



# Nebraska Early Childhood Collaborative

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# Coordinated Enrollment Pilot Expansion

# Purpose

- The Coordinated Enrollment Pilot Expansion will ensure each child and their family can access:
- Quality Early Child Care Education (ECCE) services; and
- Essential services to support each child's healthy development.

# Expanding What Works

- NECC currently provides limited coordinated enrollment services to the three Omaha Early Learning Centers at Gateway, Kennedy, and Skinner as part of an EHS-CCP grant.
- What happens to those families who are over-income for Early Head Start or are on a waitlist?
- The Coordinated Enrollment Pilot Expansion will allow those families to receive the support necessary to enroll in quality ECCE service.

# Services to Families

- One point of access for families to:
  - Receive information and education about quality childcare;
  - Screen for eligibility and apply for public benefits;
  - Receive relevant community referrals to eliminate barriers; and
  - Complete enrollment paperwork as necessary for the participating childcare program of their choice.
- Families will be served by one Coordinated Enrollment Specialist throughout the process.

# PDG Strategic Plan Objectives

## Allow

- The Coordinated Enrollment Pilot Expansion will allow families to receive the support to enroll in quality ECCE services.

## Increase

- Increase family access to quality ECCE by removing barriers to enrollment.

## Create

- Create coordinated and aligned resource, referral, and enrollment system to access care

## Improve

- Improve continuity of care by helping families find the right fit



# Family Child Care Network



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- Tiered System of Support
  - Tier 1/Tier 2/Tier 3
- Virtual Delivery/Statewide Reach
- English & Spanish
- FREE!

*“The work you are doing benefits child care providers across the state but more importantly, it sets in motion a benefit to children which will span generations. Every child care provider believes that there is no more important work than strengthening children. By strengthening child care providers you are the genesis of that positive cycle. Thank you on behalf of child care providers, the children they love and the families they partner with.”*

**- Anne Trouba**

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## Family Child Care Network

### Tier 1 Networking

- **Nebraska Early Childhood Exchange**  
Engage with a resource website that connects child care providers with a variety of business and classroom resources at no cost.
- **Collaborative Communications**  
Receive all the latest announcements and updates on upcoming trainings, funding opportunities, professional development opportunities, and innovations in child care.
- **Social Media**  
Follow and engage with NECC on social media.
- **Family Child Care Network Newsletter**  
Stay up to date on all news and tips from our Family Child Care Network community.
- **Elevate Pre-Conference Networking**  
Attend a pre-conference networking event that allows you to connect and share ideas with providers from across the state.



### Additional Services in Development:

Billing for CACFP and Subsidy | Substitute Pool  
Do you have a recommendation for our menu of services?  
Send it our way at [fcnn@nebraskaeearly.org](mailto:fcnn@nebraskaeearly.org).

### Tier 2 Building

Tier 1 Services PLUS the following:

- **Business Training and Consultation**  
10-Week, 30-Hour Business Series that supports and encourages strong business practices for family child care providers. Individual business consulting may be offered upon completion of the business series.
- **Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential**  
The most widely recognized credential in early childhood education. Our high-touch approach brings CDA classes and coaching to completion for providers at no cost.
- **TEA.C.H.**  
Scholarships to support early care and education professionals in earning a degree in early childhood education.
- **Innovation Ambassador**  
Join our list of innovators who are paid to test the newest, most promising strategies in the field.
- **Licensing Toolkit**  
Materials, mentorship, and support through the licensing process to help meet health and safety standards and state licensing requirements.
- **Professional Development**  
Professional development opportunities designed to meet the specific needs of child care providers, offered at no cost.
  - Early Learning Guidelines (required by state)
  - Safe With You Training
  - CPR & First Aid



### Tier 3 Elevating

Services in Tiers 1 and 2 PLUS the following:

- **Wonderschool**  
A proven software platform which includes a suite of marketing tools, group discounts on liability insurance, and ongoing assistance for business management and payment collection.
- **Tax Preparation**  
Expert tax services provided by an accountant with experience specific to child care accounting.
- **Mentoring**  
A Family Child Care Network Specialist will work individually with you to identify resources and opportunities for quality improvement. This person helps you troubleshoot challenges and is a support system you can turn to when you don't have an answer.
- **The Elevate Fund**  
Exclusive access to funds that support you as you continue your journey to higher quality. Funds can be used for: Technology, Education Materials, Professional Development, Facility/Home Improvements.
- **Bulk Purchasing**  
Access to bulk purchasing and discounted supplies delivered directly to your door with no cost to ship.
- **Elevate**  
Receive complimentary registration to NECC's business summit for child care providers that features keynote speakers and industry experts. Educational topics include finance, marketing, business operations, and more.



