

Nebraska Early Childhood Interagency Coordinating Council (ECICC) Updates - August 2020

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the ECICC did not meet in May and will not meet in August of 2020. Following are current updates regarding early care and education issues, resources, and programs across Nebraska that we encourage Council members to review and share with those in your respective areas of programming or parenting.

If you are a member with a term expiring by the end of the calendar year, please let Karen Hoffman, Council Secretary, Karen.hoffman@nebraska.gov, know of your intentions to reapply so the Governor's Office can stay informed. Keep in mind, your intention does not guarantee reappointment as the Governor makes those final decisions. (Relevant members have been contacted individually by email from Eleanor at dialogic.dimensions@gmail.com—check your email inbox.)

Next scheduled ECICC meeting is November 13, 2020, at the Southeast Community College Continuing Education Center. We will keep you updated regarding any cancellation or changes in time and location.

Council Meeting Dates 2021:

February 19

May 7

August 20

November 19

If questions or comments, please contact Eleanor Shirley, ECICC Facilitator at dialogic.dimensions@gmail.com or Karen Hoffman, Karen.hoffman@nebraska.gov. We appreciate your service and your patience during these uncertain times.

Thank you!

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➤ ***COVID Resources for Child Care Providers***

<https://www.nebraskachildren.org/childcare-providers-covid-19-information-and-resources.html>

➤ ***Preschool Development Grant - Updates***

<https://www.nebraskachildren.org/what-we-do/preschool-development-grant/>

➤ ***Communities for Kids Plus (C4K+) Eligibility Information and FAQ***

<https://www.communitiesforkids.org/resources/c4k-resources-list/pdg-c4kplus-faq.html>

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➤ ***Rooted in Relationships***

Annual Report 2019. Found at: <https://rootedinrelationships.org/resources/>

➤ ***Social-Emotional Resources for School/Childcare Reentry***

As all of us navigate the current times, the **Nebraska Association for Infant Mental Health** has developed and posted many useful resources to support families, providers and children that can be found here: <https://www.nebraskachildren.org/what-we-do/nebraska-association-for-infant-mental-health/resources.html>

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Early Childhood Integrated Data Systems (ECIDS)

Early Childhood Data Collection/Early Childhood Integrated Data Systems (ECDC/ECIDS)

As you are probably aware,

- the development and implementation of the ECIDS will be funded via NE's Preschool Development Grant.
- Ben Baumfalk will soon be transitioning to a position with NDE to lead the development of the ECIDS.
- Greg Welch and I have begun discussing what role the ECDC should play into the future. I'm not sure we've landed on anything yet and we would also like to include the members in this discussion.
- As things get rolling with the PDG and ECIDS, we will keep you informed on the developments of the ECDC and suggest the appropriate ECICC website updates.

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Part C

IDEA Part C Federal Application

Nebraska's IDEA Part C Federal Application was submitted in April 2020 to the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). Nebraska received full approval and funding for early intervention services and programming for the July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021 Grant year. State and Planning Region Team Annual Performance Report (APR)

The Nebraska IDEA Part C Annual Performance Report is available at: <http://edn.ne.gov/spp/annual-performance-report.html>.

The annual performance report of Planning Region Teams on the APR targets is available at:

<http://edn.ne.gov/spp/regional-data.html>

Early Development Network/IDEA Part C Resources and Guidance regarding COVID-19.

Please find federal and state guidance and resources at the following link to help guide EDN agencies in their work with families during COVID-19:

<http://edn.ne.gov/cms/edn-covid-19-resources>

For additional information, contact:

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Legislative Updates

Health and Human Services

(Taken from the Unicameral Update)

Child care provider background checks established

August 3, 2020 Sen. John Arch, LB1185 LB837

More Nebraska child care providers must undergo a federal background check under a bill passed

LB1185, introduced by the [Health and Human Services Committee](#), amends the Child Care Licensing Act to require that individuals who are not required to be licensed under the act but who seek to be a provider under the federal Child Care Subsidy program must submit a request for a national criminal history check for each child care staff member. The bill includes provisions of La Vista Sen. John Arch's LB837, which require the state Department of Health and Human Services to seek federal funding to implement a program to assist residential child care providers and their employees with the cost of fingerprinting and national criminal history record information checks.

LB1185 passed on a 48-0 vote.

For other legislative updates, relevant to early care and education, check First Five Nebraska's website found at: <http://www.firstfive-nebraska.org/public-policy-legislation/nebraska-legislation>.



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