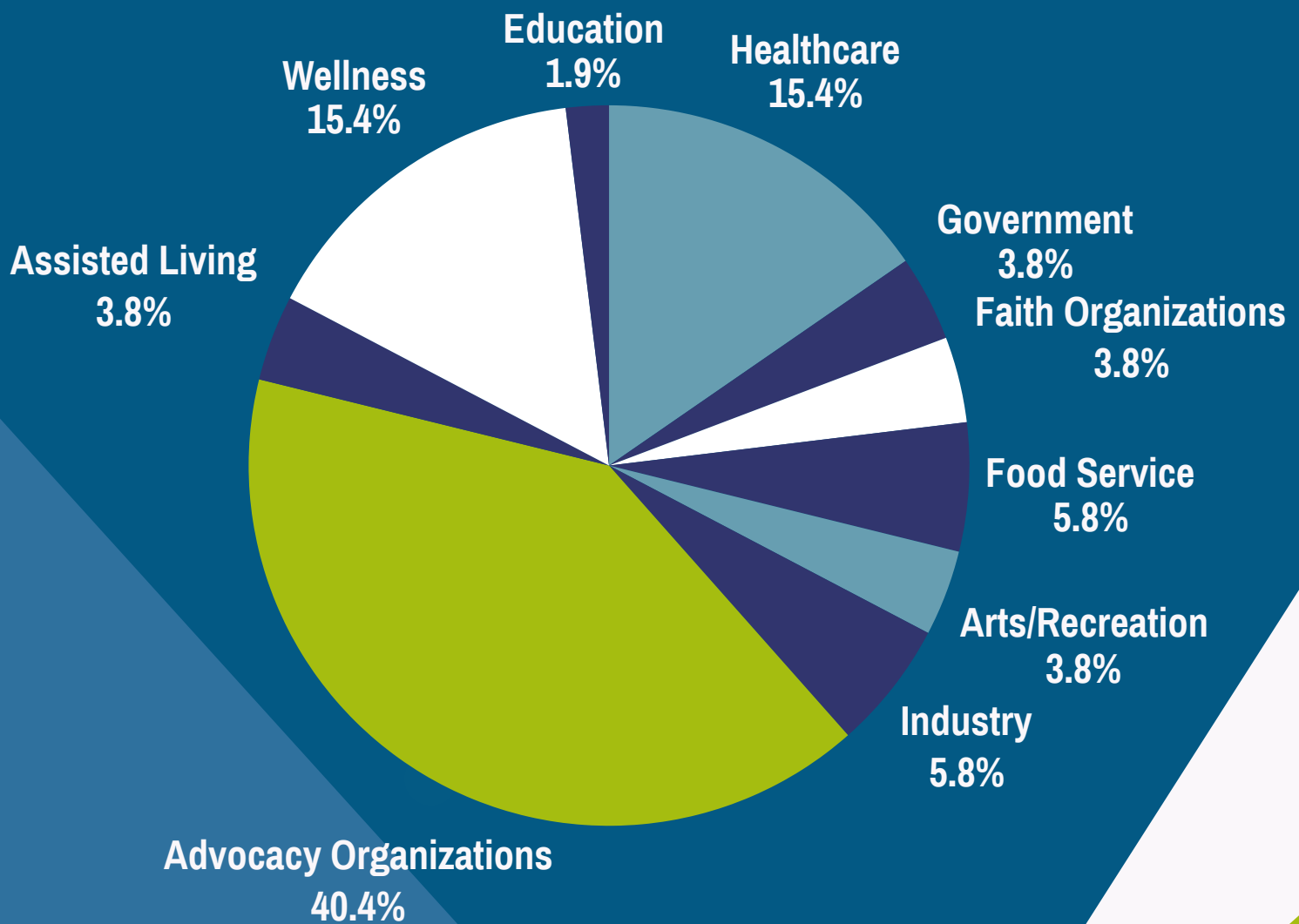
## EMPLOYER PARTICIPATION

A TOTAL OF 66 NEW EMPLOYERS AND ORGANIZATIONS  
STATEWIDE SHARED RESPITE INFORMATION AND  
RESOURCES WITH EMPLOYEES AND/OR VOLUNTEERS.



# EMPLOYER PARTICIPATION (CONT.)

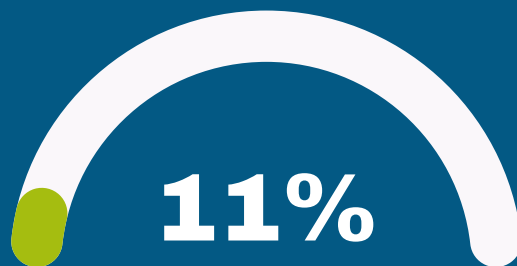
RESOURCES WERE SHARED BY A VARIETY OF EMPLOYERS, WITH THE MAJORITY BEING ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS.



# EMPLOYER LOGO SHARING

A TOTAL OF 7 EMPLOYERS PROVIDED WRITTEN CONSENT TO  
SHARE THEIR LOGO ON THE NLRN WEBSITE - **11%** OF ALL  
FY25 EMPLOYERS SHARING RESPITE

A TOTAL OF 46 EMPLOYER LOGOS ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE  
ON THE NLRN WEBSITE



[CLICK HERE FOR FULL LIST OF LOGOS ON WEBSITE](#)

# EMPLOYER LOGO SHARING (CONT.)

## SUMMARY REPORT OF 'CLICKS' PER LOGO

/employers	11
/employer-engagement	193
/employer-partners	15
/node332 (Georgia Bio)	10
/AAP	14
/AOWN	18
/Buckboard	14
/CAPWN-Health-Center	55
/Carpenter-Center	8
/centers-independent-living	70
/Chadron-Community-Hospital	7
/CHI-Health	2
/Consuming-Fire	5
/CRCC	1
/DSA	62
/EADAN	12
/early-development-network	2
/edgewood-healthcare	4
/Elkhorn-Logan-Valley-Public-	1
/ENOA	91
/ESU10	12
/ESU13	8
/ESU17	3
/ESU5	16
/ESU6	7
/Goldfish-Swim-School-Sarpy	9
/HETRA	249
/Horizon-Bank	9
/HWS	14
/ICRI	20
/Independence-Rising	23
/kiewitluminarium	2
/kthrp	54

/MCMT	36
/MHCS	3
/NE-Brain-Injury-Advisory-Cou	3
/Nebraska-EDN	8
/NebraskaMedicine	61
/NE-DHHS	10
/nenaaa	57
/Omaha-Childrens-Museum	1
/OmahaCommunityPlayhouse	2
/Panhandle-Gymnastics	1
/Panhandle-Partnership	16
/Panhandle-Trails	9
/Panhandle-Worksite-Wellnes	10
/PTI-Nebraska	17
/Rose-Theater	5
/RUB	3
/SCHD	2
/SE-District-Health-Dept	11
/skinny-bones	7
/Southwest-NE-Public-Health	4
/swimtastic	4
/TenderComposure	4
/Trails-Rails-Museum	34
/UCPNebraska	6
/UNMC-MMI	49
/WCHR	7
/We-Rock-the-Spectrum-Oma	11
/Yates	2
/YMCA-Scottsbluff	1

# NEBRASKA CAREGIVER SURVEY PARTICIPATION

A TOTAL OF **150** INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATED IN THE  
NEBRASKA CAREGIVER SURVEY  
BETWEEN JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025.

