FACT: In Nebraska an estimated 90,000 youth 0-17 have a diagnosable behavioral health disorder.

FACT: 17% of students indicate that they have been bullied with some frequency.

FACT: Victims of bullying are between 2-9 times more likely to consider suicide.

FACT: Suicide is the third leading cause of death for children 1-19 years of age in Nebraska.

FACT: For every suicide among young people, there are at least 100 suicide attempts.

FACT: Over 14 percent of high school students have considered suicide, and almost 7 percent have attempted it.

FACT: At least half of suicides among young people are related to bullying.

FACT: 10 to 14 year old girls may be at even higher risk for suicide, according to the study above.

FACT: Nearly 30 percent of students are either bullies or victims of bullying.

FACT: 160,000 kids stay home from school every day because of fear of bullying.

FACT: As the number of traumatic events experienced during childhood increases, the risk for the following health problems in adulthood increases: depression; alcoholism; drug abuse; suicide attempts; heart and liver diseases; pregnancy problems; high stress; uncontrollable anger; and family, financial, and job problems.

FACT: Bully-related suicide can be connected to any type of bullying, including physical bullying, emotional bullying, cyberbullying, and sexting, or circulating suggestive or nude photos or messages about a person.

FACT: Some schools or regions have more serious problems with bullying and suicide related to bullying. This may be due to an excessive problem with bullying at the school. It could also be related to the tendency of students who are exposed to suicide to consider suicide themselves.

During National Children's Mental Health Awareness month, May 2012, Nebraska Federation of Families and Affiliate Family Organizations across the state will:

- Share information about Bullying and it’s relation to Suicide, as well as the warning signs
- Share information and resources about how to get help
- Raise awareness about the frequency of bullying, and the damage it can have on a young person- particularly a younger person with a behavioral health challenge.
- Raise awareness about suicide in young people, and the relationship between bullying and suicide
- Raise awareness about mental health and emotional health of young people, including the connection to childhood trauma
- Listen to the voices of parents and children who struggle with the challenges they face with everyday and share that voice across the state and with our Governor on June 2nd.