

Professional Development System Overview: Nebraska



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State		Nebraska	
Professional Development (PD) System	<p>Title: Nebraska's Early Learning Connection (ELC)</p> <p>Web site: http://www.education.ne.gov/oec/elc.html</p>		
Infrastructure/ PD System Governance	<p>Type of Governance: State agency (Department of Education)</p> <p>The ELC consists of a statewide hub at the Early Childhood Training Center and seven regional ELC partnerships, along with other State and regional partners. The ELC receives support from the Federal Child Care and Development Fund, IDEA Part C, IDEA Part B-619, and other public and private funding.</p> <p>Key Contacts: Melody Hobson, Administrator, melody.hobson@nebraska.gov Nicole Vint, CCDF/SSBG Program Manager II, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, nicole.vint@nebraska.gov</p>		
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Target Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child Care, school-age care, HS/EHS 		
Early Learning Guidelines (ELGs)	<p>Ages Included in ELGs and Alignment with K–12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Birth–3 years 3–5 years Align with K–12 	<p>Notes</p> <p>Title: Nebraska Early Learning Guidelines for Ages Birth to Three The ELGs inform parents, family members, early childhood teachers, caregivers, and other adults. Web site: http://www.education.ne.gov/oec/pubs/ELG/B_3_English.pdf</p> <p>Title: Nebraska Early Learning Guidelines for Ages 3 to 5 The Guidelines provide a framework to guide decisions about planning developmentally appropriate activities for young children and the early childhood setting. They provide a map that adults can use to understand the developmental “path” that children will follow on their way to kindergarten. Web site: http://www.education.ne.gov/oec/pubs/ELG/3_5_English.pdf</p> <p>Information on State ELGs references to dual language learners is available at http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/cultural-linguistic/center/state-guidelines/dll_guidelines.html</p>	

Core Knowledge and Competencies (CKCs)	Roles	Notes
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Adults working with children ages Birth–5 years 	<p>Title: Nebraska’s Core Competencies for Early Childhood Professionals: Knowledge and Skills Needed to Effectively Work with Children Ages Birth to Five Years Nebraska’s Core Competencies are divided into nine areas of knowledge and skill. The competencies describe knowledge and skills based upon six levels of education/experience in the early childhood field. Web site: http://www.education.ne.gov/oec/pubs/core_comp_0510.pdf</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ School-age and youth practitioners 	<p>Title: Nebraska School-Age and Youth Development Core Competencies The Core Competencies are divided into three skill levels; entry, intermediate, and advanced. Web site: http://www.education.ne.gov/oec/pubs/school_age_core_comp_2010.pdf</p>
Approval Systems	Trainer/Training	Notes
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Training calendar 	<p>Title: Nebraska Statewide Training Calendar Web site: http://ectccalendar.education.ne.gov/ectc/default.asp</p>
Workforce Registry/Data System and Career Pathways	System(s)	Notes
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Workforce registry 	<p>Title: In Development—Early Learning Connection Registry Web site: http://www.education.ne.gov/oec/elc.html</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Career pathways (lattice/ladder) 	<p>Title: Nebraska Early Childhood Career Advising Guide Web site: http://nebraskaaeyc.org/files/2009/08/Nebraska_Career_Advising_Guide_Dec_201111.pdf</p>