

Our Chamber business spotlight this month is...

Community & Family Partnership

This month's Chamber Member Spotlight is Community & Family Partnership, this article is written by Sarah Papa, who is a Collective Impact Director for them. Enjoy reading about this fantastic non-profit business.

Community & Family Partnership of Boone, Colfax, Nance and Platte Counties exists because everyone faces challenges. By providing support early, before challenges turn to crises, we are improving the health and financial well-being of children and families. When our children and families thrive, our entire community thrives.

Hi, my name is Sarah Papa, I grew up in Holdrege, Nebraska, and went to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to pursue my bachelor's degree where I was introduced through mutual friends to my now husband, Josh Papa (a Schuyler native). After college, I moved south of Schuyler to an acreage near the Papa farm/feedlot. Since then, I have worked and enjoyed living in the Schuyler area. I joined the CFP Family in May of 2019, and I'd love to share more details about how we began and where we are today.



Our nonprofit business began with 1 employee and a minimal budget, we have grown to 3 full-time employees and 3 independent contractors throughout our 2 years in business. And our budget has grown (thanks to our funders Nebraska Children and Families Foundation as well as state partners) 3x our original budget in less than a year. So much growth has been happening in such a short amount of time which has been so fun to be a part of! In 2020 alone, we were able to serve over 22,702 people in collaboration with funding initiatives through our community partners! And this could not be possible without the innovation and teamwork of our partners on a local and state level. Currently, we have 3 full-time employees which include a Collective Impact Director (me) and 2 Community Response coaches that serve families and young people throughout our 4-county service area.

Our prevention system consists of dedicated partners (churches, basic need agencies, health care, childcare, schools, etc.) committed to keeping children, young adults, and families safely in their homes and out of public systems. We do this by engaging directly with young people and families and providing assistance such as community engagement initiatives, training, central navigation, coaching, and emergency financial assistance to provide tailored, voluntary services to each family or individual. Community & Family Partnership is a call to action for our community.



As for future goals, Community and Family Partnership would like to continue to expand our social media presence as well as marketing our business within the communities we serve. Our bread and butter is collective impact work which means working together in a streamlined approach to make long lasting change happen.

I've personally really enjoyed my time with CFP and being in Schuyler. Growing up in a small town, I loved the atmosphere of "feeling at home". I think Schuyler provides a welcoming environment that accepts diversity and change. So, I like being a part of a community that encourages working together to make things happen for the good of the community.

Please feel free to connect with us on Facebook, Instagram or our website <https://www.communityandfamilypartnership.org/>. For any business questions/referrals, contact me (Sarah Papa) via phone 308-991-0030 or email at sarah.cfppartnership@gmail.com. We want to be as accessible as possible for young people and families within our communities, so connect with us!

