

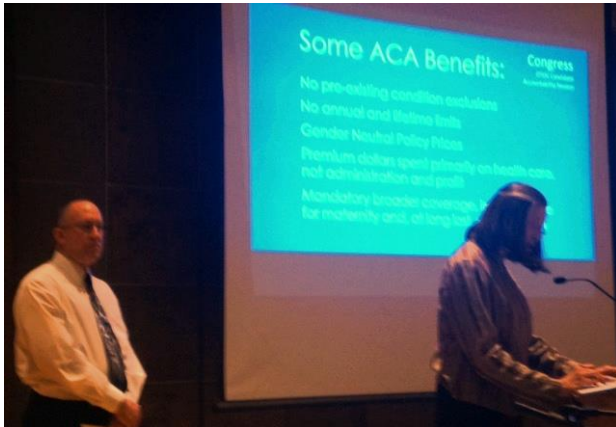
OTOC's Medicaid Expansion Efforts

OTOC leaders have been hard at work for the **last seven years** to expand Medicaid in Nebraska, believing that expanded Medicaid was a solution for 90,000 Nebraskans who don't have health insurance. The Nebraska Unicameral was unable to secure enough votes to overcome a filibuster for 6 years since Medicaid expansion became an option. In 2018, OTOC and other organizations across the state decided to try for a ballot initiative to get Medicaid Expansion passed in Nebraska, which was successful in getting Initiative 427 on the ballot for the November Midterm elections. On November 6, 2018, Medicaid Expansion was passed in Nebraska.

In 2018, OTOC leaders:

- Mobilized over 50 leaders to participate in collecting at least 3,500 signatures in a statewide campaign to collect 135,000 petition signatures to put the issue of Medicaid Expansion on the November ballot
- Held 11 info sessions in churches across Omaha through the Summer and Fall
- Held info sessions at six public libraries in the Fall
- Published at least 4 Public Pulse letters to the editor in the Omaha World Herald Public Pulse, with at least five others submitted and not published
- Submitted and/or had letters published to 3 other newspapers across the state
- Several leaders volunteered with the Insure the Good Life Campaign to make phone calls and canvas
- Distributed hundreds of Vote 427 Yard Signs
- Supplied interviewee for the League of Women Voters cable TV program in October
- Testified at 2nd District State Hearing, and reached out to other areas to provide testifiers at other state hearings
- Informed and asked commitments from Congressional Candidates at Fall 2018 Accountability Session to protect the federal Medicaid Expansion option in front of 375 constituents. Eastman committed, Bacon did not.
- Informed and gained commitments from Unicameral Candidates in Fall Accountability Sessions in front of 225 constituents. All seven candidates committed to implanting Medicaid Expansion if 427 passed.
- Three OTOC Leaders submitted an op-ed that was chosen by the Omaha World Herald as "closing arguments" for Initiative 427 to run side by side with an opposing Op-Ed written by former Nebraskan Governor Kay Orr, the director of Koch Brother's group in Nebraska Jessica Shelburn, and former Nebraska Attorney General Don Stenberg.

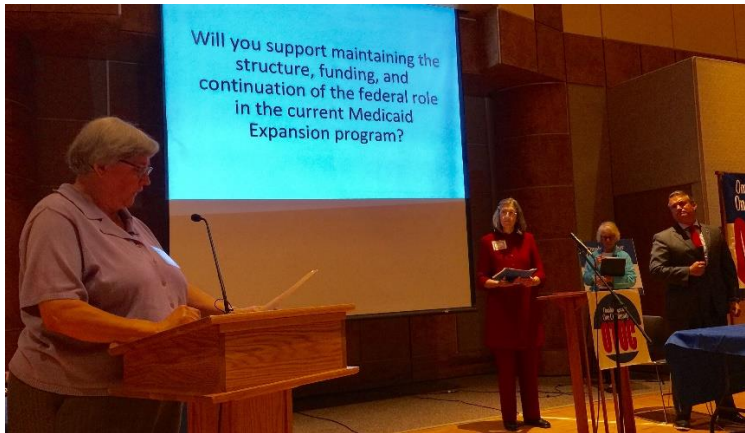
Pictures of Work Through the Years



2016 Congress Accountability Session



2016 Unicameral Accountability Session



2018 Congress Accountability Session with candidates Bacon and Eastman



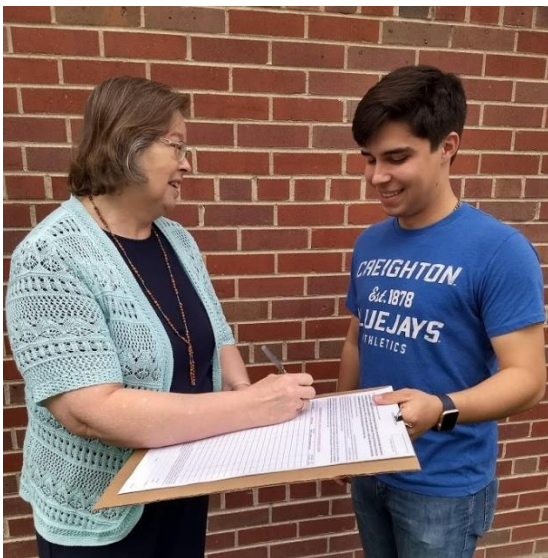
Sara Streyder tells her story at 2018 Unicameral Accountability Session



OTOC Leaders Testify at Unicameral Committee Hearing 2016



OTOC Leader Mary Spurgeon represents at Press Conference 2017



Gathering petition signatures Summer 2018



Leaders gather at Insure the Good Life Watch Party on election night 2018 to celebrate the passing of Initiative 427, successfully expanding Medicaid in Nebraska!