



Together For Kids and Families

Nebraska Early Childhood Interagency Coordinating Council 2011-2012

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Early Childhood Systems Team 2011-12

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Frost, Pat	NDE-Title I Schools	Thelen, Jan	NDE-EC Special Education Specialist
Hobson, Melody	NDE -EC Administrator	Thiele, Carolyn	Heartland Family Services-SAMHSA Grantee
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Dental/Medical Home

Strategy 1: Implement and sustain the dental/medical home as a standard of care.

Strategy 2: Establish the infrastructure to support a comprehensive system promoting access to oral health services including preventive oral health care.

Member	Representing	Member	Representing
Barbara Pearson	DHHS-Chronic Disease Prevention & Management - Health Promotion Unit	Julie Luedtke	DHHS-Newborn Screening/Genetics Program
Cindy Holdforth	Parent Representative	Kathy Karsting	DHHS – Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health Program Manager
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Eleanor Kirkland	NDE-NE HSSCO Director	Tonna Gilbert	Head Start C&FDP, Inc- QA Specialist
Heather Krieger	DHHS-Long Term Care State Plan-Children’s Program Specialist	Tom Rauner	DHHS-Rural Health Program Manager
Heather Leschinsky	DHHS-Managed Care Medicaid & Long Term Care Program Coordinator	Dr. Thomas F. Tonniges	Nebraska United Healthcare Community and State, Medical Director
Jennifer Skala	NCFE- Associate VP of Community Impact CBCAP Administrator	Amy Bornemeier*	NDE-School Readiness Coordinator
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Parent Education-Family Support

Strategy 3: Promote and support evidence-based home visitation services for families with young children.

Strategy 4: Integrate parent to parent peer support systems, when appropriate, into programs and services for families.

Strategy 5: Increase access to respite services to meet the needs of families.

Strategy 6: Coordinate statewide systems for sharing comprehensive information with families.

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Cara Small	ESU #6-Early Learning Connection Coordinator	Marcia Alber (Co-Lead)	DHHS-Lifespan Respite Network & Subsidy Program Coordinator
Charlie Lewis (Co-Lead)	Answers 4 Families (UNL), Project Director	Mark Smith	MMI-UNMC, Consumer/Family Coordinator
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Gay McTate	LCSW, Family Enrichment, Inc.	Shirley Pickens-White	DHHS-Child Family Services Program Specialist
Janelle Clifton	NE Lifespan Respite Network Coordinator	Tonia Durden	UNL-EC Extension Specialist & Assistant Professor
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Early Care and Education

Strategy 7: Through a mixed delivery system, provide access to voluntary, high quality, early childhood education and care programs and services that meet the needs of all young children and their families.

Strategy 8: Develop and refine a system of support to improve the quality and effectiveness of early childhood education and care programs and services.

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Child Care Health Consultation

Strategy 9: Develop early childhood health and safety communication network(s).

Strategy 10: Disseminate data-driven and evidence-based training and material resources to improve health and safety in child care.

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Bruce Rowe & Brian Coyle	DHHS-Health Administrator & Physical Activity Coordinator	John Naujokaitis	DHHS-Medicaid/LTC Acute Programs Health Services-Program Specialist
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Diane Kvasnicka (Co-Lead)	NDE-Education Specialist	Peggy Pelish	UNMC-PhD, APRN
Dianne Kelly	Sarpy/Cass County HD Director	Renaef Rief	Lincoln-Lancaster Co. Health Department Sr. Environmental Health Educator
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Mental Health Work Group

Strategy 11: Assist communities to develop/enhance an effective system of care to support the social, emotional, and behavioral health needs of Nebraska’s young children.

Strategy 12: Build the capacity of individuals who interact with young children to support social, emotional and behavioral health.

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Amy Bornemeier	NDE- School Readiness Coordinator	Jen Gerdes (Co-Lead)	Consultant
Amy Bunnell	DHHS- Early Development Network Program Coordinator	Jennifer Skala	NCFE, Director of Programs and Evaluation
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Carolyn Thiele	Heartland Family Services, VP NE Professional Services	Megan Riebe	OMNI Behavioral Health, Mental Health Professional
DeAnna Beckwith	OMNI Behavioral Health, Safety and In-Home Coordinator	Nancy Foster	Munroe-Meyer Institute, Licensed Psychologist
Denny Berens	DHHS-Rural Health Coordinator	Sue Adams	DHHS-Administrator – Behavioral Health Community Based Services
Eleanor Kirkland	NDE-NE HSSCO Director	Sue Hamilton	St Francis Med Ctr.- Parent Early Development Program Service Coordinator
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Helen Raikes (Co-Lead)	UNL-Professor of Family Consumer Science	Melissa Breazile	Voices for Children -Research Coordinator
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Lynne Brehm	DHHS-Lifespan Health-TFKF Program Coordinator	Sarah Ann Kotchian	Building Bright Futures, Early Childhood Coordinator
		Terry Rohren	NDE - ECTC-Career Development Coordinator

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