THE NEBRASKA CAREGIVER SURVEY IS  
AVAILABLE IN **25** LANGUAGES:

- ARABIC
- CENTRAL KURDISH
- CHINESE (SIMPLIFIED)
- ENGLISH
- FRENCH
- GERMAN
- HINDI
- ITALIAN
- JAPANESE
- KOREAN
- MYANMAR/BURMESE
- NEPALI
- PERSIAN
- PORTUGUES
- RUSSIAN
- SOMALI
- SPANISH
- SWAHILI
- TAGALOG
- TAMIL
- TELUGU
- THAI
- UKRAINIAN
- URDU
- VIETNAMESE

# VIRTUAL LEARNING SERIES

FY25 IMPLEMENTED A MONTHLY VIRTUAL LEARNING SERIES

## TOPICS INCLUDED:

- NEBRASKA LIFESPAN RESPITE NETWORK
- ENABLE SAVINGS PLANS
- MEDICALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN'S PROGRAM
- AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTERS
- NEBRASKA COMMISSION FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING
- NEBRASKA CAREGIVER TAX CREDIT
- NEBRASKA EARLY DEVELOPMENT NETWORK AND CHILD FIND
- DISABLED PERSONS AND FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM
- SUMMER EBT

ALL VIRTUAL LEARNING SERIES RECORDINGS AVAILABLE  
ON THE NLRN WEBSITE [HERE](#)

# PRESENTATIONS

- ASIAN CULTURE & COMMUNITY CENTER
- CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES OF SOUTHERN NEBRASKA
- COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD
- EAST AFRICAN DEVELOPMENTAL ASSOCIATION
- EMPOWERMENT IN SPECIAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE
- GIFFORD PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
- HEARTLAND WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT
- MMI AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER COMMUNITY GROUP
- NEBRASKA AFGHAN COMMUNITY CENTER
- NEBRASKA COMMISSION FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING
- NLRN VIRTUAL LEARNING SERIES
- OMAHA REFUGEE TASK FORCE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
- OMAHA REFUGEE TASK FORCE EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE
- STROKE SURVIVOR SUPPORT GROUP
- SOUTH OMAHA COMMUNITY CARE COUNCIL
- UNMC ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY



# COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

- NEBRASKA CAREGIVER COALITION
- AUSTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER COMMUNITY RESOURCE GROUP
- EASTERN RESPITE REGION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
- SOUTHWESTERN RESPITE REGION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
- WESTERN RESPITE REGION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
- OMAHA REFUGEE TASK FORCE
- OMAHA REFUGEE TASK FORCE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
- OMAHA REFUGEE TASK FORCE MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE
- OMAHA REFUGEE TASK FORCE EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE
- OMAHA REFUGEE TASK FORCE HEALTH COMMITTEE
- UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-OMAHA FAMILY ENGAGED EDUCATION TRAINING
- DHHS STAKEHOLDERS MEETINGS
- TRI-BOARD MEETING
- COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
- OPS PRT
- ESU #3 PRT
- ESU #23 PRT

# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- ARCH VIRTUAL RESPITE RESEARCH SUMMIT
- OMAHA WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
- SUPPORTED DECISION MAKING SUMMIT
- UNMC GENERATIVE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE SEMINAR
- PTI NEBRASKA COMMUNITY TRAININGS
- NATIONAL ACADEMIES OF SCIENCES, ENGINEERING, AND MEDICINE WORKSHOP
- AGING PARTNERS WEBINARS
- ARCH WEBINARS
- DISABILITY RIGHTS NEBRASKA WEBINAR
- NEBRASKA CAREGIVER COALITION WEBINARS
- FAMILY CARE ENHANCEMENT PROJECT INFORMATION SERIES
- LEND TRAININGS
- TRAUMA INFORMED CARE TRAINING
- NATIONAL ACADEMY FOR STATE HEALTH POLICY WEBINARS
- HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION WEBINAR
- OLDER ADULTS AND DISASTER TRAINING
- UNMC ABLEISM IN THE WORKPLACE TRAINING
- OMAHA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT WEBINAR
- DHHS DD LISTENING SESSION AND PUBLIC COMMENT
- CENTER FOR HEALTH JOURNALISM WEBINAR
- WEITZ FAMILY FOUNDATION INCLUSION TRAINING
- CIRA AND ACLU INCLUSION TRAINING
- THE IMMIGRANT LEARNING CENTER WEBINAR
- BOSTON UNIVERSITY SAFE TRAINING
- US CENSUS STAKEHOLDER WEBINAR
- CRCC PUBLIC ADVOCACY TRAINING

# QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

EMPLOYER ENGAGEMENT DISSEMINATED A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER TO ALL PAST AND PRESENT EMPLOYERS PARTICIPATING IN THE EMPLOYER ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVE -  
*A TOTAL OF 271 CONTACTS*

*ALL NEWSLETTERS ARE SHARED ON THE NLRN WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA FOR FURTHER DISSEMINATION*

[FY25 Q1 NEWSLETTER](#)

[FY25 Q2 NEWSLETTER](#)

[FY25 Q3 NEWSLETTER](#)

[FY25 Q4 NEWSLETTER](#)

# MARKETING MATERIALS

THE FOLLOWING MARKETING MATERIALS WERE CREATED  
IN FY25:

- POWERPOINT PRESENTATIONS
  - NLRN OVERVIEW
  - EMPLOYER ENGAGEMENT SPECIFIC
  - OUTREACH-SPECIFIC PRESENTATIONS
- NEBRASKA CAREGIVER SURVEY QR CODE
- EVENT FLYERS
- SOCIAL MEDIA CONTENT
- WEBSITE CONTENT
- TRANSLATED MATERIALS
- PROGRAM EVALUATION MATERIALS
- NEBRASKA CAREGIVER TAX CREDIT INFO SHEETS
- PRESS RELEASES
- NEWS STORIES

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- NEBRASKA MEDICINE NEW COLLEAGUE ORIENTATIONS
- UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA MEDICAL CENTER HEALTH FAIR
- OMAHA WOMEN'S HEALTH AND WELLNESS CONFERENCE
- UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA OMAHA HEALTH FAIR
- OUT OF THE DARKNESS SUICIDE PREVENTION WALK
- SUPPORTED DECISION MAKING SUMMIT RESOURCE FAIR
- MMI CARE COORDINATION RESOURCE FAIR
- 55+ JOB FAIR
- REFUGEE HEALTH FAIR



NEBRASKA MEDICINE NEW COLLEAGUE  
ORIENTATION



MMI CARE COORDINATION  
RESOURCE FAIR



REFUGEE HEALTH FAIR



55+ JOB FAIR



# COMMUNITY OUTREACH (CONT.)

- BLACK FAMILY HEALTH & WELLNESS ASSOCIATION HEALTH FAIR
- EMPOWERMENT IN SPECIAL EDUCATION RESOURCE DAY
- KROC CENTER AGING WELL HEALTH FAIR
- KIM FOUNDATION BEHAVIORAL & MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCE FAIR
- AFRICAN IMMIGRANT HEALTH FAIR
- WORLD REFUGEE DAY
- REFUGEE JOB FAIR



