

**MINUTES  
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2012  
COMMISSIONERS HEARING ROOM, ROOM 112  
FIRST FLOOR, COUNTY-CITY BUILDING  
9:30 A.M.**

*Advance public notice of the Board of Commissioners meeting was posted on the County-City Building bulletin board and the Lancaster County, Nebraska, web site and emailed to the media on November 2, 2012.*

Commissioners present: Deb Schorr, Chair  
Bernie Heier  
Jane Raybould  
Brent Smoyer

Commissioners absent: Larry Hudkins, Vice Chair

Others present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer  
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
Richard Grabow, Deputy County Attorney  
Dan Nolte, County Clerk  
Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk  
Angela Zocholl, County Clerk's Office

The location announcement of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was given and the meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

1) **MINUTES: Approval of the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting held on Tuesday, October 30, 2012.**

**MOTION:** Smoyer moved and Heier seconded approval of the minutes. Raybould, Heier, Smoyer and Schorr voted aye. Hudkins was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

2) **CLAIMS: Approval of all claims processed through Tuesday, November 6, 2012.**

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Smoyer seconded approval of the claims. Raybould, Heier, Smoyer and Schorr voted aye. Hudkins was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

3) **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

- A. **Funding and development of the prevention system within Region V, the State Epidemiological Workgroup, Southeast Nebraska and Drug Advisory Boards and acknowledgment of the local coalition and Youth Action Board (YAB) members – Sandy Morrissey, Director of Regional Prevention Coalition (RPC).**

Sandy Morrissey discussed the 2012-2013 prevention federal block grant funds, the Lancaster Prevention Coalition and current programs (Exhibit A). Derek Effle, Prevention Specialist for Region V Systems, discussed the Youth Action Board and the June Jam event.

4) **NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Recommendations from the Personnel Policy Board to do the following:**

1. **Create the classification of Jury Clerk.**
2. **Change the class title and pay grade and revise the classification of Community Corrections Screening Clinician.**
3. **Revise the AFSCME County Engineer Pay Plan G.**
4. **Revise FOP #77 Juvenile Detention Officers Pay Plan Y.**

Nicole Gross, Personnel Compensation Technician, said the classification of Jury Clerk was created by combining the Court Clerk and Court Services Clerk classifications since there was no significant difference between the two. She said the classification of Community Corrections Screening Clinician was originally created with the idea of the position being more clinical, but it has been determined over time that it is not needed. The class title will be changed to Community Corrections Screening Specialist, removing the clinician duties and downgrading the pay scale.

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Raybould seconded approval of the recommendations. Smoyer, Raybould, Heier and Schorr voted aye. Hudkins was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

**B. A recommendation from the Purchasing Agent and County Corrections to award a bid to Vology Data Systems in the amount of \$44,887 for the indoor 802.11 wireless system. (B-12-0037)**

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Raybould seconded approval of the recommendation. Raybould, Heier, Smoyer and Schorr voted aye. Hudkins was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

**C. Reappointment of Judi Cook, Jim Culver, Marian Langan, Dennis Schroeder and Dayle Williamson and appointment of Dave Wedin to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Ecological Advisory Committee for three-year terms commencing January 1, 2013, and ending December 31, 2015.**

**MOTION:** Raybould moved and Heier seconded approval of the reappointments and appointment. Raybould, Heier, Smoyer and Schorr voted aye. Hudkins was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

**D. A grant contract between Lancaster County as the sponsor and the Nebraska High School Sports Hall of Fame as the grantee for a grant in the amount of \$2,500 from the Lancaster County Visitors Improvement Fund. The grant period is June 1, 2012, to December 31, 2012. (C-12-0636)**

**MOTION:** Smoyer moved and Raybould seconded approval of the contract. Heier, Smoyer, Raybould and Schorr voted aye. Hudkins was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

**E. A cooperative agreement with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services for child support enforcement (Lancaster County Child Support Referee) for the period of October 1, 2012, to September 30, 2013. (C-12-0630)**

**MOTION:** Raybould moved and Heier seconded approval of the agreement. Smoyer, Raybould, Heier and Schorr voted aye. Hudkins was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

**NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

- F. **An amendment to County Contract C-11-0380 with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services for the services of the Lancaster County Child Support Referee. The amendment amends the total grant award to \$278,720. (C-12-0631)**

**MOTION:** Raybould moved and Heier seconded approval of the amendment. Raybould, Heier, Smoyer and Schorr voted aye. Hudkins was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

- G. **An amendment to County Contract C-11-0463 with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services for services of the Clerk of the District Court in child support. The amendment provides that the Department will pay the County \$545,376 for the services. (C-12-0632)**

**MOTION:** Raybould moved and Heier seconded approval of the amendment. Raybould, Heier, Smoyer and Schorr voted aye. Hudkins was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

- H. **A grant contract with St. Monica's Behavioral Health Services for Women to provide funding for the Project Mother & Child program (\$20,000) and the Intensive Outpatient program (\$20,000) in the amount of \$40,000. Term of the grant contract is July 1, 2012, to June 30, 2013. (C-12-0637)**

**MOTION:** Raybould moved and Smoyer seconded approval of the contract. Heier, Smoyer, Raybould and Schorr voted aye. Hudkins was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

- 5) **CONSENT ITEMS: *These are routine business items that are expected to be adopted without dissent. Any individual item may be removed for special discussion and consideration by a Commissioner or by any member of the public without prior notice. Unless there is an exception, these items will be approved as one with a single vote of the Board of Commissioners. These items are approval of:***

- A. **Right-of-way contracts between the County Engineer and the following:**
1. **Robert Scott and Jean Marie McGill, N. 134<sup>th</sup> Street and Davey Road, in the amount of \$865; Project CP-A-72. (C-12-0633)**
  2. **Douglas Clark, Denton Road, as a donation; Project STPE-3305(9). (C-12-0634)**
- B. **A right-of-entry contract between the County Engineer and Dennis and Debra Malousek, Waverly Road, in the amount of \$50; Project C55-F-417(3). (C-12-0635)**
- C. **Receive and place on file the following monthly reports for October 2012:**
1. **County Clerk**
  2. **Clerk of the District Court**

**MOTION:** Smoyer moved and Raybould seconded approval of the consent items. Smoyer, Raybould, Heier and Schorr voted aye. Hudkins was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

- 6) **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Those wishing to speak on items relating to County business not on the agenda may do so at this time.

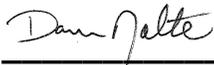
No one appeared for public comment.

7) **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold a staff meeting on Thursday, November 8, 2012, at 8:30 a.m., in Room 113 on the first floor of the County-City Building.
- B. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold their next regular meeting on Tuesday, November 13, 2012, at 9:30 a.m., in Room 112 on the first floor of the County-City Building.
- C. A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 20, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., in Room 112 on the first floor of the County-City Building regarding the One and Six-Year Road and Bridge Improvement Program for July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2018.
- D. The County Commissioners can be reached at 402-441-7447 or [commish@lancaster.ne.gov](mailto:commish@lancaster.ne.gov).
- E. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners meeting is broadcast live. It is rebroadcast on Tuesday and Saturday on 5 City-TV, Cable Channel 5. In addition, the meeting may be viewed on Nebraska On Demand Time Warner Channel 411 and on the internet at [lancaster.ne.gov](http://lancaster.ne.gov). Click on 5 City-TV Video on Demand.

8) **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Raybould moved and Smoyer seconded to adjourn the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:51 a.m. Raybould, Heier, Smoyer and Schorr voted aye. Hudkins was absent. Motion carried 4-0.



