



Together For Kids and Families

Nebraska Early Childhood Interagency Coordinating Council 2011-2012

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Annie Bruns	Lincoln, NE	Parent
Carol McClain	Lincoln, NE	State Agency-NDE-EI
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Deborah Ross	Hastings, NE	Service Provider-Head Start
Diane Lewis	Lincoln, NE	State Agency-DHHS-Child Care
Eleanor Kirkland	Lincoln, NE	State Agency-NDE-Head Start State Collaboration Office Director
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Heather Krieger	Lincoln, NE	State Agency-DHHS Medicaid
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Early Childhood Systems Team 2011-12

Member	Representing	Member	Representing
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Baker, Nina	PTI-NE Family to Family Training & Info Specialist	Rasmussen, Jessie	President; Buffett Early Childhood Fund
Bornemeier, Amy	Nebraska Department of Education, School Readiness Coordinator	Rohren, Terry	ECTC-Career Development Coordinator
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Frost, Pat	NDE-Title I Schools	Thelen, Jan	NDE-EC Special Education Specialist
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TFKF WORK GROUP MEMBERS
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	Laura Maddox	Assistant Director, Boys Town Institute for Child Health Improvement
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Eleanor Kirkland	NDE-NE HS State Collaboration Office (HSSCO) Director	Dr. Ruchi Kaushik	Boystown, Pediatrician; NE AAP Chapter rep.
Heather Krieger	DHHS-Long Term Care State Plan-Children's Program Specialist	Tonna Gilbert	Head Start C&FDP, Inc QA Specialist
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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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Amy Bornemeier	Nebraska Department of Education, School Readiness Coordinator	Marcia Alber (Co-Lead)	DHHS-Respite Network & Subsidy Coordinator
Cara Small	Early Learning Connection Coordinator	Mark Smith	MMI-UNMC, Consumer/Family Coordinator
Charlie Lewis (Co-Lead)	Answers 4 Families (UNL), Project Director	Martha Nash	ECTC-Training Coordinator
Gail Brand	UNL Extension-Seward Co., Extension Educator, Unit Leader	Rayma Delaney	DHHS-Title V/MCH Block Grant Administrator
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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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Kathleen Feller	NCFE-Associate VP of EC Programs	Amy Bornemeier*	NDE-School Readiness Coordinator

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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Diane Kvasnicka (Co-Lead)	NDE- EC Education Specialist	Peggy Pelish	UNMC-PhD, APRN

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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. (Draft)

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

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Carolyn Thiele	Heartland Family Services, SAMHSA grantee	Nancy Foster	Munroe-Meyer Institute, Licensed Psychologist
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Denny Berens	DHHS-Rural Health Coordinator	Sue Hamilton	Parent-Early Development Program - Saint Francis Medical Center
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EC Data Coalition

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