

PDG Renewal Grant B-5 Personnel Directory 2022-2023

Activity	Organization	Name	Position	Role	Other Activity Involvement	E-mail
Grant Administration	NDHHS	Nicole Vint	CCDF Administrator			Nicole.Vint@nebraska.gov
		Beckie Cromer*	CCDF Grant Coordinator			Beckie.Cromer@nebraska.gov
		Carla Rhodd*	Federal Aid Administrator II			Carla.Rhodd@nebraska.gov
		Kelsey Hansen*	Claims Reviewer			Kelsey.Hansen@nebraska.gov
Project Coordination	NCFE	Josh Cramer	Project Lead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides oversight assuring maximization of all other initiatives led through NCFE 		jcramer@nebraskachildren.org
		Shannon Mitchell-Boekstal*	Project Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assure the goals of the grant are met Manage multiple processes, reporting, coordination and oversight Submit Progress Reports 		Sboekstal@nebraskachildren.org
		Amy Bornemeier*	Consultant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist newly hired PDG Project Manager to coordinate with all NC Initiatives Assure PDG and Pritzler grant activities are aligned 		abornemeier@firstfivebraskas.org
		Stephanni Renn	VP of Early Childhood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist newly hired PDG Project Manager to coordinate with all NC Initiatives 		srenn@nebraskachildren.org
		Wende Baker*	Project Administration Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist Project Manager in keeping work aligned Assist in managing meetings, agendas, notes and distributing information 		bpscontracting2000@gmail.com
		Jamie Anthony	Grants Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assures contracting processes and procedures are followed Oversees the work of the Admin Asst. Related to these work processes 		janthony@nebraskachildren.org
		Mariana Munoz de Schell*	Family Engagement Liaison			mmunozdeschell@nebraskachildren.org
1. Needs Assessment	BECI	Kate Gallagher	Director, Research and Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project Co-Lead Attend weekly and month meetings (steering committee, NLT, SPAT) Supervise research specialists Oversee employee progress, provide guidance 	6c. Program Performance Evaluation	kgallagher@nebraska.edu
		Alexandra Daro*	Project Co-Lead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist in the design data collection tools Assist in the analysis of the data collected Assist in report analysis 	6c. Program Performance Evaluation	adaro@nebraska.edu

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		Ashia Aubrey*	PDG Communications Specialist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct targeted audiences to the tools used for data collection (e.g., survey, attending virtual or in-person focus groups) Monitor communications around data collection tools 	2. Strategic Plan 3e. Parent Education Campaign 6c. Program Performance Evaluation	ashiaaubrey@nebraska.edu
		Traci Roberts*	Project Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Track progress across projects within this activity Attend meetings Report project/activity progress to PI and PDG BECI Project Administrator 		troberts12@nebraska.edu
		Kymerly Caddell*	Research Specialist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist in the design data collection tools 	6c. Program Performance Evaluation	kcaddell@unomaha.edu
		Amanda Crawford*	Graduate Assistant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support assignments within this activity 	6c. Performance Evaluation	amandacrawford@unomaha.edu
		Lucy Okrasinski*	Graduate Assistant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support assignments within this activity 		lorkrasinski2@huskers.unl.edu
2. Strategic Plan	BECI	Suan Sarver	Project Lead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend weekly and month meetings (steering committee, NLT, SPAT) Oversee employee progress, provide guidance Oversee graduate assistant Coordinate meetings and plans with strategic consultant 	4a. Workforce Commission	ssarver@nebraska.edu
		Hallie Duke*	Strategic Consultant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate ongoing strategic planning efforts and stakeholder engagement related to the strategic plan Collaborate to align need assessment and performance evaluation with strategic planning efforts 		hallie@drdukeconsulting.com
		Sara Vetter*	Project Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Track progress across projects within this activity Attend meetings Report project/activity progress to PI and PDG BECI Project Administrator Coordinate with contracted strategic consultant 	4a. Workforce Commission	svetter@nebraska.edu
		Vera Valtier	Office Specialist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set up virtual/in-person meetings Track expenses/invoices related to this activity Provide support for meetings Purchase supplies related to any PDG projects for BECI 		vvaltier@nebraska.edu
		Ashia Aubrey*	Communications Specialist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct targeted audiences to the tools used for data collection (e.g., survey, attending virtual or in-person focus groups) Monitor communications around data collection tools 	1a. Needs Assessment 3e. Parent Education Campaign 4a. Workforce Implementation 6c. Performance Evaluation 6d. Transition Committee	ashiaaubrey@nebraska.edu

