



NEBRASKA EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL (ECICC)

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

August 15, 2025

9:00 AM

State Board Room, Nebraska Department of Education
500 S. 84th Street, Lincoln

DRAFT AGENDA

- 9:00-9:20 AM **Council Meeting Convenes** ECICC Chair, Amber Jara
Welcome/Introductions
Vote for Vice-Chairperson
***Approval of minutes – May 2, 2025**
Review of today's agenda
- 9:20-9:30 AM **** Public Comment, Announcements, Upcoming Events**
- 9:30-9:35 AM **Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Update** Nicole Vint
CCDF Administrator, Children & Family Services, DHHS
- 9:35-9:45 AM **Early Childhood Update** Melody Hobson
Office of Early Childhood Director, NDE
- 9:45-10:00 AM **Head Start Update** Steph Knust
Head Start State Collaboration Office Director, NDE
- 10:00-10:15 AM **Part C Update** Amy Bunnell & Jessica Anthony, EDN Co-Leads
- 10:15-10:30 AM **Break**
- 10:30-11:00 AM **Market Rate Survey** Alex Daro, Director of Applied Research
Buffet Early Childhood Institute
- 11:00-11:30 AM **Parent Ambassador Program** Ilissa Talkington, via zoom
Parent Ambassador Program Manager,
NE Early Childhood Collaborative
- 11:30-11:40 AM **Facilitator Report** ECICC Facilitator, Mary Phillips

11:40-11:45 AM **November Meeting Components**

11:45 AM **Other – Adjournment**

Next Meeting: Friday, November 21, 2025, at 9:00a.m. Format TBD.

2025 ECICC meeting dates

- November 21

2026 ECICC meeting dates

- February 13
- May 1
- August 14
- November 20

*Council vote needed

** Public Comment Invited

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