KROC CENTER AGING WELL HEALTH FAIR



OUT OF THE DARKNESS SUICIDE PREVENTION WALK



WORLD REFUGEE DAY



AFRICAN IMMIGRANT HEALTH FAIR



BLACK FAMILY HEALTH & WELLNESS ASSOCIATION HEALTH FAIR

# **COMMUNITY OUTREACH (CONT.)**

TOTAL ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS REACHED  
DURING COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENTS IN FY25:

**3,260 INDIVIDUALS REACHED**

MARKETING MATERIALS SHARED DURING OUTREACH:

- BROCHURES
- BUSINESS CARDS
- PROVIDER POSTCARDS
- SUBSIDY AND EXCEPTIONAL NEEDS APPLICATIONS
- PROVIDER APPLICATIONS
- "I AM A CAREGIVER" STICKERS
- NLRN SWAG (PENS, MAGNETS, CLIPS)
- NEBRASKA CAREGIVER SURVEY QR CODE

**3,490 MARKETING MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED**



# RESPIRE EVENTS



**AUTISM EATS  
HALLOWEEN PIZZA PARTY**



**AUTISM EATS  
BREAKFAST PAJAMA PARTY**  
**MMI MONTHLY STORY**



**HISPANIC LITTLE ANGELS**



**RESPIRE ZOO PICNIC**  
**MMI MONTHLY STORY**



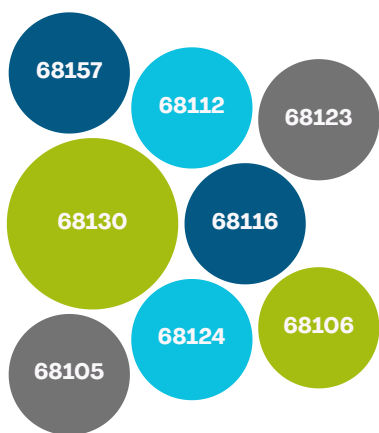
**A CONVERSATION  
ABOUT CAREGIVING**



# AUTISM EATS HALLOWEEN PIZZA PARTY

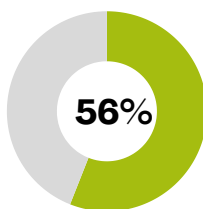
Hosted in collaboration with Autism Eats and Zio's Pizza on October 18, 2024  
60 registrations, 50 total attendees - 83.5% attendance rate

## Zip Codes of Attendees



**100% of attendees would attend again!**

## Participation in Satisfaction Survey



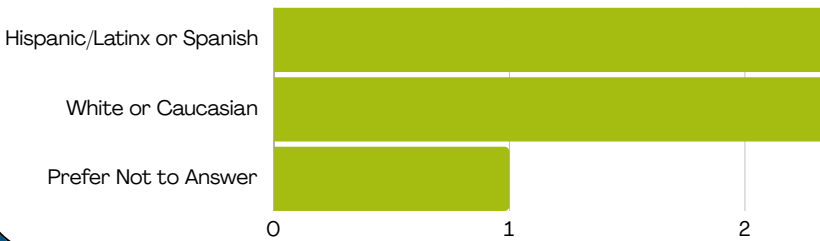
Survey return rate of 56%

**100% Satisfaction Rate for ALL categories: Food, Facility, Entertainment, Registration, Cost, and Overall Experience**

**78% surveyed said they would attend as often as possible, even monthly**

## Ethnicity/Race

**11% of attendees were bilingual**

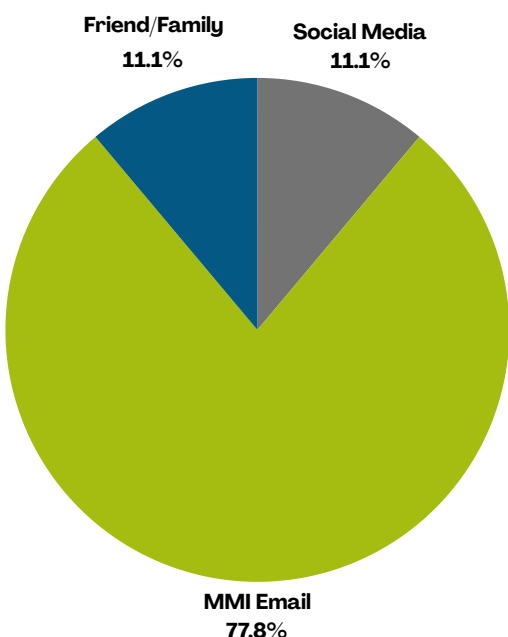


**100% of attendees said they felt safe out our event!**

**"Invite us back for every Autism Eats - we love it!"**

Omaha Police Department

## How did you learn about the event?



## Comments

"It is a great event!"

"I really would like the families to be introduced to others."

"Encourage more interaction between the guests/families."

"Can't really give input for improvement for the event, it seemed to run efficiently and had utilized the space provided by the restaurant well."

"I think they are very good as they are."

"Something with music? Sing along or instruments to play?"

"Very grateful with the person who organized this event, very kind, professional, and respectful."

"I really enjoyed the bigger venue at Zio's!"

"It was a very quiet environment and I think that helped my son to stay calm."

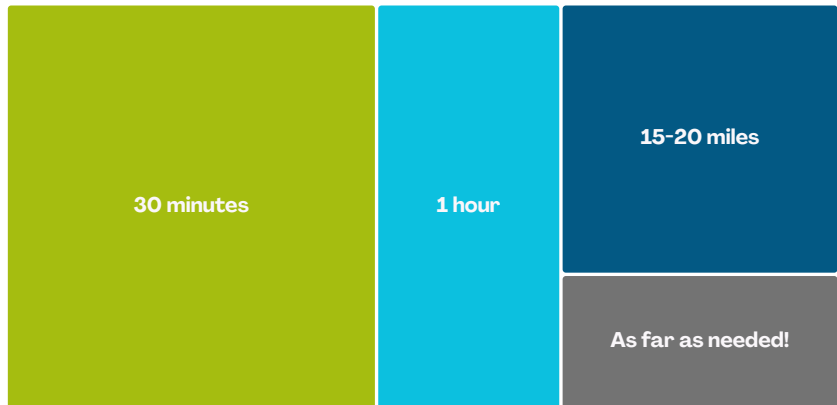
"Great job! It's wonderful to go out and not feel judged by others"

"It was good to see the kids enjoying the food and having a space to be them."

"You guys are doing a very good job and I appreciate that you guys do these events for families."

"Great event!"

## How far would you travel to attend ?



**\*Furthest traveled for this event was 20 miles**

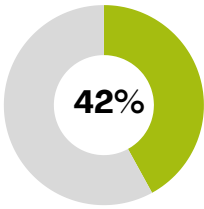




# HISPANIC LITTLE ANGELS 2024

Hosted on December 15, 2024 at Omaha St. Mary’s Church, Centro Pastoral Tepeyac on 36th and Q Street  
592 individuals registered (122 families), 494 total attendees – 83.5% attendance rate