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		Lee Manns*	Grants Financial Specialist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Track expenses within projects across all BECI PDG activities (6 total) Manage invoices 	2a. Needs Assessment 3e. Parent Education Campaign 4a. Workforce Implementation 6c. Performance Evaluation 6d. Transition Committee	lmanns@nebraska.edu
		Hannah Randolph*	Graduate Assistant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research other states strategic plans, measures of progress Assist with writing guidelines for enhanced program evaluation/ metrics systems for assessing progress 		hannahrandolph11@gmail.com
3b. Learning Begins at Birth	FFN	Amanda Felton	Project Lead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit Progress Reports 		afelton@firstfivebraska
3c. Getting Ready	UNL	Lisa Knoche	Project Lead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit Progress Reports 		lknoche2@unl.edu
3d. Ready Rosie	NCFE	Jessica Boren	Project Lead			jboren@familieslearning.org
		Monica Huber		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit Progress Reports 		mhuber@familieslearning.org
3e. Parent Education Campaign	BECI	Erica Sesay*	Project Co-Lead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend weekly and month meetings (steering committee, NLT, SPAT) Oversee employee progress, provide guidance Assemble and meet with planning team Develop and direct annual work plan Oversee communication specialists Oversee and direct communications research Design campaign plan, goals, and strategies for parent and community education of early childhood care and education Draft RFP and agency brief 		emnett@nebraska.edu
		Renee Wessels	Project Co-lead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit Progress Reports 		rwessels@nebraska.edu
		Erin Duffy*	Digital Communications Specialist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create and edit digital content Disseminate and promote digital content across multiple communication platforms 		erinduffy@nebraska.edu
		Ashia Aubrey*	Communications Specialist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct targeted audiences to the tools used for data collection (e.g., survey, attending virtual or in-person focus groups) Monitor communications around data collection tools 	1a. Needs Assessment 2a. Strategic Plan 4a. Workforce Implementation 6c. Performance Evaluation 6d. Transition Committee	ashiaaubrey@nebraska.edu
		Cecely Schieffer	Office Associate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Track meetings Track expenses/invoices for Communications and Marketing Team Monitor progress on projects for this activity and report to supervisor and PDG BECI Project Administrator 		cschieffer@nebraska.edu

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		Kelly Jefferson	Associate Director, Communications and Marketing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend meetings Oversee employee progress, provide guidance Draft annual work plan Meet with planning team and develop agenda and materials for planning work sessions Assist with the design campaign plan, goals, and strategies for parent and community education of early childhood care and education Manage communications staff and plans 		
		Lee Manns*	Grants Financial Specialist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Track expenses within projects across all BECI PDG activities (6 total) Manage invoices 	2a. Needs Assessment 2a. Strategic Plan 4a. Workforce Implementation 6c. Performance Evaluation 6d. Transition Committee	Lmanns@nebraska.edu
3f. Coordinated Enrollment Pilot Expansion	NECC	Brandee Lengel	Project Lead			blengel@nebraskaeearly.org
		Payton Horacek*	Enrollment/Public Benefits Specialist*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gather demographic information and enter it into the database Determine eligibility for programs such as EHS services, Child Care Subsidy, and other public benefits Inform families of available program options and eligibility qualifications Assist families in applying to options for which they qualify Complete enrollment requirements/paperwork for program(s) of the family's choice 		phoracek@nebraskaeearly.org
		LaTrale Berrian*	Enrollment/Public Benefits Specialist*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gather demographic information and enter it into the database Determine eligibility for programs such as EHS services, Child Care Subsidy, and other public benefits Inform families of available program options and eligibility qualifications Assist families in applying to options for which they qualify Complete enrollment requirements/paperwork for program(s) of the family's choice 		lberrian@nebraskaeearly.org
3g. Help Me Grow	CHMC	Rick Helweg	Project Lead			rhelweg@childrensomaha.org
		Holly Dingman				hdingman@childrensomaha.org