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# All Our Kin (AOK): Business Training Series & Consultation Licensing Toolkit



ALL OUR KIN

- Business Training Series
  - 10-week, 30-hour training that covers family child care business topics such as; marketing, contracts, policies/parent handbooks, budgeting, taxes, risk management, more
  - Inservice hours/stipend to attend
- Business Consultation/The Learning Community
  - Optional 8-week, extension of the BTS, facilitated utilizing the Business Administration Scale (BAS) and harnesses peer learning supports
- Licensing Toolkit
  - Inspired by the work of AOK, the Licensing Toolkit is a customized program specifically designed for Nebraska Family Child Care Licensure
  - Pairs future FCCP's with a mentor and toolkit boxes to provide supports for the licensing process
  - Digital Companion: <https://toolkit.nebraskaeearly.org/>

*“Emily was absolutely amazing! It is difficult to keep the attention of 10+ people every Monday night for 3 hours via Zoom but she did a spectacular job! She kept class fun and full of information. I looked forward to it each week even after an 11-hour day! She was relatable and extremely encouraging!*

**-BTS Graduate**

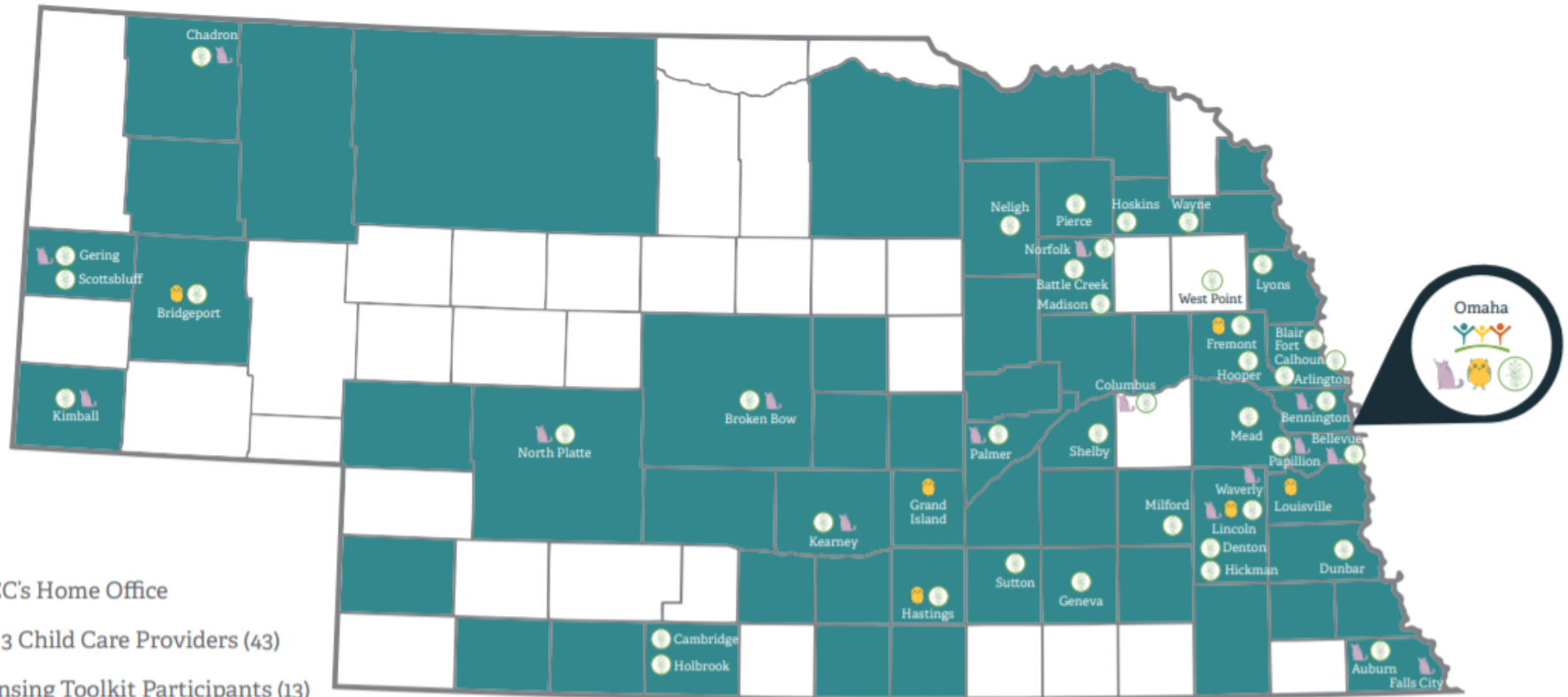
# Wonderschool

- “One stop shop” for child care business tools
- Provider dashboard tracks revenue/expenses/vacancies/
- Website (Tours/Enrollments)
- Parent Communication & Attendance Tools (Wonderschool App)
- Automatic Parent Billing
- Curriculum resources, professional development, discounts, and an active community of ECE professionals
- Elevate Fund
- Mentoring, Continuous Quality Improvement, Professional Development



*“The biggest benefit I have received from Wonderschool, thus far, is the automated billing system it provides. I no longer have to remind my parents when tuition is due. I also don't have to continually send them monthly statements, as they are able to grab those right off their Wonderschool parent website. It saves me time, which is priceless!” - Amy Lanik*

# Family Child Care Network February 2021



-  NECC's Home Office
-  Tier 3 Child Care Providers (43)
-  Licensing Toolkit Participants (13)
-  All Our Kin Business Training Series Participants (194)

300+ Nebraska Exchange Members