

## State Advisory Councils Early Care and Education

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## Background/Purpose

- Improve coordination and collaboration
- Responsibility of SAC to facilitate development or enhancement of high-quality systems and to improve school readiness
- Congress authorizes Governor of each state to designate or establish Council
- NE Governor designated ECICC

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## The Work of the SAC

- Strengthen state-level coordination and collaboration among various sectors and settings of early childhood programs in the State.
- Conduct periodic statewide needs assessments on quality and availability of programs/services
- Identify barriers to coordination and collaboration among all federal/state program

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## SAC to Develop Recommendations:

- For increasing overall participation of children in federal, state, local child care and early education programs
  - Including outreach to underrepresented/special populations
- Establishment or improvement of core elements in the state system, such as unified data collection
- Statewide professional development and career ladder system for early educators
- High-quality early learning standards

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## Assess PD Higher Ed systems'

- Capacity and effectiveness of 2- and 4-year public and private institutions of higher education to support development of early childhood educators...
- And including articulation agreements, career advancement plans, PD plans, internships in Head Start or prekindergarten programs

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## ARRA Grant Application Content

- Develop and implement a plan established by the State Advisory Council on Early Childhood Education and Care for children from birth to school entry [SAC]
- One time funds available
- Nebraska would be eligible for a federal share [30%]  
\$500,000 of the entire cost of the project
- 70% state inkind/match requirement = \$1.167 Million for Nebraska

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## Project Description

- ACF particularly interested in specific project descriptions that focus on outcomes and convey strategies for achieving intended performance.
- Draw upon SAC needs assessment or planning studies for relevant data to inform proposal:
  - Table of Contents
  - Objectives and Need for Assistance
  - Approach
  - Staff and Position Data
  - Organizational Profiles
  - Budget and Justification
  - Additional supporting documents

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## If needs assessment absent...

- Describe current status of quality/availability of programs and services birth to school entry
- Existing need for coordination and collaboration among early programs and services, as well as
- Existing status of State early learning standards,
- Governance,
- Professional Development,
- Data systems
- Incorporate demographic data, participant, who benefits, etc.

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## Include other information...

- Name/agency/affiliation of ECICC members
- Address 3 years of grant period, goals, objectives, activities, timelines
- Provide quantitative monthly or quarterly projections of accomplishments for each project activity
- Provide plan for conducting required periodic needs assessment, public hearings, meetings
- Provide list of organizations, entities, consultants that will work on project
- HOW STATE PLANSTO SUSTAIN .....The EC system

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## Relevant regulations

- ARRA
- 45 CFR Part 92, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments
- A-87, Cost Principles
- Head Start Act and all relevant Head Start regulations
  
- For additional information check the [www.eclkc.org](http://www.eclkc.org) the official web site of the Office of Head Start.

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## What's Next?

- Determine process for gathering the state required inkind/match
- Obtain ECICC approval to move forward once the inkind has been determined
- Communicate with Governor's office via NDE Commissioner's Office
- Designate grant committee of ECICC members and/or others to coordinate the application writing and submission
- ...which is DUE AUGUST 1, 2010.