From the Director
—As the season has changed from Summer to Autumn, most of us have taken the time to think about the many wonderful memories that were created with our families these past months. Those memories may include family vacations, family reunions, visits to the local community swimming pool or water park, parades, county fairs, State fairs, concerts, etc. Over the past months, the staff at Parent to Parent Network have also taken the time to think about all of the great memories we have been part of as we have attended a variety of community events. Parent to Parent took part in the 27th Annual Early Childhood Conference on August 1st where numerous child care providers were in attendance. We had a door prize (a children’s memory game and two coupons for a free parenting class) which was won by Jesse Pallock. On August 3rd, Parent to Parent attended a “Back to School” Registration Event at the South Sioux City High School where approximately 2900 students and their parents attended. On August 4th, Parent to Parent participated in the National Night Out event at Central Park in Norfolk where the staff handed out book bags filled with school supplies to the first 70 children that stopped by the Parent to Parent table.

In September, the Parent to Parent staff manned a table at the annual PATCH Health Fair at the NECC in Norfolk where numerous people stopped by and asked questions about the family peer supports we offer.

In the midst of the memories and the changes that have occurred with Parent to Parent over the last year, there is at least one more change that is coming. Over the past eight years, 201 Miller Avenue has been the home of Parent to Parent Network; however, on November 1st, Parent to Parent will be relocating to 328 West Norfolk Avenue. This move comes with memories of great appreciation for those that have been committed to our work while being located at 201 Miller Avenue. On behalf of Parent to Parent’s Board of Directors and staff, we would like to thank Region 4 Behavioral Health Systems for all of their generosity and support that has been provided throughout these past eight years.—
Parent to Parent Network is a private, non-profit, community-based organization devoted to strengthening families in Nebraska. Organized in 1998, the program has grown substantially through the years, including outreach to several communities in Northeast Nebraska.

We hire people who are or have been primary care-givers for children with behavioral health, emotional, or school issues. Our Advocates are trained to help, but their strength lies in having “been there”, and having found ways to navigate the systems affecting their child.

We charge no fees for our services. We’re members of the Nebraska Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health and the National Federation with the same name.

Services are provided confidentially. You determine what services you want. We may make suggestions, but you have the final say!

Advocacy on behalf of the families we serve is an integral part of the services we provide. We look upon those to whom we advocate as being partners rather than opponents. We prefer what we call collaborative advocacy. We know that our families are best served when we make and strengthen partnerships with other helping organizations. Our advocacy is done with regard for one overriding principle: that the family voice be heard.

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Upcoming Events
October Family Support Group – Tuesday, October 20\textsuperscript{th} from 4-6pm at Poppy’s Pumpkin Patch

November Family Support Group – Tuesday, November 17\textsuperscript{th} from 4-6pm at the Parent to Parent Office

December Family Support Group – Tuesday, December 15\textsuperscript{th} from 4-6pm at the Parent to Parent Office

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