

Nebraska Early Childhood Interagency Coordinating Council (ECICC) May Updates - COVID-19 Resources

Below are some COVID-19 resources that have been compiled from some ECICC Steering Committee members. Please review and feel free to share them in your circles. The next scheduled ECICC meeting is Friday, August 21st at the Huck Continuing Education Center in Lincoln.

- From the HHS website:
<http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx>
<http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/COVID-19-Nebraska-Guidance-Documents.aspx>
- This is just a link to the AAP's healthy children.org site which has a lot of helpful COVID-19 information for caregivers and parents: <https://www.healthychildren.org/English/Pages/default.aspx>
- Part C/EDN:
Please find COVID-19 Resources specific to Part C/EDN at the following link:
<http://edn.ne.gov/cms/edn-covid-19-resources>.
- From the Buffet Institute website:
<https://buffettinstitute.nebraska.edu/resources/covid-19>



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FIND CHILD CARE WHERE YOU LIVE

Nebraska Child Care Referral Network

A number of early childhood organizations and advocates have collaborated to create and launch the Nebraska Child Care Referral Network—a searchable database for parents seeking to connect with available child care resources during the COVID-19 crisis.

Although a significant portion of our state's workforce has been temporarily sidelined by the COVID-19 emergency, many of our friends and neighbors must still report to jobs outside their homes. That means the need for a safe, healthy child care environment is as urgent as ever. This website can help parents find quality emergency child care.

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www.nechildcarereferral.org

WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT:

- This is in response to what families and providers are telling us they need.
- Many states already have a child care resource and referral website, so this pilot website is historic for Nebraska.
- This shows the power of collaborative effort in piloting this website so quickly.
- It focuses on providers being an essential, but often overlooked, part of our communities and economy.
- This database will live on beyond the COVID-19 emergency, because of the needs it addresses for both families and providers.

Partners on this project include: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Nebraska Department of Education, Nebraska Children and Families Foundation, Nebraska Extension, First Five Nebraska, Nebraska Early Childhood Collaborative, Buffett Early Childhood Institute at the University of Nebraska, and numerous other state and local partners.

The website can be found at <https://nechildcarereferral.org> and an informational flyer can be found [here](#). Please help us share this new resource with parents in our state.



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