



Cheers to a decade of quality improvement



2024 marks Step Up to Quality's 10-year anniversary. Throughout the past decade, we've been honored to help hundreds of Nebraska child care providers and educators take steps toward even higher quality practices.

This past year, enhancing the Step Up to Quality coaching experience has been a focus for our team. Notably, we created and launched a dual-language binder for providers and educators who participate in Quality Foundations coaching, ensuring they can track their learnings, organize their thoughts and feel confident moving through each step of the process.

Since our last report, 120 more programs are actively participating in Step Up to Quality. We're so proud of the 850+ child care programs enrolled across Nebraska who are committed to continuous quality improvement every day, supporting an excellent experience for the children in their care.

Looking forward, we're excited to make our resources even more accessible and engaging for programs and parents — stay tuned for updates!

Thank you for taking this journey with us as we continue to learn and grow alongside the parents, programs and policymakers dedicated to ensuring our youngest Nebraskans have the brightest futures. Cheers to the next 10 years of quality improvement!



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CHILD CARE PROGRAMS

from across Nebraska are participating in Step Up to Quality



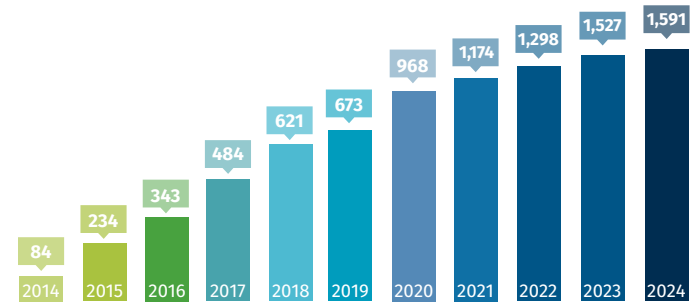
47,161

CHILDREN SERVED

in participating Step Up to Quality programs since 2014

Going above and beyond

Child care providers who participate in Step Up to Quality are committed to defining and elevating quality for Nebraska's children. They exceed licensing requirements by attending extra training, analyzing their business operations, updating their educational offerings to match industry best practices and continuously improving the quality of the care they provide.



Providers enrolled each year

Step Up to Quality began in 2014 as Nebraska's Quality Rating Improvement System (QRIS). Not all states had a QRIS at the time — now, nearly all do. The commitment Nebraska providers make to provide high-quality care continues to deepen and grow.

Benefits for providers

In addition to joining a community of supportive, like-minded professionals in the early childhood education field, Step Up to Quality offers many advantages to participating child care providers.



QUALITY INCENTIVE BONUSES

\$436,450

awarded program-wide since 2014



FREE TRAINING

4,052

people have completed Step Up to Quality's orientation



FREE COACHING

375

programs have received guidance from a professional coach



Get rewarded for your participation

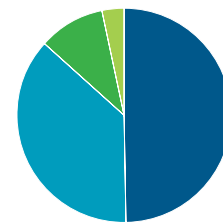
Tax credits are available for participating Step Up to Quality programs and their staff. Learn more about criteria and how to apply at bit.ly/StepUptoQualityTaxCredits

Every provider counts

High-quality child care can be found all over Nebraska — more than 850 child care providers throughout the state participate in Step Up to Quality.

Enrolled programs

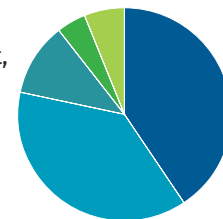
Step Up to Quality serves all types of early childhood education programs throughout Nebraska.



- **792** Family Child Care Homes
- **588** Child Care Centers
- **161** Head Start/ Public School Preschool
- **50** Preschools

Steps achieved

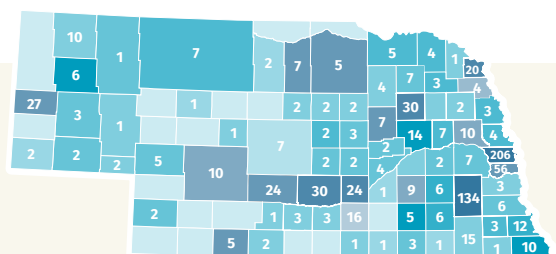
Every step is significant, and no matter where providers are in the process, they are congratulated for their commitment to high-quality care.



- **349** Step 1
- **325** Step 2
- **94** Step 3
- **39** Step 4
- **51** Step 5

Find providers in your area

Step Up to Quality providers can be found across the state of Nebraska.



Learn more: Visit our website to sign up for our newsletter, and follow us on social media for all the latest news!

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