**Dan Nolte**  
Lancaster County Clerk



**MINUTES**  
**LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2012**  
**COMMISSIONERS HEARING ROOM, ROOM 112**  
**FIRST FLOOR, COUNTY-CITY BUILDING**  
**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE LANCASTER COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

*Advance public notice of the Board of Equalization meeting was posted on the County-City Building bulletin board and the Lancaster County, Nebraska, web site and emailed to the media on November 2, 2012.*

Commissioners present: Deb Schorr, Chair  
Bernie Heier  
Jane Raybould  
Brent Smoyer

Commissioners absent: Larry Hudkins, Vice Chair

Others present: Norm Agena, County Assessor/Register of Deeds  
Scott Gaines, Deputy County Assessor/Register of Deeds  
Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer  
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
Richard Grabow, Deputy County Attorney  
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1) **MINUTES: Approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting held on Tuesday, October 30, 2012.**

**MOTION:** Raybould moved and Heier seconded approval of the minutes. Raybould, Heier, Smoyer and Schorr voted aye. Hudkins was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

2) **ADDITIONS AND DEDUCTIONS TO THE TAX ASSESSMENT ROLLS (See attached additions and deductions)**

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Smoyer seconded approval of the additions and deductions. Raybould, Heier, Smoyer and Schorr voted aye. Hudkins was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

3) **APPEAL OF HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION REJECTION:**

**Rex & Lou Cinda Wamsley**

**APPEAL OF HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION REJECTION CONTINUED:**

Scott Gaines, Deputy County Assessor/Register of Deeds, said the State's Homestead Exemption program pays property taxes for homeowners deemed eligible per State statutes. For Lancaster County this year, \$360,200 is the assessed property value maximum. He said the rejection is solely based on the Wamsley property exceeding the maximum value allowed as dictated by statute.

Schorr questioned how the maximum value is determined. Gaines said it is 225% of the average residential property value for each county.

Raybould noted another property owned by the Wamsleys and questioned granting exemption on it. Gaines said homestead exemption could only be granted for the property where the applicant lives.

**MOTION:** Heier moved approval of the rejection. He then withdrew his motion for further discussion.

Robert Wamsley, son of Rex & Lou Cinda Wamsley, said both his parents are considered 100% combat disabled veterans. He questioned if both could qualify since each own 50% of the house.

Gaines said the statutes are distinct on income level regarding a married couple or additional relatives residing on the property; however, there is no definition on the property itself. To treat the individuals as separate entities would require a statute change.

Smoyer questioned if they had qualified previously. Wamsley said they had, but over the past few years, the property's value has continued to rise despite there being no changes to it.

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Raybould seconded denial of the appeal. Heier, Smoyer, Raybould and Schorr voted aye. Hudkins was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

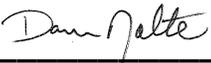
4) **PROPOSED CHANGE IN EXEMPTION STATUS:**

**Catholic Bishop of Lincoln  
Nebraska Annual Conference of the United Methodist  
The Salvation Army**

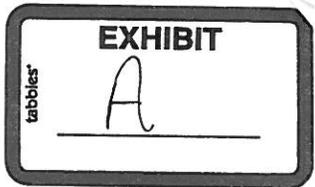
**MOTION:** Raybould moved and Heier seconded approval of the proposed changes in exemption status. Raybould, Heier, Smoyer and Schorr voted aye. Hudkins was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

5) **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Raybould seconded to adjourn the Board of Equalization meeting at 10:00 a.m. Raybould, Heier, Smoyer and Schorr voted aye. Hudkins was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

  
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**Dan Nolte  
Lancaster County Clerk**





## Region V Systems 2012-2013 Prevention Federal Block Grant Recipients

Contracting Entity	Purpose	Contract Period	Annual Monetary Value	Reviewed By
Mead Community Group	Prevention Federal Block Grant	July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012	\$1,543	Prevention Team Management
Gage County Community Coalition	Prevention Federal Block Grant	July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013	\$15,663	Prevention Team Management
Jefferson County Community Coalition	Prevention Federal Block Grant	July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013	\$16,330	Prevention Team Management
Johnson County Community Coalition	Prevention Federal Block Grant	July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013	\$8,517	Prevention Team Management
Lancaster County Substance Abuse Action Coalition	Prevention Federal Block Grant	July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013	\$96,226	Prevention Team Management
Nemaha Against Drug and Alcohol Abuse	Prevention Federal Block Grant	July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013	\$14,382	Prevention Team Management
Partners for Otoe County	Prevention Federal Block Grant	July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013	\$20,865	Prevention Team Management
Polk Substance Abuse Coalition	Prevention Federal Block Grant	July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013	\$10,846	Prevention Team Management
Richardson County Prevention is Key Coalition	Prevention Federal Block Grant	July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013	\$6,988	Prevention Team Management
Seward County Bridges	Prevention Federal Block Grant	July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013	\$15,038	Prevention Team Management
Thayer County Prevention Coalition	Prevention Federal Block Grant	July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013	\$11,421	Prevention Team Management
York County Drug Task Force	Prevention Federal Block Grant	July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013	\$6,134	Prevention Team Management
Pawnee County PAC	Prevention Federal Block Grant	July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013	\$2,611	Prevention Team Management
			<b>\$226,564</b>	

