



# COALITIONCONNECT

The Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence has retained its commitment to leading the anti-violence movement, rooting out injustice, and prioritizing an innovative, intersectional approach to prevention.

We have continued our March towards a safer, more equitable state!

And we apologize for the pun.

The Nebraska Coalition has continued its spirit of growth through prioritizing direct advocacy efforts, prevention, and a continued engagement in leading social issues.

Read on to find out what we've been doing!

## Notable Quote

"Stand before the people you fear and speak your mind -- even if your voice shakes. When you least expect it, someone may actually listen to what you have to say, well-aimed slingshots can topple giants."

Maggie Kuhn



## Staff Spotlight



Rachel West,  
Prevention Coordinator

A seasoned professional, Rachel has been with the Coalition for nine years.

Motivated by social justice, Rachel is drawn to the stories she encounters in her work. The notion of building change and ending violence keeps her in the movement.

Rachel spends her time organizing for the future by working with: community groups, stakeholders, and local programs to build a vast network of changemakers.

Her keynote achievement at the Coalition has been the creation of the Sexual Violence Prevention Collective -- a statewide program built by the Coalition to build a diverse group of external partners.

# Women's History Month

Valiant Women of the Vote: Refusing to be Silenced



This month, the Coalition celebrated Women's History Month. Respecting this year's theme, Valiant Women of the Vote, we recognized female leaders, young and old, who fought for suffrage and took women all the way to the ballot box.



It was Title IX and the fight for a fair education. It was Justice O'Connor and Sally Ride.

It was Madeline Albright, Hillary Clinton, and V.P. Kamala Harris.

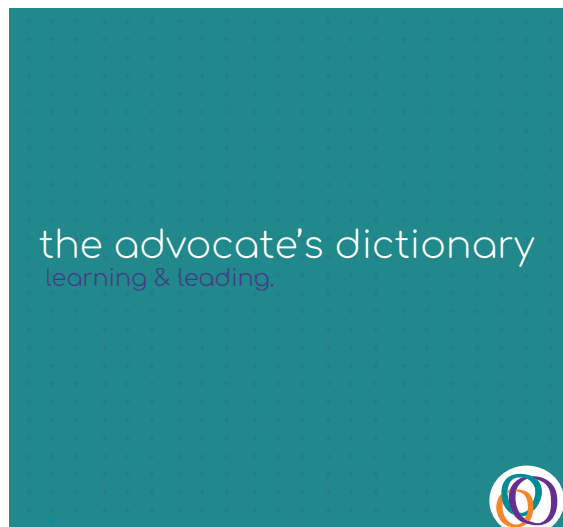
This month, we will say their names, celebrate their accomplishments, and push the fight forward.



Beginning in the 1820s, through Seneca Falls, the Civil War, and beyond, women marched for suffrage.

In August of 1920, the 19th amendment was ratified. In November of that year, 8 million women went to the polls for the first time. When women vote, women win.

## The Advocate's Dictionary



In honor of Women's History Month, this month's entry is:

Suffrage -- the right to vote in political election.

# Policy Update

The Nebraska Coalition has always had a vested interest in advocating policy at the state level in an effort to codify change into law.

This work allows us to support those who have experienced violence, and work to root out the systemic causes of violence.



**2021 Lincoln Municipal Elections Voter Guide**

**2021 Lincoln Municipal Election Calendar**

- March 19th**  
Postmark Deadline for Mail-In Voter Registration  
Deadline to Register at DMV or County Treasurer  
Last Day to Register to Vote Online
- March 22nd**  
First Day to Mail Early-Vote Ballots  
First Day to Vote at Election Office
- March 26th**  
Deadline for In-Person Voter Registration

**Voter Registration Information**

Voter Registration Options

- Department of Motor Vehicles  
500 W 'D' Street
- County Treasurer  
625 N. 46th Street
- Online  
via the Secretary of State's Website

**Voting as Prevention**

The Nebraska Coalition moves to encourage all eligible individuals to take an active role in civic and social processes in their communities.

With a commitment to prevention of violence, the Nebraska Coalition recognizes the importance of codifying change into law. Through active participation in the electoral process, we can advocate change in our communities.

Through the civic process, we become meaningful advocates who are enacting long-lasting change for those who suffer oppression and violence.

Voting is Allyship.  
Voting is Advocacy.  
Voting is Activism.  
Voting is Prevention.

**Who Am I Voting For?**

In Lincoln Municipal Elections, voters elect:

- Lincoln City Council Members
- Lincoln Airport Authority Board Members
- Lincoln Public Schools Board of Education Members

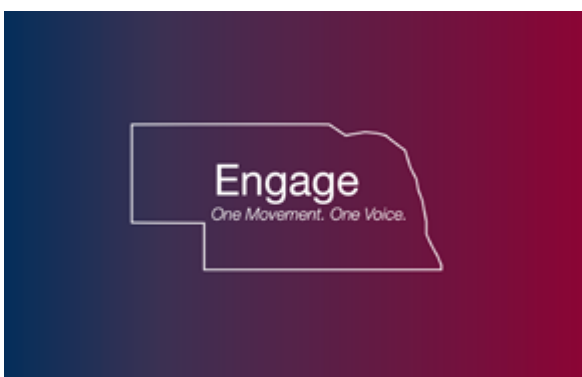
**Term of Office**

- Lincoln City Council Member  
4 Year Term
- Lincoln Airport Authority Board Member  
6 Year Term
- LPS Board of Education Member  
4 Year Term

**Duties and Responsibilities**

- Lincoln City Council Member  
Manage the City Budget, Legislate Ordinances.
- Lincoln Airport Authority Board Member  
Manages LNK Airport and nearby industrial park.
- LPS Board of Education Member  
Set budgets, approve curricula, and more.

# Nebraska Engage



Nebraska Engage announced it's first ever:

## Legislative Day of Action: An Event for Young Activists

Taking place on April 5th, this event will bring together youth advocates, policy makers, professional lobbyists, and community leaders.

Participants will take critical social and political issues relating to the anti-violence movement, learn how to build meaningful movements for change, and enter the legislative advocacy process. Our mission does not begin and end with election day. Following our mantra, we continue our work to: Let Leaders Lead.

# Coalition News

## Mission

[We] enhance safety and justice by changing beliefs and behaviors, and dismantling the systems that perpetuate sexual and domestic violence, human trafficking, stalking, and other forms of violence.

## Vision

We believe our world and all who live in it are sacred. We envision a world where violence is a distant memory and healthy relationships prosper for people of all identities.

## Values

[We] embrace twelve core values that provide definition and direction for the work of the Coalition and our network of programs. These values guide our beliefs and actions.

## COVID-19 Commitment

Through the course of COVID-19, the Nebraska Coalition has remained committed to doing its part to slow the spread of the Coronavirus.

Our staff members are working remotely, we have paused all in-person activities, and transitioned our processes to meet the needs of our programming in a safe and responsible way.

With the vaccine rolling out, like you, we hope that the end of this virus is near. However, we remain committed to social responsibility and will continue our COVID restrictions as long as necessary.

## The Coalition Commitment

The Nebraska Coalition supports the philosophy that abuse is a choice and a practice by which people achieve power, gratification or financial advancement through the abuse of another person by abrogating that person's human right to dignity, equality, autonomy and physical and mental well being.

Therefore, we must work to eliminate racism, homophobia, anti-Semitism, classism and oppression of all traditionally silenced groups.

These oppressions are perpetuated by the same systems that profit from sexual and domestic violence and cannot be separate from the overall mission of the Coalition, for the oppression of one is the oppression of all.