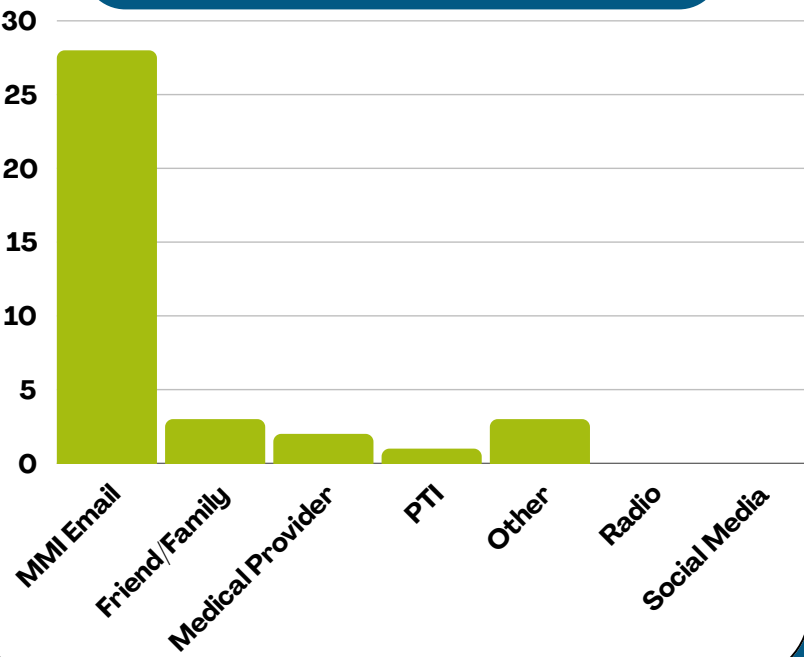
## Participation in Satisfaction Survey



Survey return rate of 42%  
n=46

96% of  
survey  
participants  
said they  
would  
attend this  
event again

## How did you learn about the event?



## Event Hosted with Support from the Following:

- Munroe-Meyer Institute’s Family Care Enhancement Project
- United Cerebral Palsy of Nebraska
- Heartland Workers Center
- La Nueva 99.7FM
- Monarkia Modeling
- St. Mary’s Church
- Grupo Raices de Mexico
- Grupo Folklorico de Omaha
- Daniel Bermudez
- Anthony Gutierrez
- Marta Gomez
- Kris Schwarz
- Mary’s Tortilleria Omaha
- Nietos Panaderia
- Panaderia el Paraiso
- Toys for Tots
- The Early Development Network
- Omaha Shriner’s Auxillery
- Special Olympics Nebraska
- Munroe Meyer Institute ACT/ACTION
- Munroe Meyer Institute Physical Therapy
- Mobility 101



Guests enjoyed cake and refreshments, face painting and balloon art, a chance to visit with Santa, and several dancing groups. Every child in attendance received a gift and every family received a HyVee gift card.



## Comments

“Amazing event!”

“I loved the event, the gifts were fabulous, my kids were able to enjoy the entertainment and we felt welcomed as a family. Thank you very much for thinking of our little angels.”

“Personally I would like the additional information tables’ people to also speak Spanish! Because of that problem I did not approach to ask for information.”

“Thank you very much for organizing these events.”

“I would like them to provide a meal such as birria or fried chicken.”

“Everything is excellent and we have always had a lot of communication”

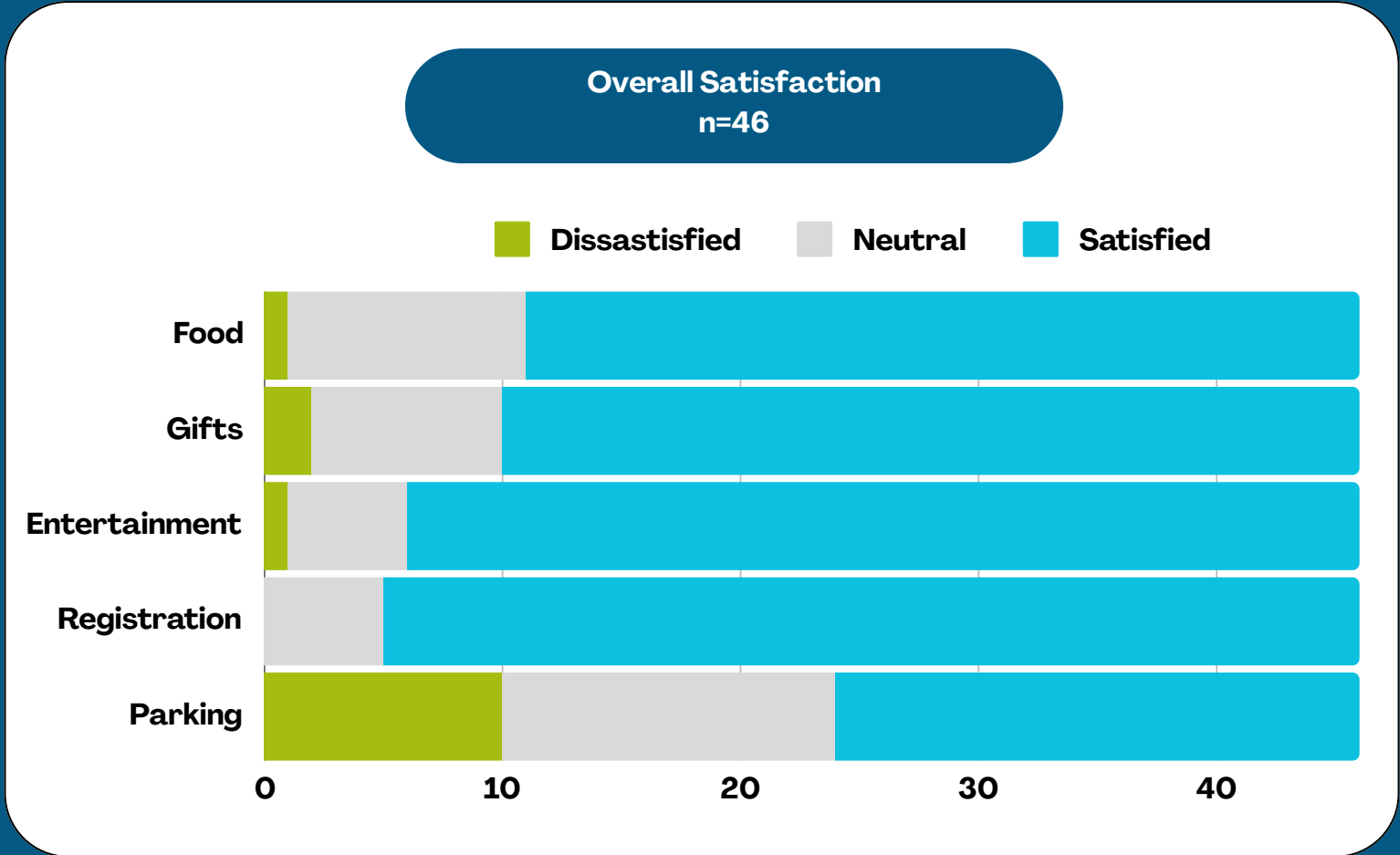
“Thank you very much for doing this. All my family had so much fun and my two boys who have autism were so happy as well. We loved our gifts.”

“Food or appetizers other than sweets would be great!”

“I loved that it was Santa!”