\*Contingent upon contract negotiation

## Lancaster Prevention Coalition

The Lancaster Prevention Coalition is made up of the 9 Community Groups based in Lincoln/Lancaster County School communities that work to provide locally based prevention activities aimed at underage drinking, binge drinking, drinking and driving and enlisting parents in prevention efforts. Individual Community Groups are comprised of parents, students, teachers, staff, faith communities, business representatives and any Lancaster County citizen who has a desire to work within their neighborhoods and communities to move from concerns about substance abuse to proven and practical efforts tailor- made for their community. Community Groups are active in the following school communities: Lincoln Northeast (N-Acts), Lincoln Southeast (Southeast Prevention Coalition), Lincoln East (East Community Group), Lincoln High (Lincoln High/Near South Community Group), Lincoln Southwest (Southwest Community Group), Malcolm (Malcolm Action Committee), Raymond Central (Raymond Central Positive Actions Committee), Norris (Norris C.A. R. E. S.) and Waverly (Dist. 145 Prevention Coalition).

### Community Group Leads:

**East Community Group:** Elizabeth Jessen - Chair, Lynne Hershey – School Liaison

**Southeast Community Group:** Cindy Potthoff – Co-Chair, Ken Sieckmeyer – Co-Chair

**N-ACTS (Lincoln Northeast):** Susie Carlson – Co-Chair, Doug Kruce – Co-Chair

**Lincoln High/Near South:** Lori Cook – Chair, Nancy Wolfe – School Liaison

**Raymond Central:** Laura Trautman – Chair

**M.A.C (Malcolm):** Sue Vanderkolk – Chair, Deb Faimon – School Liaison

**Norris C.A.R.E.S. :** Lisa Loeske – Chair

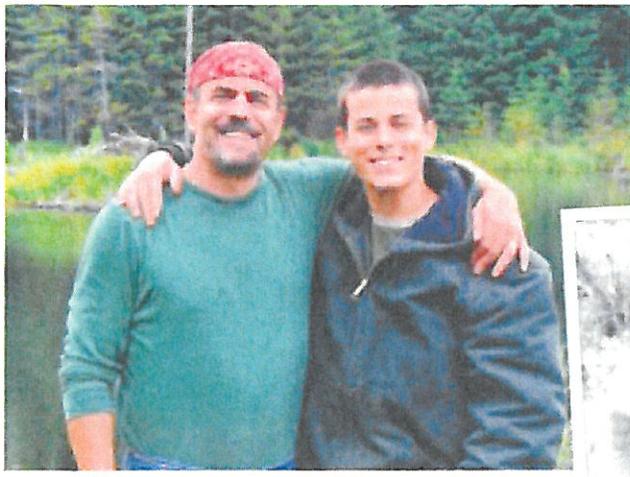
**Waverly:** Ryan Ricenbaw – Principal

**Lincoln Southwest:** Shelley Shanahan, School Liaison

**Prevention Leadership Team:** Lori Cook, Chair, Teri Vosicky - Coordinator



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### Seize opportunities

Kids talk to their friends for hours every day in-person, via text or on-line, influencing each other and feeding each other all kinds of information. How much do they hear from you? You protected them when they were little. Protect them from alcohol now by keeping the conversation going. Text them, call them, spend time in their rooms, clean house together or run errands together. Create opportunities to teach them about the dangers and consequences of underage drinking, and provide them with the tools necessary to say no to alcohol and drugs.



**Talk, don't lecture.** Listen without interruption. Be measured in your reaction to what you might hear. Use the moment to educate, instill confidence and educate.

