

North Omaha
**Center for
Healthy Families**

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FALL 2010**

Nebraskans place tremendous value on children and are willing to dedicate the resources needed to make sure they are properly nurtured and educated. That's why statistics like these are so incredibly disturbing:

- *Omaha has the highest poverty rate for African-American children in the US: **59.4%****
- *Omaha's African-American children are at greater risk of being born into poverty than babies in Detroit, Chicago or New York City.**
- ***75%** of these children are born to single mothers, many of whom are still minors.***

At Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska, our mission calls us to serve these children and to do what we can to meet their needs and those of their caregivers.

In early fall 2010, LFS will open a new Center for Healthy Families in the Urban League building at 30th and Lake. Modeled after successful Centers LFS already operates in Council Bluffs and Fremont, services will include the following:

- *Parenting classes*
- *Education and support groups*
- *Early childhood mental health therapy for children who have experienced trauma*
- *Intensive case management*
- *Peer mentors*
- *Specialized programming for pregnant or parenting teens*
- *Groups and classes to promote the involvement of fathers in parenting and family life*
- *A wellness-based incentive program for young parents to get necessary baby and toddler items like diapers, formula, car seats, and strollers*

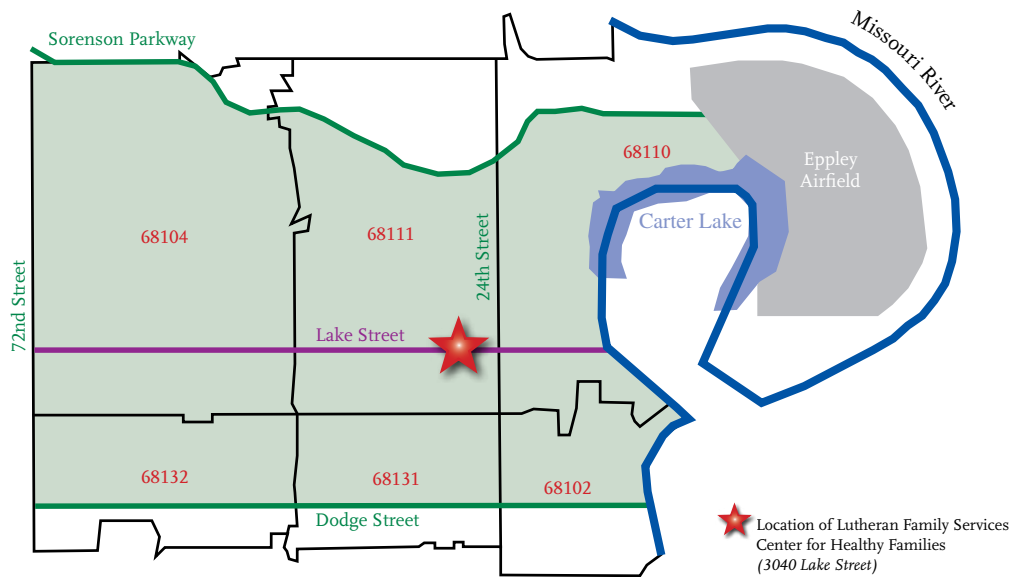
Lutheran Family Services will also be providing individualized programming for pregnant and parenting teens who have not yet graduated from high school and are participating in Building Bright Futures Early Childhood Services Pregnant & Parenting Teen Support Services.

If you would like to help LFS make a difference in the lives of these children, please contact Michelle Troxclair (mtroxclair@LFSneb.org or (402) 504-1733 ext. 12) or Christine Loehr (at cloehr@LFSneb.org or (402) 504-1733 ext. 16)

Thank you for your support in building healthy families!

* "Poverty Amid Prosperity," Omaha World-Herald, April 15, 2007, page 8A. ** <http://www.omaha.com/article/20090616/SPECIALPROJECTS/706179799>

Client Service Area (in green)
Center for Healthy Families
3040 Lake Street (Urban League Building)
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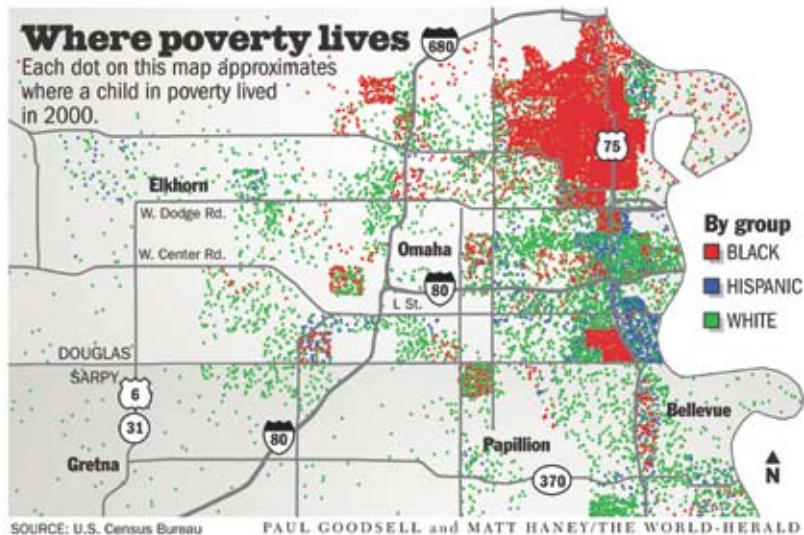
The worst in the nation

Child poverty rate for blacks, among 100 largest U.S. metro areas, 2005

1. Omaha	59.4%
2. Knoxville, Tenn.	58.7%
3. Toledo, Ohio	57.2%
4. Syracuse, N.Y.	55.4%
5. Oklahoma City	48.7%
Others	
12. New Orleans	44.7%
35. Detroit	40.7%
39. Chicago	37.6%
U.S. black average	35%
65. Los Angeles	28.9%
76. New York	27%

Where poverty lives

Each dot on this map approximates where a child in poverty lived in 2000.



SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau

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