Nebraska Rural Response Hotline
History of Hotline

- Started in 1984
- Interchurch Ministries of Nebraska
- Farm Crisis Response Council
- Mission Statement
  
  “Through the commitment of caring communities, the Farm Crisis Response Council will continue to provide spiritual, emotional, legal, and financial counseling through the Church, concerned farm organizations, and public agencies to rural Nebraskans in need.”

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Services

- Mental Health Counseling
- Legal Assistance
- Financial Clinics
- Mediation
- Emergency Assistance
- Disaster Response

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Counseling Outreach and Mental Health Therapy (COMHT)

- Voucher Program
- Funded by Nebraska Health and Human Services, Office of Rural Health, Sowing the Seeds of Hope, Denominations
- Providers Available Throughout NE
- Contract to provide services
- Strengths
  - Confidentiality
  - Network of resources
In 2009

4,703 calls to the Hotline

2,380 calls for mental health assistance

3,089 vouchers issued
Partners

- Christian Denominations through IMN
- Farm Organizations
- Nebraska Health and Human Services
- Farm Aid
- Department of Agriculture
- Community Services Block Grant
- Office of Rural Health
- Nebraska Rural Health Association
- Sowing the Seeds of Hope Program
- Individuals, Businesses, Foundations

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Observations

- More male callers than female callers
- Increase in number of children being served
- Greater intensity
- Church’s ownership of the Hotline important
Challenges

- Stigma
- Accessibility
- Family Dynamics
- Sustainability
Everybody Pitches In

- Nebraska Legal Services
- Farm Finance and Legal Assistance Clinics
- Community Action Agencies
- Food Pantries
- Mediation Services
- Nebraska Health Ministry Network
- Nebraska Domestic Violence Coalition
- Farm Programs
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