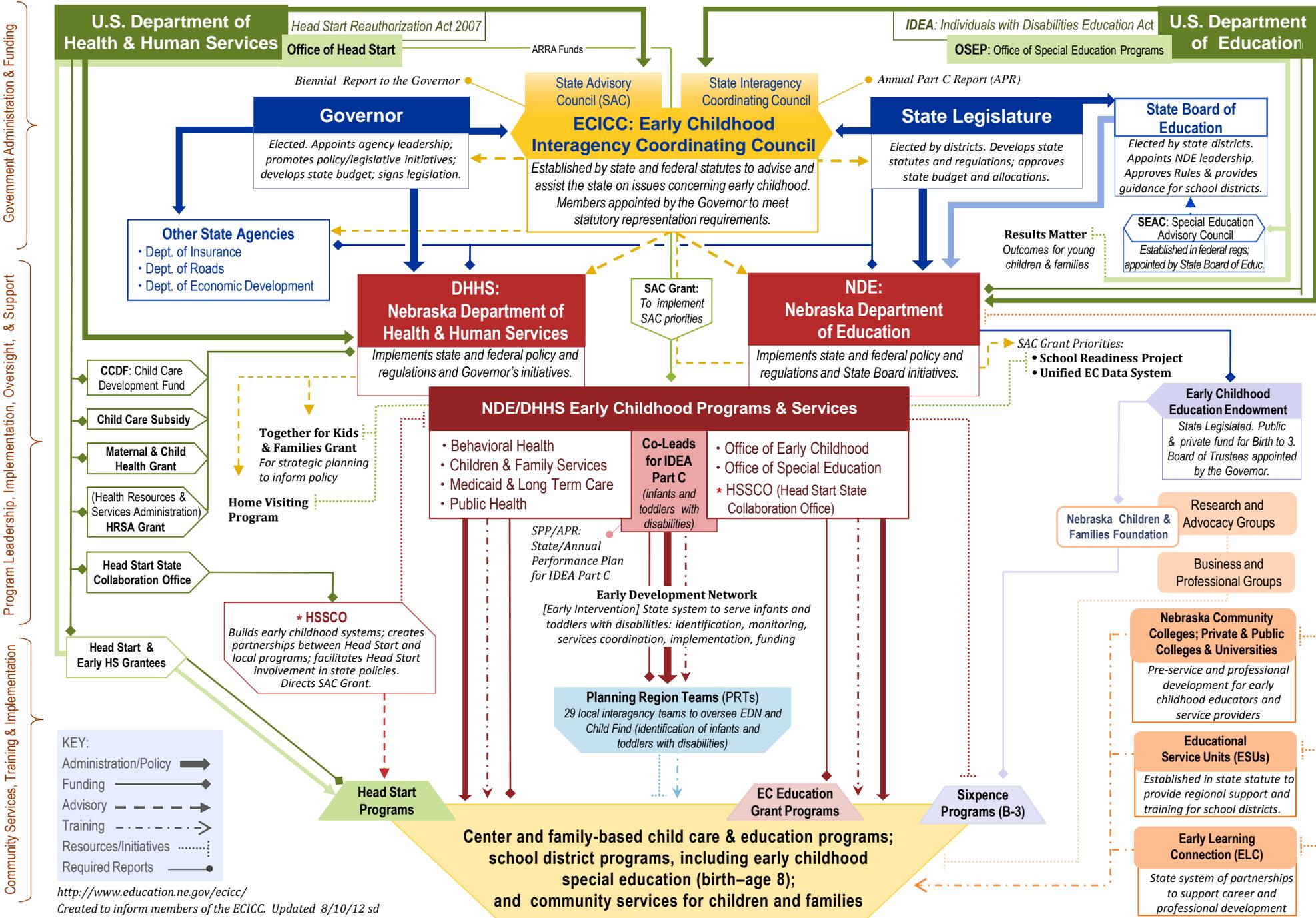


Early Childhood Linkages and Relationships to ECICC

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ECICC:

A collaborative effort to inform state government on the improvement of services affecting young children and their families

The **Early Childhood Interagency Coordinating Council** was created by the Nebraska Legislature in 2000 to advise and assist the collaborating agencies in carrying out the provisions of the Early Intervention Act, the Quality Child Care Act, and other early childhood care and education initiatives under state supervision [Section 43-3401, Nebraska Revised Statutes].

The ECICC is identified by the Governor as the State Early Learning Council [State Advisory Council] to meet the federal requirements of the *Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act* [December 2007, PL110-134].

The ECICC also serves as the state interagency coordinating council (SICC) as required by the federal *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), 2007* [PL108-446].

Council Membership

Council members are appointed by the Governor to represent the population of the State.

Composition is prescribed in federal and state legislation (*ECICC, Head Start, IDEA*).

Currently, the ECICC membership consists of 30 members representing the following categories as required in legislation:

- Agencies, i.e., collaborating state agencies responsible for:
 - Child Care
 - Early Intervention
 - Homeless Education
 - Insurance
 - Medicaid
 - Mental Health
 - Preschool
 - Welfare–Foster Care–CAPTA
- Business (vacant)
- Educational Service Units
- Early Intervention (EI) Services
- Higher Education
- Head Start State Collaboration Office
- Legislature (state senator)
- Parents of children with disabilities (20% of membership)
- Physician
- Professional Development
- Service providers (20% of membership)
 - Child Care, center-based
 - Child Care, family-based
 - Developmental Disabilities (includes EI Services)
 - Head Start and Tribal Head Start
 - Health-Medical
 - Mental Health
 - Resource and referral
 - Schools
 - Social Services
- Other (vacant)