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 qbout 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 child-hood 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 o-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.

NE Center on Reflective Practice	Kelli Hauptman	Expands availability of this resource for the early childhood workforce that develops the supports and builds the reflective capacity of providers so they can be successful in an emotionally intrusive field.
Communities for KidsBilingual Consultants	Marti Beard	Partners with communities with high Spanish-speaking populations to offer translated resources in early childhood development, business practices in family home childcare, and understanding licensing regulations.
Social Emotional Support	Stacy Scholten	Provides technical assistance to Enhance social emotional development of young children with families and early childhood providers and identifies community needs for services and training.
Circle of Security Parenting	Tracy Gordon	Expands access to Circle of Security Parenting Classroom supporting early childhood providers with guidance on how to promote secure attachment relationships with the children in their care.
Advancement of Infant Mental Health	Sami Bradley and Lynne Brehm	Expands the support and professionalization of the field of early child-hood mental health across Nebraska by offering professionals an opportunity to apply for an infant mental health certificate.
CHIME	Holly Hatton- Bowers	Expands access to the Cultivating Healthy Intentional Mindful Educators program to support and enhance the well-being of early childhood professionals through classes on how to incorporate mindfulness and reflective practice into daily routines, teaching, and caregiving.
All Our Kin	Brandee Lengel	Expands availability of a nationally recognized training model including training on business practices for family child care providers to sustain operations, maintain necessary licenses, and focus on teaching and learning.
Wonderschool	Brandee Lengel	Offers a business platform that helps providers professionalize via a website template and functions that set their rates, market their program, bill and collect, and communicate with parents.
Communities for KidsSubgrants	Marti Beard	Assists communities in developing a collaborative infrastructure for early childhood systems, including local coordination staff who assist in engaging stakeholders and leaders, using data for planning, and connecting to resources.
ECIDS	Ben Baumfalk	Plans, develops, and implements an expanded data system for information on early childhood care and education that can be utilized to understand Nebraska's needs and to measure outcomes of initiatives.
Governing and Financing	Amy Bornemeier and Jen Goette- moller Wendl	Defines, details, designs, and shares with communities an early childhood Funding & Shared Leadership concept with the aim of eliminating categorical barriers to offering full-day, year-round, high-quality affordable ECCE for all children 0-5.
Performance Evaluation	Kate Gallagher and Melissa Boyer	Tracks data from evaluations of grant-funded initiatives to offer system improvement recommendations and support for early childhood care and education while building statewide capacity for evaluation.
Transitions	Lisa Roy	Increase parent and provider understanding of transition processes, strengthen collaboration among early childhood providers and public schools, build knowledge among professionals and schools, and align standards and curricula.
NAESP Leadership Academy	Melody Hobson	Provides training and ongoing support to principals to support effective transitions from early childhood settings to the public education system.

Nebraska Childcare Referral Network	Nikki Roseberry	Provides up-to-date information for parents about which li-censed childcare providers are open and what their available capacity is by age group.
Communications and Dissemination	Brenda Weyers and Ivan Young	Coordinates the promotion of all PDG-related projects, including website, enewsletters, blogs, social media, media releases, and other promotional materials.