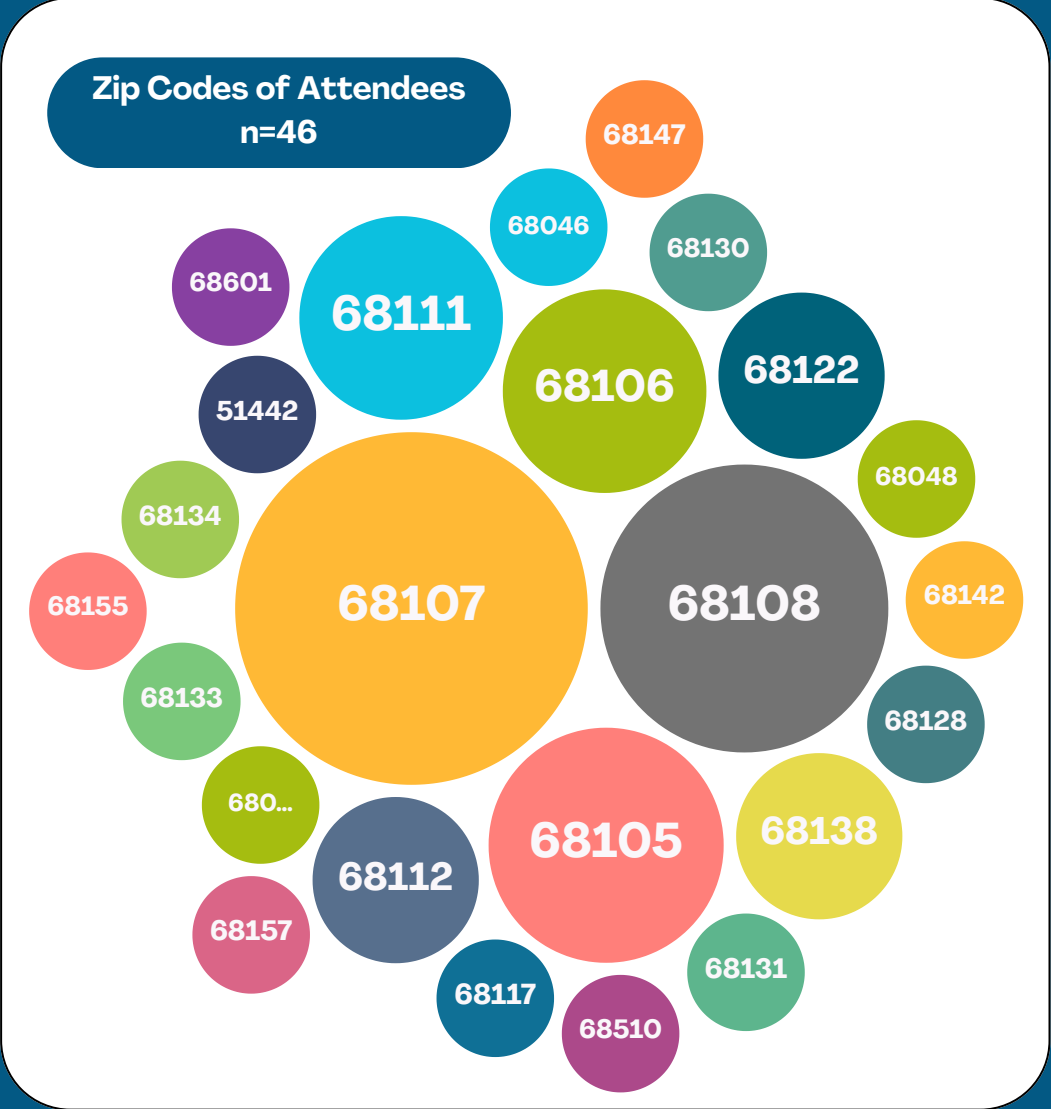
“Thank you very much in advance but in experience with my son he does not like noise so I get a lot of noise and many people with children with special conditions do not enjoy much because there are many children, in my opinion it should only be for children with special disabilities but thank you very much for everything”





**40% of survey participants attended for the first time in 2024**

"Invite us back, for I am very grateful to all the people who organized this event and not only thought about our children but about the whole family. God bless you."





# AUTISM EATS BRINNER PAJAMA PARTY

Hosted in collaboration with Autism Eats and Beacon Hills in Aksarben on March 20, 2025  
66 registrations, 53 total attendees - 80.4% attendance rate

## Zip Codes of Attendees



## Overall Satisfaction Survey Results

50% return rate on satisfaction survey

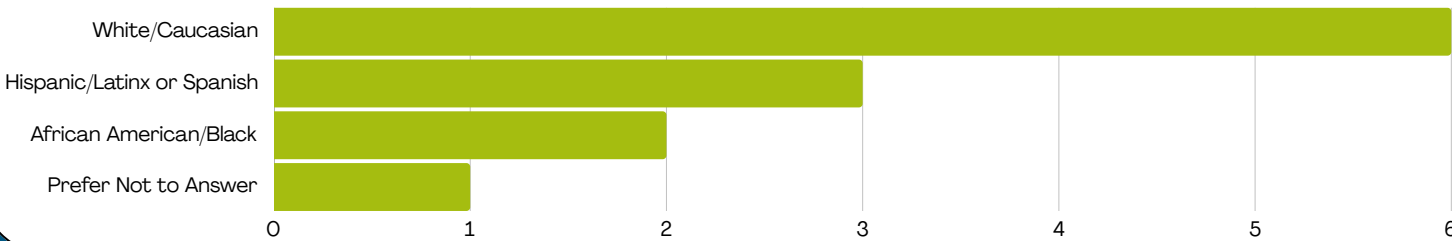
100% Satisfaction Rate for ALL categories:  
Food, Facility, Entertainment, Registration,  
Cost, and Overall Experience

100% of survey respondents would  
attend this event again

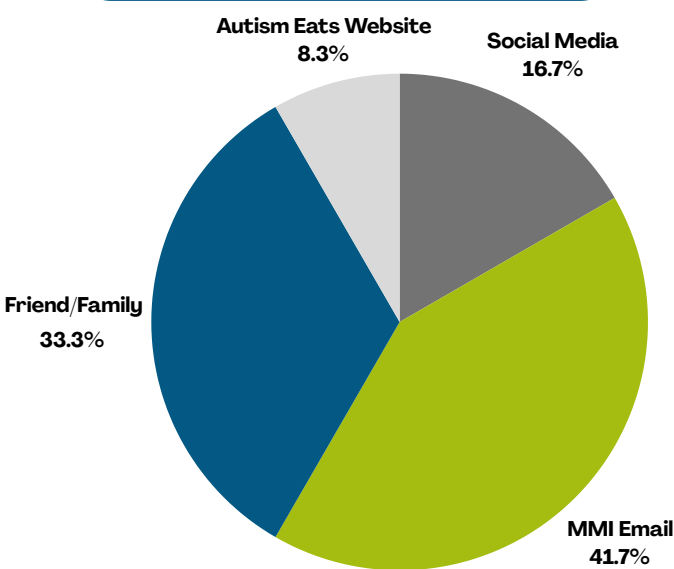
100% of  
attendees  
said they  
felt safe  
at our  
event!

## Ethnicity/Race

30% of attendees spoke a  
language other than English



## How did you learn about the event?



## Positive Feedback

"Thank you for supporting us!"

"My son and I had a great time."

"Beacon Hills did an excellent job of hosting the  
event, very impressed."

"The events keep getting better and well  
attended."

"We were happy with everything. The food was  
great and the people we met were wonderful."

"Thank you so much."

"I'd go at least 60 miles to attend and go as often  
as they are in the area."

"We were very well taken care of from the arrival  
until the end and the disabled children were very  
well cared for."

"The event was amazing. I loved the food, balloons,  
face painting and environment."

"I would attend as often as you have them!"

## Areas For Improvement

"More gluten free items would be terrific."

"Maybe have everyone write their own name tags to  
speed up the check-in process."

"More staff that speak Spanish."

