**Information for North Omaha Collective Website**

**OUR LOGO**

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Symbolically, the tree represents the organizations and leaders that make up the **North Omaha Collective (NOC)**. Together the NOC members stand tall and are grounded in the rich history and culture of the North Omaha Community. Like a strong tree, NOC provides protection, stability, strength, regeneration. and support for youth and families in North Omaha.

The LEAVES represent the diversity in the individuals and families that make up our community.

Terra: (*The* *final design to be provided the week of September 18th*) This information may or may not be information that you feel should/could be added

**HEALING CENTERED ENGAGEMENT: The Foundation of Our Work**

**Healing Centered Engagement** is an asset-based, holistic, and culturally rooted approach to healing and well-being for young people of color and their adult allies.

The term was coined by [**Shawn A. Ginwright, Ph.D.**](http://www.shawnginwright.com/about-1-1) in 2018 and is based on more than 30 years of research and practice with young people, schools, probation departments, social workers, and many others. Dr. Ginwright earned his Doctorate of Philosophy in Education at the University of California at Berkeley. He is Professor of Africana Studies at San Francisco State University, an author, and founder and CEO of [**Flourish Agenda, Inc.**](https://flourishagenda.com/) Dr. Ginwright and the Flourish Agenda, Inc. team provided the North Omaha Collective technical support for two -years to support the launch of healing centered engagement training in Metropolitan Omaha.

Teaching the use of a healing centered approach restores hope, power, and possibilities. It helps to create approaches that improve social emotional well-being, and it cultivates practices that form personal, interpersonal, and institutional networks for innovation and learning.

Health centered engagement introduces practices and principles that support individuals and groups boost their:

* **Culture, Race, and Identity** - examines the harm individuals have experienced.
* **Agency** – teaches how to address personal, social, and community challenges
* **Relationships** – teaches the importance of moving from transactional to transformative relationships
* **Meaning** – creating opportunity to build on assets and think about purpose; and e) **Aspirations** –looking forward to and creating opportunities to restore well-being.

**NORTH OMAHA COLLECTIVE: Programs and Services**

**Health Centered Engagement Trainings:**

As a non-profit organization, North Omaha Collective will provide targeted Healing Centered Engagement training to youth serving organizations, youth groups, families, professionals working with you in the juvenile justice system, parents/guardians, non-profit organizations, faith-based organizations, and community residents.

**Youth Serving Organization Quarterly Focus Groups**

As a non-profit organization, utilizing the approach used by collectives, North Omaha Collective will create space for youth serving organizations to work together on a shared/common interests utilizing health centered engagement processes in their daily service delivery systems to achieve a common objective. Initially, plans are to gather bi-monthly. Among the focuses to be addressed by youth organization representatives:

* Opportunities for greater collaboration
* Assessing community conditions
* Identifying commonalities in challenges and opportunities
* Creating a process for engaging key stakeholders in addressing identified needs of organizations and/or families
* Creating capacity for change
* Implementing strategies that increase meaningful support and opportunities for youth and families
* Supporting infrastructure development for new/smaller youth serving organizations

**Resource Development:**

To ensure the growth and development of new/small youth serving agencies, NOC will create opportunities for capacity building through partnering, cross-training, resource development for:

* Grant writing
* Strategic planning
* Leadership development
* Fund development

**NORTH OMAHA COLLECTIVE MEMBERS: Our Commitment to Healing Centered Engagement**

*Terra: The photo, name and titles is what visitors will see. When they click on the image it will open up and the reader will see the member’s response about why they believe HCE is needed. I would love it if the when the page opens to their statement there would be another picture of the member. Maybe the cover photo is a bit more professional and the second photo is of the member more relaxed and personable. We can talk about if that is possible.*

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*Information to come*