

Nebraska

Early Childhood Development

FEDERAL INVESTMENT ACROSS PROGRAMS:

\$528,000,000
Since FY2009



STATE HIGHLIGHTS

- Nebraska's Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) was mandated through legislation that passed in June 2013. There are 133 programs that have applied to participate; 56 have been rated.
- The Nebraska Early Care and Education Endowment Fund, known as Sixpence, is a public-private venture, with the Nebraska Department of Education providing \$40 million for early education.
- The Nebraska Early Learning Guidelines for children ages 3 to 5 were revised to align with the new Head Start Child Development and Early Learning Framework and translated into Spanish. A total of 6,331 Early Learning Guidelines were distributed during 2014.
- In 2014, Nebraska fully implemented new licensing regulations for family child care homes, child care centers, school-age only centers, and preschools.
- Nebraska's Early Learning Connection professional registry is currently being implemented.

CUMULATIVE FEDERAL FUNDING PER PROGRAM

Early Head Start Child Care Partnerships (FY14)	\$3,475,886
Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (FY10-14) ¹	\$7,215,296
State Advisory Councils (FY10-13)	\$500,000
Child Care and Development Fund (FY09-13)	\$254,177,428
Head Start (FY09-14)	\$263,000,000

DEMOGRAPHICS: CHILDREN UNDER 6 (2013)

153,610

Total number of children

70.2%

Live in households where the parents present are working

22.7%

Live below the Federal Poverty Level (poverty)

46.7%

Live below 200% of poverty

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HEAD START/ EARLY HEAD START/ EARLY HEAD START CHILD CARE PARTNERSHIPS

16

Number of HS grantees, FY13

12

Number of EHS grantees, FY13

3

Number of AI/AN HS grantees, FY13

1

Number of Migrant/ Seasonal grantees, FY13



20%

Increase in the number of teachers with BA or higher in ECE or related field, FY09-14

5,430



Total enrollment, FY14

\$3.5 M



Funding awarded for 2 EHS-CC Partnership Grants

15%

Percent of HS-eligible children who were enrolled in EHS/HS, FY13

CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT FUND

\$460 M

Total State and Federal Investment, FY09-13

12,600



Number of children served, avg. monthly FY13

\$254 M

Federal Investment Only, FY09-13

\$30 M

Quality Investment, Federal and State, FY09-13

6%



Increase in children served in licensed/regulated center-based care from FY09-14

12%

Percent of federally eligible children who received subsidized care through CCDF, average month in FY11



MATERNAL, INFANT AND EARLY CHILDHOOD HOME VISITING (MIECHV)²

3,307



Home visits performed, FY14



262

Families served, FY14



579

Parents and children served, FY14

6%



Percent of counties in Nebraska where MIECHV is available

¹ Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting [Web page]. <http://mchb.hrsa.gov/programs/homevisiting/>.

² Home visiting helps at-risk families across the U.S. [Web page]. <http://mchb.hrsa.gov/programs/homevisiting/states/index.html>.