**Speak their language.** Social media and the internet have changed the world forever. If your teen is spending time on Facebook, Twitter or YouTube, get an account and join her. Use the mediums to send messages to her or locate videos about the effects of underage drinking.

**Be aware of their world and ever present in it.** Know his friends and friend's parents. What does your teen do in his free time? Who are his favorite teachers and why? Spend time listening to his music, reading his favorite book and watching his favorite TV programs.

**Define your expectations.** Your teen should clearly understand that underage drinking is illegal, harmful and unsafe. Let her know your alcohol-free expectation and set clear and reasonable consequences. Stick to your guns and have the conversation more than once.

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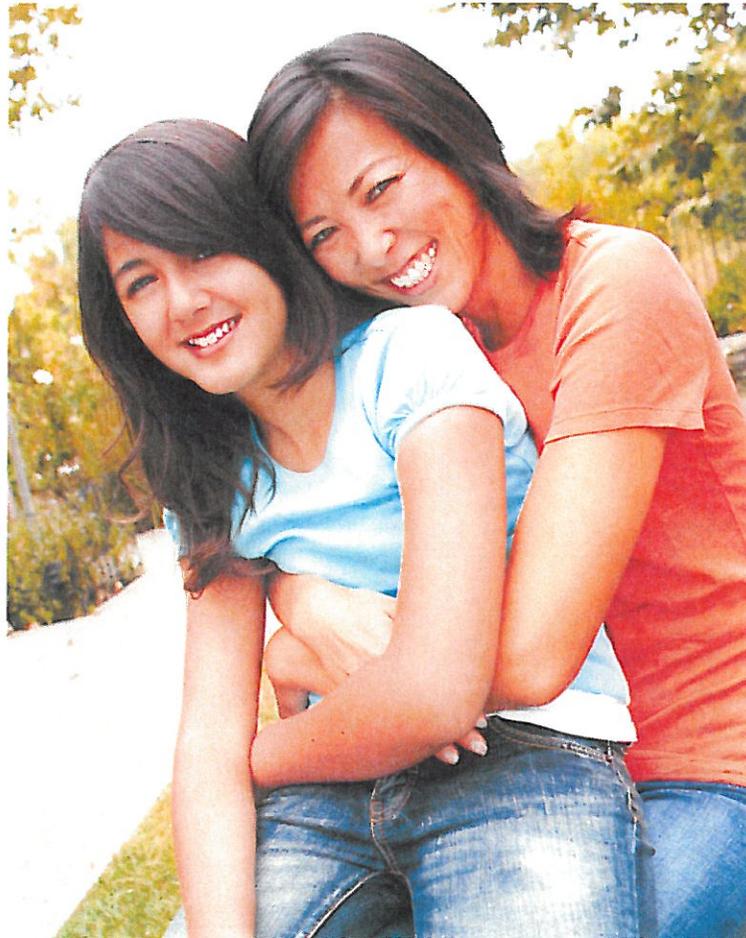
### Eat meals together

Teens who regularly eat as a family (five to seven times per week) are 33 percent less likely to drink alcohol.

