

**Representation of Members on the Nebraska
Early Childhood Interagency Coordinating Council
(ECICC) as required in Federal and State Statutes**

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Abbreviations: DHHS=Department of Health and Human Services • NDE=Nebraska Department of Education • NDOI=Nebraska Department of Insurance

Representation Category	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)—2004		(Nebraska Statute) ECICC—2000		Head Start Act—2007 re: State Advisory Council (SAC)		Represented on ECICC by
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Agency: Child Care	not less than 1 member shall be a representative	from a State agency responsible for child care	shall include, but not be limited to, representatives	of... the collaborating agencies	The SAC shall include... a representative	Of the state agency responsible for child care	DHHS-Nicole Vint
Agency: Early Intervention	not less than 1 member shall be	from each agency involved in provision of, or payment for EIS... [with] authority to engage in policy planning and implementation	shall include, but not be limited to, representatives	of... the collaborating agencies	The SAC shall include... a representative	Of the state agency responsible for programs under section 619 or Part C of IDEA	NDE-Amy Bunnell
Agency: Homeless Education	not less than 1 member shall be a representative	designated by Office of the Coordinator for Education of the Homeless					NDE-Ann Carmoney
Agency: Insurance	not less than 1 member shall be	from the agency responsible for regulation of health insurance					NDOI-John Marinovich
Agency: Medicaid	not less than 1 member shall be	from the State agency responsible for the State Medicaid program					DHHS-Jessica Anthony
Agency: Mental Health	not less than 1 member shall be a representative	from the State agency responsible for children's mental health			The SAC shall include... a representative	Of the state agency responsible for health or mental health care	DHHS-Diana Meadors
Agency: Preschool, Early Childhood			shall include, but not be limited to, representatives	of... the collaborating agencies	The SAC shall include... a representative	of the state educational agency;	NDE-Melody Hobson

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Agency: Preschool, Special Education	not less than 1 member shall be	from the State educational agency responsible for preschool services to children with disabilities... [with] authority to engage in policy planning and implementation	shall include, but not be limited to, representatives	of... the collaborating agencies	The SAC shall include... a representative	Of the state agency responsible for programs under section 619...	NDE-Kristine Ray
Agency: <i>Welfare-Foster Care-CAPTA</i>	not less than 1 member shall be a representative	from the State child welfare agency responsible for foster care					DHHS-Kerrin Packard
Business			shall include, but not be limited to, representatives	of... business persons			Themis Gomes
Early Intervention Services (EI)	not less than 20% of members shall be	Public or private providers of early intervention services [20% of 30=6]					<i>See Service Providers</i>
Educational Service Units			shall include, but not be limited to, representatives	of... educational service units			Michele Rayburn
Higher Education			shall include, but not be limited to, representatives	of... higher education	The SAC shall include... a representative	of institutions of higher education in the State	Gina Bittner
HSSCO <i>(Head Start State Collaboration Office)</i>					The SAC shall include	The State Director of Head Start Collaboration	NDE-Steph Knust
Legislature	not less than 1 member shall be	from the State Legislature	shall include, but not be limited to, representatives	of... the Legislature			Vacant
Parents	Not less than 20% of members shall be	parents of children with disabilities aged 12 or younger, with knowledge of, or experience with, programs for infants and toddlers with disabilities [20% of 30=6]	Shall include, but not be limited to	Parents of children who require early intervention services, early childhood special education, and other early childhood care and education services			Amber Jara Stacie Lada Heather Schmidt Tara Schroder Shannon Vanderford Vacant
	Not less than 1 such member shall be	A parent of... a child with a disability aged 6 or younger					

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Physician			Shall include, but not limited to representatives	of... physicians			Dr. Erica Peterson
Professional Development	not less than 1 member shall be	involved in personnel preparation	Shall include, but not be limited to, representatives	of... agencies providing training to staff of child care programs			Vacant
Service Provider: Child Care-Center <i>(includes EI services)</i>			Shall include, but not be limited to, representatives	of... center-based child care & education	The SAC shall include... a representative	of local providers of early childhood education programs and development services	Sky Rotert
Service Provider: Child Care – Family			Shall include, but not be limited to, representatives	of... family child care	The SAC shall include... a representative	of local providers of early childhood education programs and development services	Tammy Kresser
Service Provider: Developmental Disabilities <i>(includes EI services)</i>			Shall include, but not be limited to, representatives	of... developmental disabilities services	The SAC shall include... a representative		Tina Kilgore
Service Provider: Head Start Head Start-Tribal <i>(includes EI services)</i>	not less than 1 member shall be a representative	from a Head Start agency or program in the State	Shall include, but not be limited to, representatives	of... Head Start	The SAC shall include... a representative	of Head Start agencies located in the State, including migrant and seasonal... and Indian Head Start programs	Vacant Head Start Vacant Head Start-Tribal
Service Provider: Health-Medical <i>(includes EI services)</i>			Shall include, but not be limited to, representatives	of... health & medical services			Vacant
Service Provider: Mental Health <i>(includes EI services)</i>			Shall include, but not be limited to, representatives	of... mental health services			Kristi Layman
Service Provider: Resource & Referral <i>(includes EI services)</i>			Shall include, but not be limited to, representatives	of... resource & referral agencies			Child Care Child Find CONNECT
Service Provider: Schools-EC <i>(includes EI services)</i>			Shall include, but not be limited to, representatives	of... school districts	The SAC shall include... a representative	Of local educational agencies	Misty Bear

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Service Provider: Social Services <i>(includes EI services)</i>			Shall include, but not be limited to, representatives	of... social services			LaRae Flood
Tribal <i>(may include EI services)</i>	may include other members selected by the Governor, including a representative	of a BIA-operated or BIA-funded school, Indian Health Service or tribe or tribal council			The SAC shall include... a representative	of [Head Start agencies including...] Indian Head Start Programs	<i>See Head Start-Tribal above</i>
Other:	may include other members	selected by the Governor	...Governor shall make additional appointments	as required by this section [statute]	The SAC shall include... a representative	of other entities determined to be relevant by the Governor of the State	