"Ask all parents to participate more and attend other  
events."

60% of attendees said  
they would attend as  
often as possible!

Omaha Mayor Jean Stothert created a Proclamation in recognition of Autism Eats, The University of Nebraska Medical Center, and the Nebraska Lifespan Respite Network for their efforts in advocating and caring for individuals with Autism and the people that love them.  
April was declared Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month for the city of Omaha.





# FY25 RESPITE ZOO PICNIC

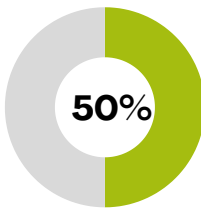
Hosted in collaboration with Omaha’s Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium on June 7, 2025  
100 registrations, 93 total attendees – 93% attendance rate

## Zip Codes of Attendees



78% of all participants were attending the event for the first time

## Participation in Satisfaction Survey

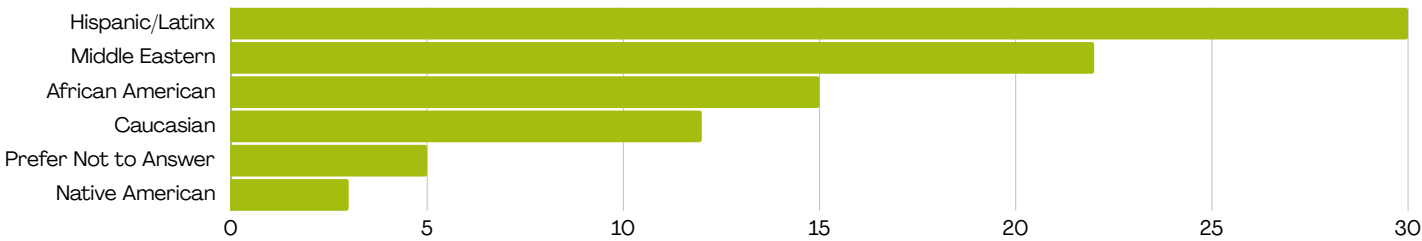


Survey return rate of 50%

92% overall satisfaction rate from survey participants

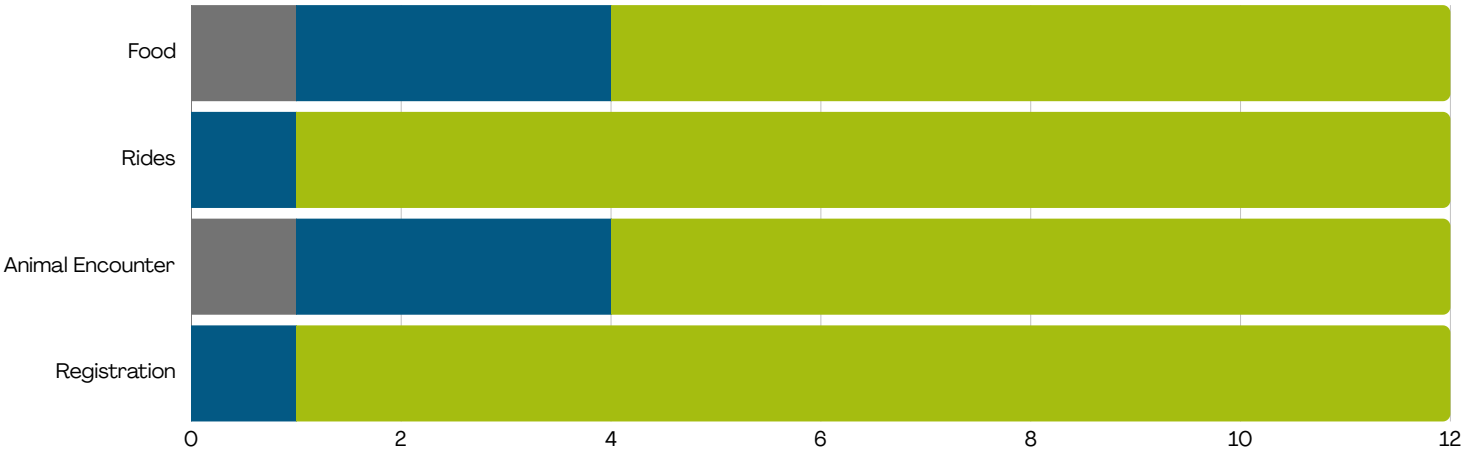
100% of survey participants said they would attend this event again

## Ethnicity/Race



## Survey Satisfaction Results

● Dissatisfied ● Neutral ● Satisfied



## Comments

“Our family really enjoy these activities. Thanks so much for everything!!”

“Great event!”

“I am very satisfied and the service was excellent 👍 I hope we continue to meet so that as parents we can take our children to have fun, and thank you very much to Lifespan Respite Family Support for inviting me.”

“It would’ve been great if there was a vegetarian hamburger option available! Not all of us exclusively eat meat and I would’ve been satisfied if the meal would’ve been filling with a vegetarian hamburger option instead of relying on the sliced tomatoes and lettuce and Lays for my picnic ‘meal’ option.”

“Thank you.”

“The people in charge of the event were very kind and attentive at all times.”

“The animal encounter and luncheon should be earlier in the day maybe closer to noon or one o’clock. Overall it was a great experience and we thank you”

“Had a wonderful time.”

“Was thinking a dessert would have been nice like cookies, also noticed did not have a vegetarian option.”

“I love miss Ryba she’s amazing support”



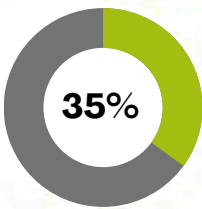


# FY25 “A Conversation About Caregiving”

Hosted in collaboration with multiple Nebraska advocacy organizations on June 26, 2025  
170 registrations, 93 total attendees – 55% attendance rate



## Participation in Satisfaction Survey



Survey return rate of 35%

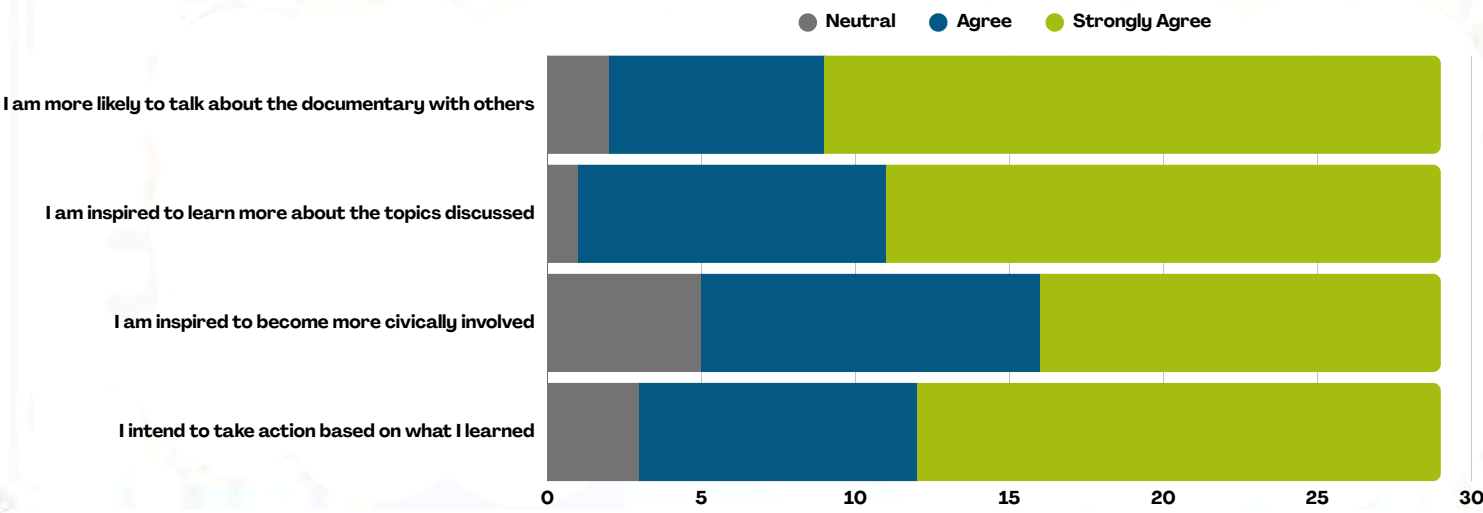
92% overall satisfaction rate from survey participants