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4a. Workforce Commission Implementation	BECI	Susan Sarver	Project Lead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend weekly and month meetings (steering committee, NLT, SPAT) Oversee employee progress, provide guidance Design coalition building strategy 	2. Strategic Plan	ssarver@nebraska.edu
		Sara Vetter*	Project Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Track progress across projects within this activity Attend meetings Report project/activity progress to PI and PDG BECI Project Director Facilitate pilot project: one community implementing coalition building strategy 	2. Strategic Plan	svetter@nebraska.edu
		Cama Charlet	Program Specialist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend meetings Oversee employee progress, provide guidance Main PI for coalition building activities Assist in the design of coalition building strategy Conduct focus groups, train facilitators, and conduct meeting with ECE workforce 		ccharlet@nebraska.edu
		Ashia Aubrey*	Communications Specialist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct targeted audiences to the tools used for data collection (e.g., survey, attending virtual or in-person focus groups) Monitor communications around data collection tools 	1a. Needs Assessment 2a. Strategic Plan 3e. Parent Education Campaign 6c. Performance Evaluation 6d. Transition Committee	ashiaaubrey@nebraska.edu
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		Anna Headlee*	Graduate Assistant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research collective impact Research other states projects in community-based collective action projects Research communities in Nebraska that have implemented strategies for thriving early childhood care and education systems. 		aheadlee3@huskers.unl.edu
4b. Coaching Collaboration	NCFE & NDE	Melody Hobson	Project Lead			melody.hobson@nebraska.gov
		Lynne Brehm	Project Co-Lead			lbrehm@nebraskachildren.org
		Tracy Went	Coach Collaborative Specialist			tracy.went@nebraska.gov
4c. Step-Up to Quality	NDE	Lauri Cimino	Project Lead			lauri.cimino@nebraska.gov

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4d. Nebraska Center on Reflective Practice	UNL-CCFL	Kelli Hauptman	Project Lead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mentoring two groups in the training co-horts • Providing two reflective consultation sessions for each of two groups • Planning with the PDG Leadership Team • Coordination of train the trainer activities with Erickson Institute • Oversight and project planning for two training cohorts • Supervision of project staff 		khauptman2@unl.edu
4f. Communities for Kids Bilingual Consultants	NCFE	Marti Beard	Project Lead			mbeard@nebraskachildren.org
		Noelle Wegner*	Asst. VP PDG/C4K+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress Reports 		nwegner@nebraskachildren.org
		Shonna Werth	Asst. VP EC Programs			swerth@nebraskachildren.org
4gi. Social Emotional Support Infrastructure	NCFE	Stacy Scholten	Project Co-Lead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will focus on gathering information from key stakeholders and collaborative groups in the Omaha area • Will tie the efforts of key stakeholders together to meet the needs identified in the Needs Assessment • Will begin a process to identify infrastructure to address these needs systemically through collaboration and partnership 		sscholten@nebraskachildren.org
		Lynne Brehm	Project Co-Lead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assure the Rooted in Relationships Initiative meets its overall goals 		lbrehm@nebraskachildren.org
4gii. Circle of Security Parenting Classroom Expansion	NAEYC	Tracy Gordon	Project Lead			tgordon@nebraskaeayc.org
4giii. Alliance for the Advancement of Infant Mental Health Accreditation	NCFE	Sami Bradley	Project Lead			sbradley@nebraskachildren.org

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4h. Cultivating Healthy Intentional Mindful Educators	UNL - Extension	Holly Hatton-Bowers	Project Lead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oversee implementation • Assist with 80 teachers receiving the CHIME intervention 		hattonnb@unl.edu
4i. All Our Kin Expansion	NECC	Brandee Lengel	Project Lead			blengel@nebraskaeearly.org
		Michelle Swanson	Lead QCCP Specialist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify target communities for expansion • Recruit (1-2) additional business coaches • Train new business coaches • Recruit additional family child care providers to participate in licensing tool kit • Secure location and coordinate related logistics for business series in expansion communities • Recruit providers to participate in business series • Launch business series • Host business series graduation events • Launch business consultation in expansion communities 		mwsanson@nebraskaeearly.org
		Emily Aksamit*	QCCP Specialist			eaksamit@nebraskaeearly.org
		Kimberly Bayliff	QCCP Specialist			kbayliff@nebraskaeearly.org
		Gina Ewing	QCCP Specialist			gewing@nebraskaeearly.org
		Ireydisa Gomez-Hall	QCCP Specialist			igomez-hall@nebraskaeearly.org
		TBH*	QCCP Specialist			
4j. Wonderschool Launch	NECC	Brandee Lengel	Project Lead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall supervision of the Project • Define Nebraska Quality and Safety Promise • Relaunch Wonderschool as part of a statewide shared service initiative • Market Wonderschool to family child care providers with an emphasis on rural Nebraska • Identify barriers to achieving QSP Fund to support providers in the Family Child Care Network • Enroll providers in the Family Child Care Network • Provide ongoing technical assistance and mentorship to Wonderschool providers 		
		Michelle Swanson	Lead QCCP Specialist			mwsanson@nebraskaeearly.org
		Emily Aksamit*	QCCP Specialist			eaksamit@nebraskaeearly.org
		Kimberly Bayliff	QCCP Specialist			kbayliff@nebraskaeearly.org
		Gina Ewing	QCCP Specialist			gewing@nebraskaeearly.org
		Ireydisa Gomez-Hall	QCCP Specialist			igomez-hall@nebraskaeearly.org
		TBH*	QCCP Specialist			
5a. Community Subgrants - Communities for Kids Plus (C4K+)	NCFE	Marti Beard	Project Lead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manages the C4K Staff working across the state to improve access to quality care in communities, implementation of scholarships, quality grants 		mbeard@nebraskachildren.org

