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**Sixpence Child Care Partnership Request for Proposal**

The Sixpence Child Care Partnership program will open a Request for Proposals (RFP) to expand early childhood programs and services across the state for children up to age three and their families. Two applications will be selected as part of LB547, a subaward from Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. The overall goal is to support child care providers in promoting high-quality childhood and development for infants and toddlers so they can lead successful, thriving lives. Applicants eligible to submit proposals are school districts and cooperatives of school districts. Eligible applicants are required to partner with at least one other community-based organization. Community partners may be not-for-profit, or for-profit service providers. Grant applications will be available **on June 12, 2024**, via the Sixpence website [www.singasongofsixpence.org.](http://www.singasongofsixpence.org)

The application packet will be available on the Sixpence website:
 [www.singasongofsixpence.org/](http://www.singasongofsixpence.org/) beginning June 12, 2024.

The Sixpence Child Care Partnerships team will hold **two Q&A sessions via Zoom** on June 18, 2024, 9:00am CST/8:00am MST and on June 20, 2024, 2:00pm CST/1:00 pm MST. The applicant is encouraged to attend one of the two sessions. More information on these Q&A sessions can also be found on the Sixpence website.

Questions may be submitted to Stephanni Renn, Nebraska Children and Families Foundation, 215 Centennial Mall South, Suite #200, Lincoln, NE 68508; 402-239-5920, Srenn@nebraskachildren.org or Deb Reiman at dreiman@nebraskachildren.org

**About Sixpence**

The Sixpence Early Learning Fund is Nebraska’s signature public-private initiative to promote community-based programs focused on the developmental needs of children prenatal-to-age-three (PN-3), especially those most likely to encounter obstacles to their healthy cognitive, social-emotional and physical development. Sixpence grantees are local school districts and cooperatives of school districts that include at least one community-based organization. Sixpence funds grantees throughout the state, delivering services through home visiting programs, center-based child care programs and school-community child care partnerships.

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