



Together For Kids and Families

Together for Kids & Families Goals

<p>Early care and education in Nebraska is high quality, developmentally appropriate and accessible to all children.</p>	<p>All Nebraska children have access to a dental/medical home, and receive high quality health services.</p>	<p>The early childhood social, emotional and behavioral health needs of Nebraska's children are met.</p>	<p>Nebraska families support their children's optimal development by providing safe, healthy, and nurturing environments.</p>
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Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Goals

Since 2003, Nebraska has received federal funding from HRSA to address Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems [ECCS]. ECCS works to ensure a solid foundation is provided for early brain development. In 2013, Nebraska selected Strategy 1: the identification, prevention, and mitigation of toxic stress and trauma on young children, ages 0-3 as our focus. Each of our 5 work groups has embedded toxic stress and trauma within their strategies.

Together for Kids & Families Strategies

<p><u>Child Care Health Consultation</u></p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop a network of Child Care/Early Childhood Health Consultants in all local health departments in Nebraska. 2. Disseminate data-driven and evidence-based training and material resources to improve health and safety in child care.
<p><u>Dental/Medical Home</u></p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Implement and sustain the dental/medical home as a standard of care. 4. Promote the development of infrastructure and systems to assure access to preventative oral health care for young children.
<p><u>Early Care & Education</u></p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. 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. 6. Grow and develop the early childhood workforce needed to implement voluntary, high quality, early childhood education and care programs.
<p><u>Mental Health</u></p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Assist communities to develop/enhance an effective system of care to support the social, emotional, and behavioral health needs of Nebraska's young children. 8. Build the capacity of individuals who interact with young children to support social, emotional, and behavioral health.
<p><u>Parent Education/Family Support</u></p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Promote and support evidence-based home visitation services for families with young children. 10. Promote the integration of parent-to-parent peer support systems, when appropriate, into programs and services for families. 11. Increase access to respite services to meet the needs of families. 12. Coordinate statewide systems for sharing comprehensive information with families.

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