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		Noelle Wegner*	Asst. VP PDG/C4K+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oversee the community expansion work, early learning scholarships, community capacity to enhance quality work, local coordinators and evaluation oversight 		nwegner@nebraskachildren.org
		Lindsey Bartlett*	Asst. VP Early Childhood - Technical Assistance to Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oversee the community expansion work, early learning scholarships, community capacity to enhance quality work, local coordinators and evaluation oversight 		lbartlett@nebraskachildren.org
6a. ECIDS Buildout	NDE	Dean Folkers	Project Lead			Dean.Folkers@nebraska.gov
		Ben Baumfalk	ECIDS Product Owner			ben.baumfalk@nebraska.gov
		Toni Knust	Project Manager			toni.knust@nebraska.gov
		Jared Stevens	Data Outreach Lead			jared.stevens@nebraska.gov
6b. Governance and Financing Task Force	FFN	Amy Birnemeier	Project Lead			abornemeier@firstfivebraska.org
6c. Performance Evaluation	BECI	Kate Gallagher	Project Lead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend weekly and month meetings (steering committee, NLT, SPAT) Oversee employee progress, provide guidance 	1. Needs Assessment	kgallagher@nebraska.edu
		Melissa Boyer*	Project Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Track progress across projects within this activity Attend meetings Report project/activity progress to PI and PDG BECI Project Administrator 		mboyer@nebraska.edu
		Lee Manns*	Grants Financial Specialist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Track expenses within projects across all BECI PDG activities (6 total) Manage invoices 	2a. Needs Assessment 2a. Strategic Plan 3e. Parent Education Campaign 4a. Workforce Implementation 6d. Transition Committee	lmanns@nebraska.edu
		Kate Sutton	Research Specialist- Qualitative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oversee the design of data collection Oversee analysis for data collection Report analysis 		ksutton@nebraska.edu
		Ashia Aubrey*	Communications Specialist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct targeted audiences to the tools used for data collection (e.g., survey, attending virtual or in-person focus groups) Monitor communications around data collection tools 	1a. Needs Assessment 2a. Strategic Plan 3e. Parent Education Campaign 4a. Workforce Implementation 6d. Transition Committee	ashiaaubrey@nebraska.edu
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		Amanda Crawford*	Graduate Assistant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support assignments within this activity 	1a. Needs Assessment	amandacrawford@unomaha.edu
		Jamlick Bosire*	Graduate Assistant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support assignments within this activity 		jamlick.bosire@huskers.unl.edu
6e. NAESP Leadership Academy	NDE	Melody Hobson	Project Lead			melody.hobson@nebraska.gov
		Kristine Luebbe	Director of Programs and Partnerships			kristine.luebbe@nebraska.gov
Communication and Dissemination	NCFE	Brenda Weyers	Project Lead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training of Communications Coordinator including pertinent existing platforms Strategic Planning and graphic support 		bweyers@nebraskachildren.org
		Ivan Young*	Communications Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Act as interagency liaison between organizations and entities leading PDG-funded projects Responsible for developing and curating content to be distributed through existing web and e-mail marketing platforms Establish messaging partnership with existing and prospective stakeholders Develop a comprehensive social media plan Embed PDG-themed content into live events and conferences Promote grant-funded activities to local and statewide media 		iyoung@nebraskachildren.org
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