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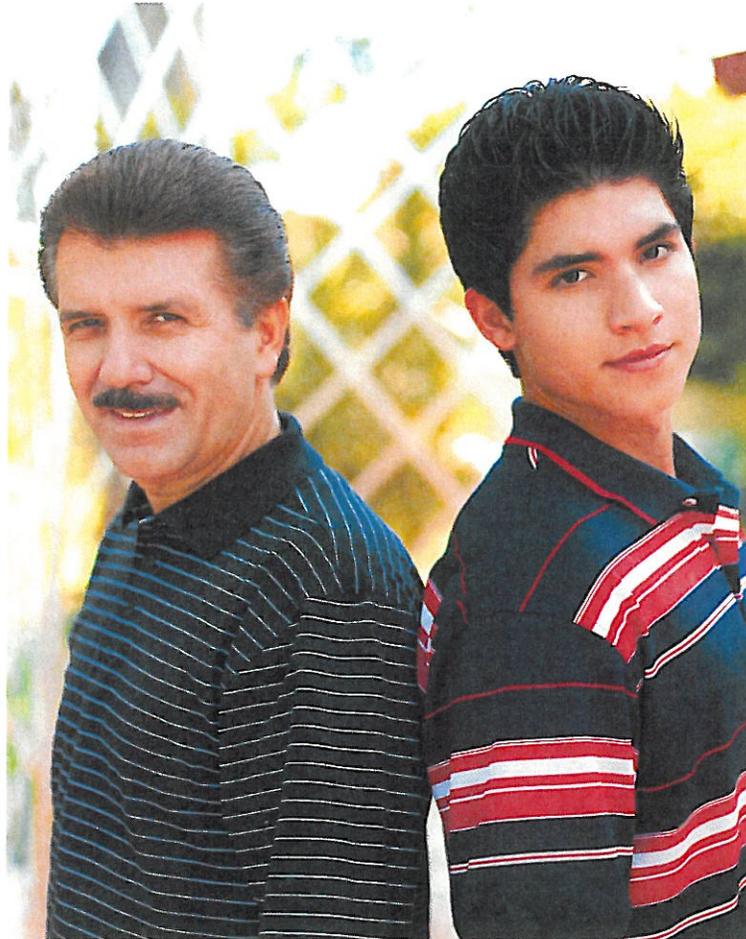
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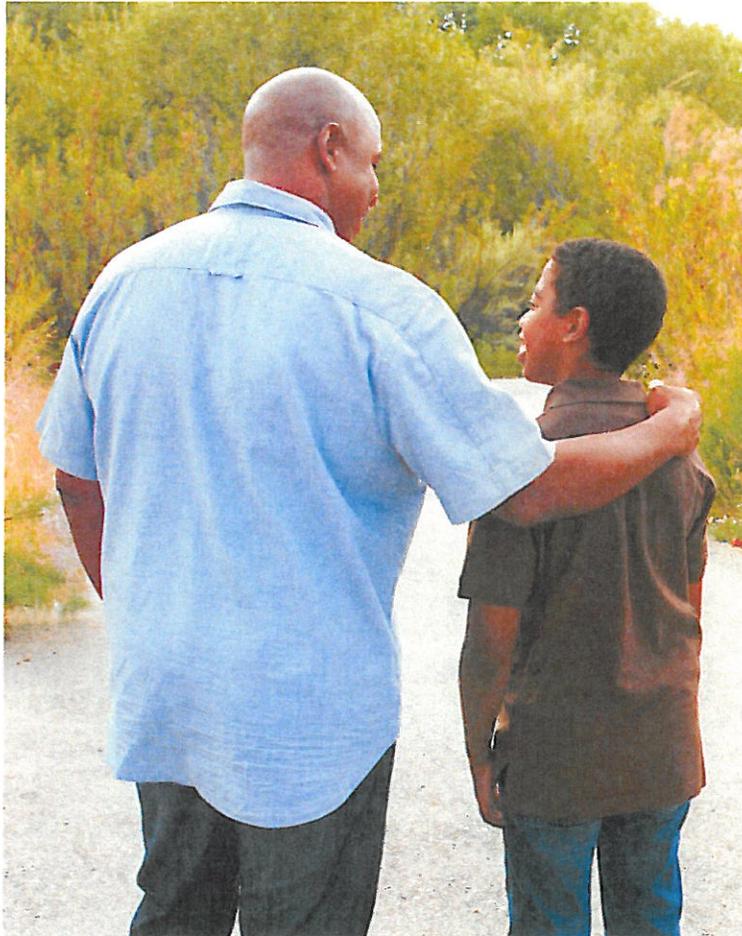
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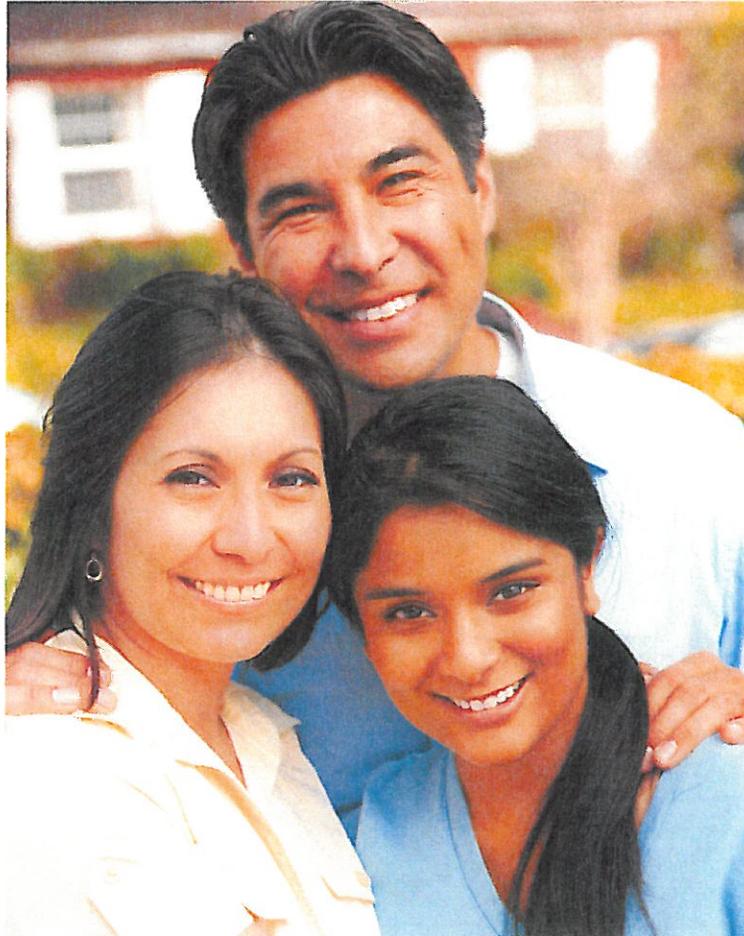
