

Preschool Development Grant

Grant Initiatives

Project Name	Project Lead	Description
Needs Assessment	Kate Gallagher and Alexandra Daro	Maintains an ongoing assessment of gaps in the early childhood system to inform the state's strategic plan.
Strategic Plan	Susan Sarver	Shapes a statewide plan to address gaps in early childhood system, seeks to expand reach of the plan, and identifies indicators of plan progress.
Learning Begins at Birth	Adam Feser	Produces, in multiple languages, a revised resource for families about child development, social emotional interactions, and quality childcare, and broadens its statewide distribution.
The Right Place	Holly Hatton Bowers and Jaclyn Foged	Revises the existing The Right Place brochure into "Childcare Essentials": Choosing quality childcare in Nebraska," which offers information on quality childcare and how to find it.
Getting Ready	Lisa Knoche	Encourages interaction among children, their families, and early childhood professionals to promote warmth, sensitivity, and active participation to support children's early learning and kindergarten readiness.
Ready Rosie	Marti Beard	Offers over a 1,000 "Modeled Moment" English and Spanish videos to families via text, email, and a website, letting educators target specific skills and individualize the videos to be shared with families.
Parent Education Campaign	Renee Wessels	Supports public awareness efforts to educate parents and families about quality early childhood child care and education programs and services, to ensure consistent understanding of quality, and to support needed investments.
Coordinated Enrollment	Mary Lariviere	Provides coordinated application, eligibility, and enrollment for high-quality early learning centers serving at-risk infants and toddlers through an Early Head Start-Child Care partnership.
Help Me Grow	Rick Helweg	Links expectant mothers and children 0-5 with essential health, developmental, and social-emotional services and provides a centralized point of communication to better connect families to needed services.
Ready Rosie Expansion	Jessica Boren	Expands the Ready Rosie video program to add to school districts and Head Starts to enhance meaningful family engagement opportunities.
Workforce Commission	Susan Sarver	Builds on existing relationships and efforts statewide to implement an infrastructure to support elevation of early childhood professionals to a priority profession offering better wages, benefits, and training.
Coaching Collaboration	Melody Hobson and Lynne Brehm	Provides a multiagency coaching coordination effort of Coach Consultants who offer coach training, reflective practice, and technical assistance to Nebraska providers.
Step Up to Quality	Lauri Cimino	Implements revisions to the tiered system of early childhood provider business training that assists owners in building high quality childcare services.