100% of survey participants said they would attend this event again

86% of participants are family caregivers

76% of participants learned about new caregiving resources and supports

## Impact



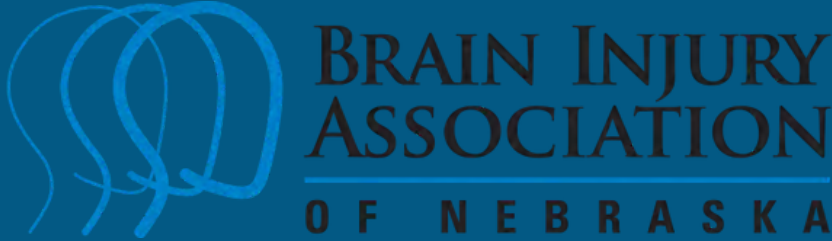
## Collaborating Organizations



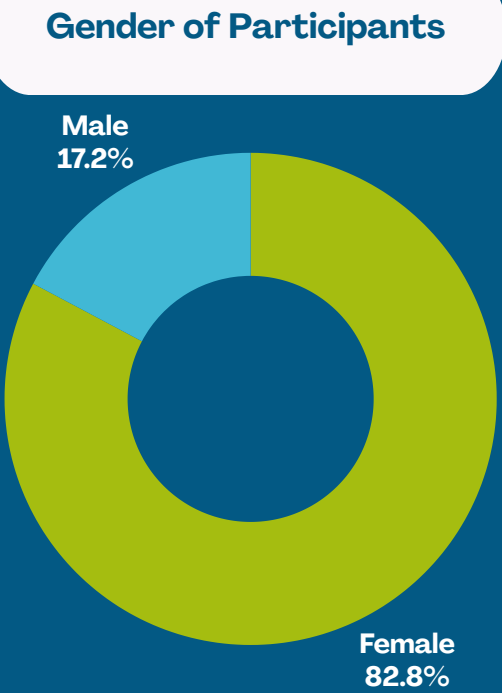
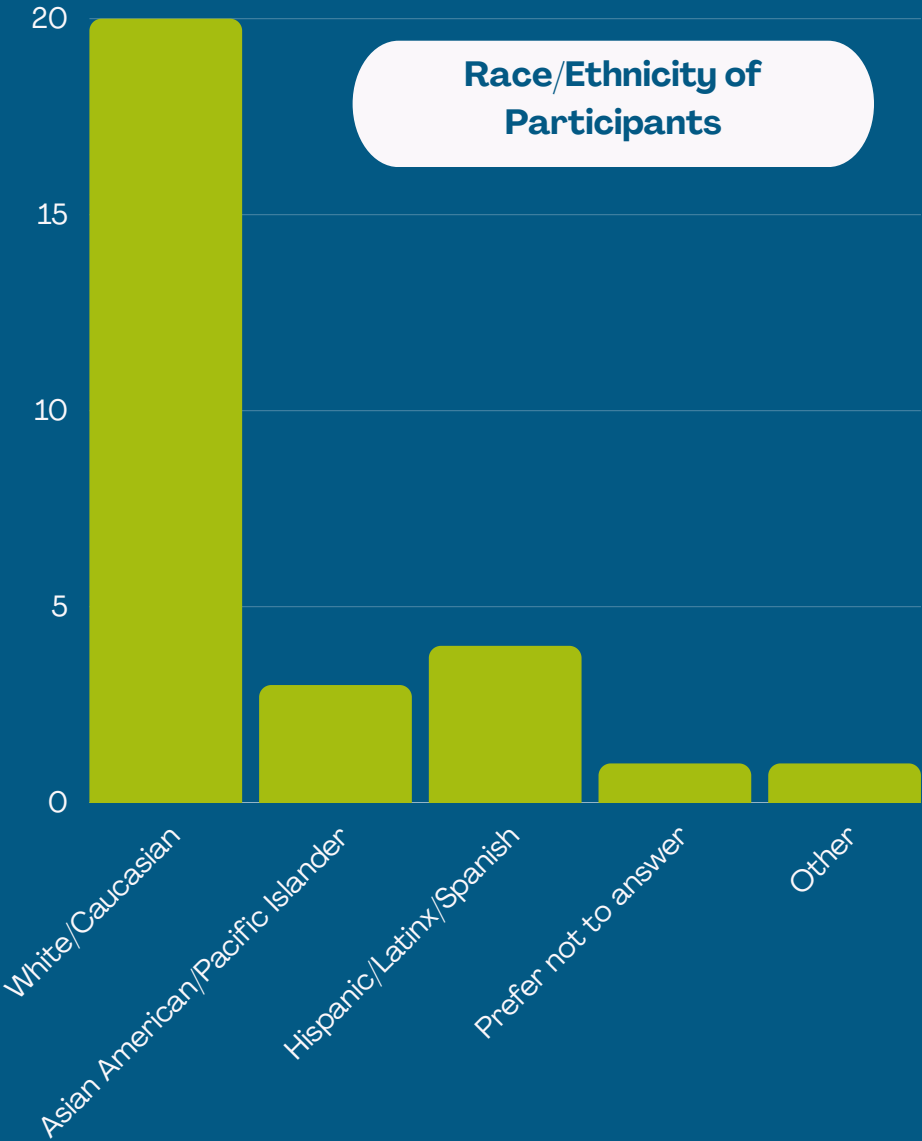
U.S. Department  
of Veterans Affairs