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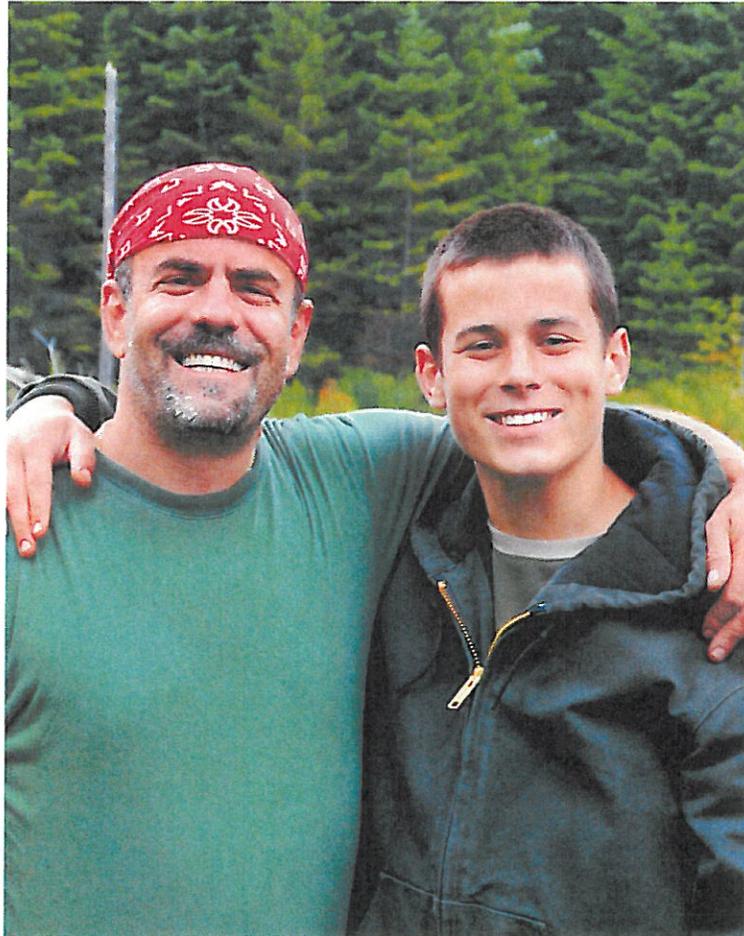
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# REGION V SYSTEMS



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