



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

May 1, 2026

9:00 AM

SCC Jack Huck Continuing Education Center, 3rd floor
301 S. 68th St. Place
Lincoln, Nebraska

DRAFT AGENDA

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| 9:00-9:20 AM | Council Meeting Convenes
Welcome/Introductions
*Approval of minutes – February 13, 2026
Review of today's agenda | ECICC Chair, Amber Jara |
| 9:20-9:25 AM | ** Public Comment, Announcements, Upcoming Events | |
| 9:25-9:35 AM | Early Childhood Update | Melody Hobson
Office of Early Childhood Director, NDE |
| 9:35-9:50 AM | Head Start Update | Steph Knust
Head Start State Collaboration Office Director, NDE |
| 9:50-10:10 AM | Part C Differentiated Monitoring and Support Report and Findings
from the Office of Special Education Programs | Amy Bunnell & Jessica Anthony, EDN Co-Leads |
| 10:10-10:25 AM | Preschool Development Grant update | Jackie Farrell
Vice President Systems Alignment,
Nebraska Children & Families Foundation |
| 10:25-10:40 AM | Break | |
| 10:40-11:00 AM | Legislative Updates | Mitch Clark
Policy Advisor, First Five Nebraska
& ECICC Technical Assistant |
| 11:00-11:20 AM | Technical Assistant Sharing | Shela Jones
CCDF Federal Administrator, DHHS
& ECICC Technical Assistant |
| 11:20-11:35 AM | Early Childhood Acronyms Activity | Mary Phillips
ECICC Facilitator |

11:35-11:50 AM **Comprehensive Literacy State Development Grant Update** Jamie Cook
Literacy Officer, NDE

11:50-11:55 AM **August 14th Meeting Components** Mary Phillips

11:55 AM **Other – Adjournment**

Next Meeting: Friday, August 14, 2026, at 9:00a.m. – meeting length and format TBD.

For your calendars:
2026 ECICC meeting dates

- August 14
- November 20

2027 ECICC meeting dates

- February 12
- May 7
- August 13
- November 19

*Council vote needed
** Public Comment Invited

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