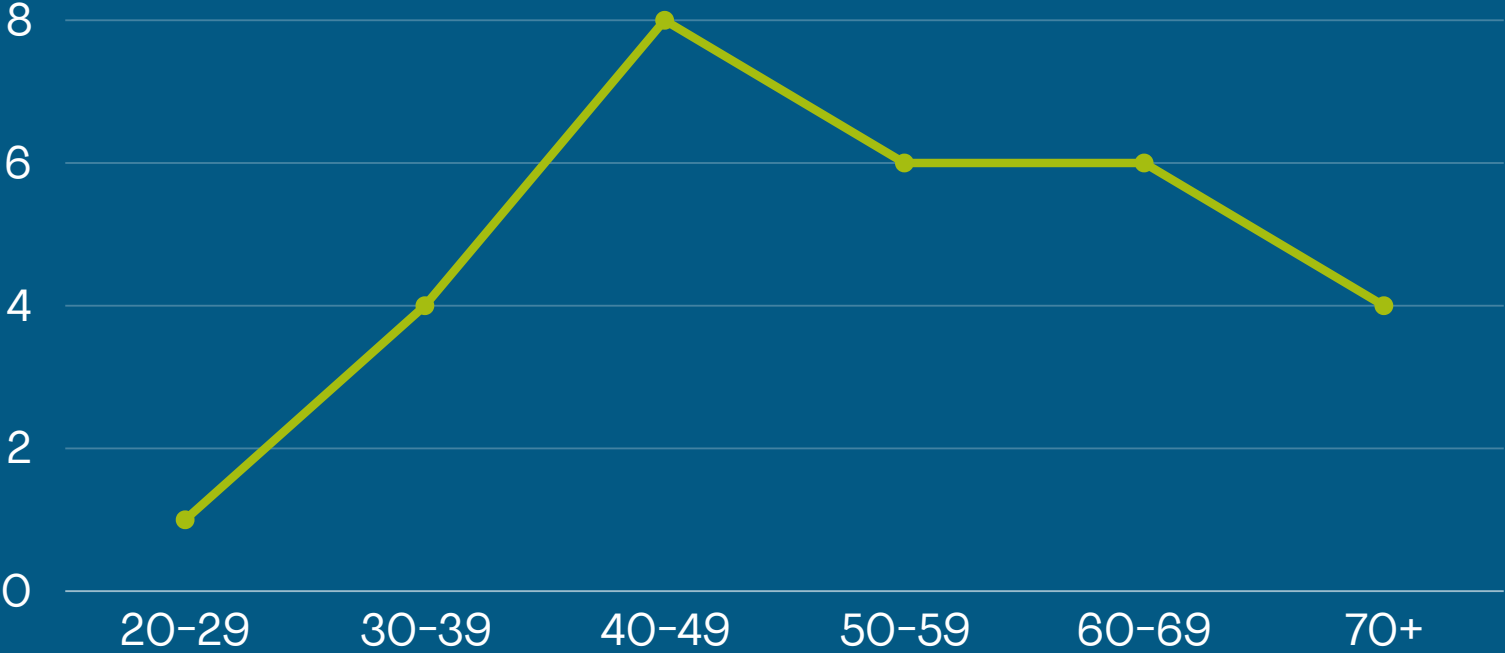
CENTER ON CHILDREN,  
FAMILIES, AND THE LAW



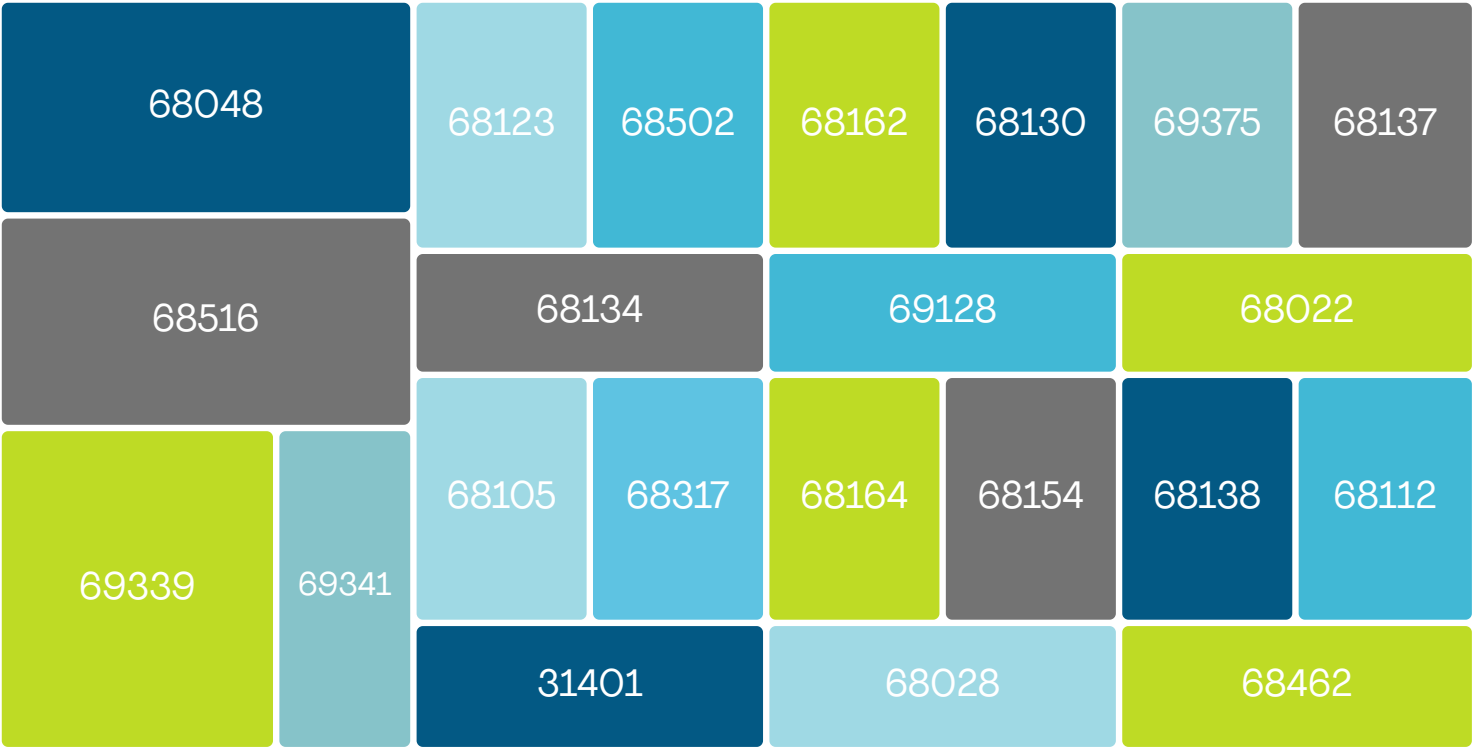




### Age of Participants



### Zip Codes



**Because of this event,  
I am motivated to:**

“take care of myself as a caregiver to be able to provide care for my mother”

“spread awareness to others from my professional position and further help my family”

“learn more about the tax credit bill and pass on the information to other caregivers”

“look into help for my brother who is a caregiver”

“share my caregiving journey with others”

“talk to my state senators and congress people”

“offer a similar event in Lincoln”

“Continue on with my plans of creating a Caregiver Support Program with my agency”

“engage in more advocacy work”

“keep going”



**Comments**

“I have recently become a caregiver for my mother-in-law who is on hospice and doing quite well. She requires 24 hour care and we are pretty exhausted. It is good to know we are not alone.”

“Made me aware of other people’s struggles as caregivers.”

“Life changing”

“Thank you to those who helped pass the Caregiver legislation.”

“At least I know people are out there pulling/pushing for positive changes in our caregiving system.”

“It opened my eyes to how other caregivers live life in the world.”

“Appreciated the story telling from each panelist.”

“The panel discussion was powerful and emotional.”

“Great panel and very touching stories.”

“It showed me that there are some really good people doing this amazing work.”

“We wish more of the resources would be offered in our area. Most of the resources are for the bigger cities in Nebraska.”

“Thank you for offering this virtually.”

“Thank you for shedding a light on this important topic!”





# TOTAL IMPACT

TOTAL ESTIMATED INDIVIDUALS REACHED STATEWIDE DURING  
FY25 EMPLOYER ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVE ACTIVITIES:

# 7,768 INDIVIDUALS REACHED

