



REFLECTIONS ON 2025

As Nebraska Cures began 2025, we faced one of the most challenging environments for medical research and public health in recent memory. Attacks on research funding reinforced the importance of our mission and the need for strong advocacy at both the state and national levels.

Throughout the year, Nebraska Cures remained committed to supporting research, innovation, and evidence-based policy. We continued our behavioral health coalition work, advancing conversations around mental health policy and preparing for the release of the coalition's statewide study. We also continued to expand Nebraska Women in STEM through the launch of a State Capitol Day our largest ever Nebraska Women in STEM Conference.

This report highlights these efforts and more. While 2025 brought significant challenges, it also underscored the importance of collaboration, advocacy, and investing in Nebraska's future.



Amanda McGill Johnson
Executive Director



Amanda McGill Johnson speaking at the
2025 Nebraska Women in STEM Conference

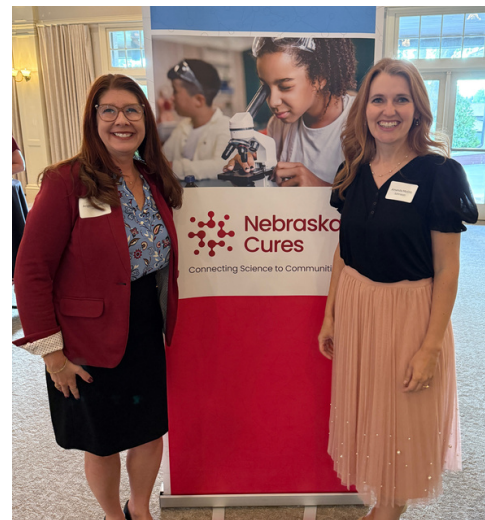
Our Mission: Nebraska Cures promotes, supports and advocates for scientific research and education to advance our quality of life and our economy.

Our Vision: Leading society to understand and embrace the importance of scientific research.

TRIBUTE RECEPTIONS



In 2025, we recognized the outstanding leadership in research and health care made by members of our community. Our Life Saver honorees in Omaha and Lincoln were Dr. Jeffrey Gold, John Sampson and Cory Vokoun Sampson. Our Women in Science were Dr. Ann Anderson Berry and Dr. Angela Pannier.



RESEARCH EDUCATION

Nebraska Cures brought together researchers from the University of Nebraska System, Creighton University, and Boys Town National Research Hospital to meet with policymakers on the federal and state levels to educate them on the importance of investing in biomedical research. During the 2025 legislative session, Nebraska Cures Executive Director Amanda McGill Johnson and board member Dr. Julie Strauss Sokoup testified against cuts before the Appropriations Committee.

Nebraska Cures also partnered with Bio Nebraska, Beyond School Bells, and ACEC Nebraska, to launch an advocacy training for Nebraska Women in STEM. Eighteen women came to the Capitol to meet with senators and discuss the importance of supporting the STEM workforce.



NEBRASKA WOMEN IN STEM

A PARTNERSHIP OF



We provide opportunities for women in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) to develop professionally, make connections, and promote policies that increase the number of women in STEM.

10 HOSTED EVENTS INCLUDING THIRD ANNUAL CONFERENCE 647 UNIQUE PARTICIPANTS

"The sense of community within Nebraska Women in STEM has bolstered my confidence, given me a safe space to seek advice, and helped me overcome feelings of isolation that can sometimes arise in male-dominated environments in the STEM fields. It's been incredibly empowering to connect with role models who have navigated similar paths, offering guidance and encouragement invaluable to my personal growth and well-being." – Pamela Martínez Oquendo

"I continue to be inspired by the passion of Nebraska Women in STEM. Their work in bringing the community together and building a space for collaboration, connection, and continuous learning empowers women to thrive, lead, and shape the future of STEM. Their impact is not only transforming individual careers but strengthening the entire STEM ecosystem of our state." – Martha Garcia-Murillo, Ph.D.



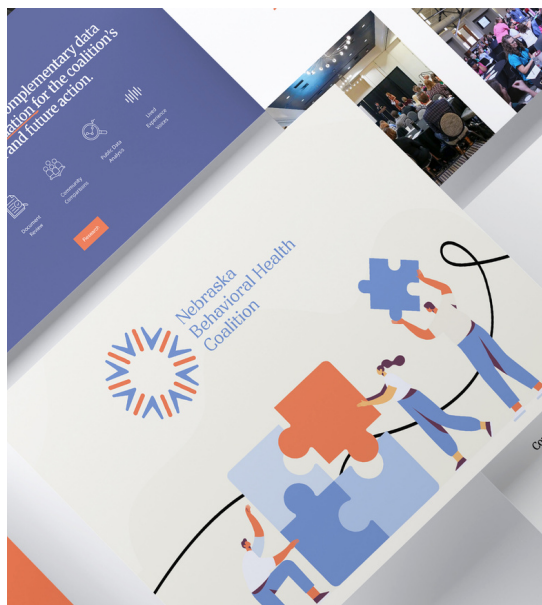
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The Nebraska Behavioral Health Coalition unites partners in coordinated action to strengthen mental health and substance use care statewide. Nebraska Cures serves on the advisory committee and co-chairs the Youth Mental Health Action Team.

CO-HOSTED THE SECOND ANNUAL NEBRASKA MENTAL HEALTH POLICY CONVENING.

RELEASED THE NEBRASKA MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE RESEARCH STUDY.



HOW TO HELP

Become a Science Advocate

Sign up to volunteer and help us spread the word by engaging with your elected officials and attending events.

Join a committee

We have committees guiding our advocacy & education efforts and a committee that plans Nebraska Women in STEM events.

Educate yourself & spread the word

Attend our virtual and in-person events to learn the latest on scientific research and advocacy. Engage with us on social media and share valuable information with your friends.

Donate

Our work is possible through the support of donors. Every donation, big or small, makes a difference!

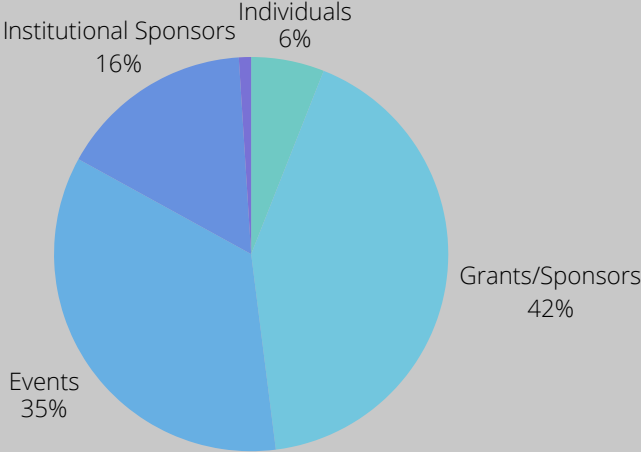
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2025 REVENUE



2025 EXPENSES

