

Local Review Board Impact

At the end of 2013 there were 48 Local Boards composed of 282 volunteer citizen reviewers from their local communities. These board members have completed required training and meet monthly to review the cases of children in foster care.

The FCRO in Nebraska exists due to the time and efforts of its volunteers. The FCRO State Advisory Committee and the Local Review Board members represent a variety of professions and occupations, including law, education, medicine, business, and social services. **Local and state board members donated over 27,072 hours of service during 2013.**

Thousands of unpaid hours are donated annually: The fair-market value of the time that of the FCRO State Advisory Committee and FCRO Local Review Board members donated in 2013 to assist the abused and neglected children of Nebraska, taken at a very **conservative estimate of ⁱ\$22.14 per hour would have been \$599,374.**

Per the 2013 Annual Report, in 2012 these local board members completed 4,675 reviews on 3,223 children.

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In order to provide the maximum beneficial input on a child's case, an attempt is made to select local board members from a variety of different occupations and backgrounds. A typical board might include an educator, a medical professional, an attorney, a mental health practitioner, and a foster parent.

The following is a list of the cities as of the end of 2013 that have one or more local foster care review boards:

Columbus, Fremont, Grand Island, Hastings, Kearney, Lexington, Lincoln, Norfolk, North Platte, Omaha, Papillion, Pierce, Scottsbluff/Gering, Tecumseh, South Sioux City, and York.

ⁱ * **National Value of Volunteer Time**

The estimated value of volunteer time for 2012 is \$22.14 per hour.

The estimate helps acknowledge the millions of individuals who dedicate their time, talents, and energy to making a difference. Charitable organizations can use this estimate to quantify the enormous value volunteers provide.

According to the Corporation for National and Community Service, about 64.3 million Americans, or 26.8 percent of the adult population, gave 7.9 billion hours of volunteer service worth \$171 billion in 2011.¹ For the latest information, please see www.volunteeringinamerica.gov.

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