PRESCHOOL DEVELOPMENT GRANT and STATEWIDE STRATEGIC PLANNING

April 30, 2020-April 30, 2021

PDG ACTIVITIES
- Maximizing Parent Choice and Knowledge
- Sharing Best Practices and Professional Development for the EC Workforce
- Improving Overall Quality and Service Integration, Expanding Access and Developing New Programs
- Monitoring, Evaluation, and Data Use for Continuous Improvement, Meaningful Governance and Stakeholder Engagement

STRATEGIC PLANNING AND COORDINATION
- Strategic Planning and PDG Management
- Information and Stakeholder Inputs
STRATEGIC PLANNING AND COORDINATION TEAMS

NEBRASKA LEADERSHIP TEAM

Oversees PDG implementation activities and leads strategic planning processes and stakeholder engagement.

- Make “big picture” connections to expand stakeholder engagement in the Strategic Plan
- Make “big picture” connections to expand opportunities to collaborate
- Support project implementation and provide decision-making as needed
- Promote performance evaluation strategies to demonstrate progress toward strategic plan objectives
- Identify barriers to achieving the SP goals and objectives and seek help when needed
- Disseminate PDG information and communicate with state and community leaders, including ECICC, about PDG activities and the Strategic Plan

Members: Project Leads and other key statewide/cross sector leaders

Meets monthly

PROJECT MANAGEMENT TEAM

Financial oversight, project management, reporting, coordination of Nebraska Leadership Team

Members: Leads from Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Nebraska Department of Education, Nebraska Children and Families Foundation and Buffett Early Childhood Institute

Meets weekly

EVALUATION NETWORK TEAM

Establishes shared state and community guidelines for using a systems lens to evaluate early childhood practices and programs

Members: Kathleen Gallagher (lead) and program and evaluation leaders from across the state

Meets: TBD

INFORMATION SHARING AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Public Stakeholders – NLT will reach out to stakeholders in multiple sectors and across the state to invite participation in strategic planning efforts

Needs Assessment – gather information from families and providers about needs and gaps in the EC system to be evaluated by NLT and stakeholders and addressed in strategic planning efforts

Leads: Amy Mart, Kate Gallagher

Early Childhood Interagency Coordination Council (ECICC) – Advises and assists state agencies responsible for early childhood care and education, serves as the state interagency coordinating council on for Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004 and the State Advisory Council on Early Childhood Education and Care. The NLT will communicate with the ECICC and its membership to share information about the Strategic Plan and invite ECICC members to reach out to their constituencies to promote EC systems change efforts.

Members are governor appointed

Strategic Plan Coordination Team (SPCT) – a subcommittee of the NLT that supports NLT meetings, facilitates information sharing among teams and stakeholders, and develops tools to advance the strategic planning objectives.

Members: Staff and consultants

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