

PDG Renewal Grant B-5 Personnel Directory 2020-2021						
Activity	Organization	Name	Position	Role	Other Activity Involvement	E-mail
Grant Administration	NDHHS	Nicole Vint	CCDF Administrator			Nicole.Vint@nebraska.gov
		Beckie Cromer*	CCDF Grant Coordinator			Beckie.Cromer@nebraska.gov
		Kelsey Hansen*	Claims Reviewer			Kelsey.Hansen@nebraska.gov
Project Coordination	NCFE	Betty Medinger	Project Lead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides oversight assuring maximization of all other initiatives led through NCFE 		bmedinger@nebraska-children.org
		Shannon Mitchell-Boekstal*	Project Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assure the goals of the grant are met Manage multiple processes, reporting, coordination and oversight Submit Progress Reports 		Sboekstal@nebraskachildren.org
		Amy Bornemeier*	Consultant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist newly hired PDG Project Manager to coordinate with all NC Initiatives Assure PDG and Pritzler grant activities are aligned 		abornemeier@firstfive-nebraska.org
		Stephanni Renn	VP of Early Childhood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist newly hired PDG Project Manager to coordinate with all NC Initiatives 		srenn@nebraskachildren.org
		Wende Baker*	Project Administration Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist Project Manager in keeping work aligned Assist in managing meetings, agendas, notes and distributing information 		bpscontracting2000@gmail.com
		Jamie Anthony	Grants Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assures contracting processes and procedures are followed Oversees the work of the Admin Asst. Related to these work processes 		janthony@nebraskachildren.org
		Mariana Munoz de Schell*	Family Engagement Liaison			mmunozdeschell@nebraskachildren.org
		Cheryl Marks	Community Investment Coordinator			cmarks@nebraskachildren.org
		Josh Cramer	Senior Vice President			jcramer@nebraskachildren.org
1. Needs Assessment	BECI	Kate Gallagher	Director, Research and Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project Co-Lead Attend weekly and month meetings (steering committee, NLT, SPAT) Supervise research specialists Oversee employee progress, provide guidance 	6c. Program Performance Evaluation	kgallagher@nebraska.edu
		Amy Mart	Director, Professional Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project Co-Lead Attend weekly and month meetings (steering committee, NLT, SPAT) progress, provide guidance Supervise graduate assistants Edit questions for data collection Analyze data collection findings 		amart@nebraska.edu

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		Ashia Aubrey*	PDG Communications Specialist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct targeted audiences to the tools used for data collection (e.g., survey, attending virtual or in-person focus groups) Monitor communications around data collection tools 	2. Strategic Plan 3e. Parent Education Campaign 6c. Program Performance Evaluation	ashiaaubrey@nebraska.edu
		TBH*	PDG BECI Project Administrator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend meetings with PDG Partners Oversee employee progress, provide guidance Track progress in all activities Attend meetings with BECI Leadership Run meetings with Project Managers Assist with meetings with Project Coordinators (Partnership) 	2a. Strategic Plan 3e. Parent Education Campaign	
		Alexendra Daro*	Research Specialist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist in the design data collection tools Assist in the analysis of the data collected Assist in report analysis 	6c. Program Performance Evaluation	adaro@nebraska.edu
		Kymerly Caddell*	Research Specialist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist in the design data collection tools 	6c. Program Performance Evaluation	kcaddell@unomaha.edu
		Ashia Aubrey*	Communications Specialist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct targeted audiences to the tools used for data collection (e.g., survey, attending virtual or in-person focus groups) Monitor communications around data collection tools 	2a. Strategic Plan 3e. Parent Education Campaign 4a. Workforce Implementation 6c. Performance Evaluation 6d. Transition Committee	ashiaaubrey@nebraska.edu
		Lee Manns*	Grants Financial Specialist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Track expenses within projects across all BECI PDG activities (6 total) Manage invoices 	2a. Strategic Plan 3e. Parent Education Campaign 4a. Workforce Implementation 6c. Performance Evaluation 6d. Transition Committee	Lmanns@nebraska.edu
		TBH*	Graduate Assistant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support assignments within this activity 		
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2. Strategic Plan	BECI	Suan Sarver	Project Lead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend weekly and month meetings (steering committee, NLT, SPAT) Oversee employee progress, provide guidance Oversee graduate assistant Coordinate meetings and plans with strategic consultant 	4a. Workforce Commission	ssarver@nebraska.edu
		TBH*	PDG BECI Project Administrator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend meetings with PDG Partners Oversee employee progress, provide guidance Track progress in all activities Attend meetings with BECI Leadership Run meetings with Project Managers Assist with meetings with Project Coordinators (Partnership) 	1a. Needs Assessment 3e. Parent Education Campaign 6c. Program Evaluation	
		Hallie Duke*	Strategic Consultant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate ongoing strategic planning efforts and stakeholder engagement related to the strategic plan Collaborate to align need assessment and performance evaluation with strategic planning efforts 		hallie@drdukeconsulting.com

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		Sara Vetter*	Project Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Track progress across projects within this activity Attend meetings Report project/activity progress to PI and PDG BECI Project Administrator Coordinate with contracted strategic consultant 	4a. Workforce Commission	svetter@nebraska.edu
		Vera Valtier	Office Specialist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set up virtual/in-person meetings Track expenses/invoices related to this activity Provide support for meetings Purchase supplies related to any PDG projects for BECI 		vvaltier@nebraska.edu
		Ashia Aubrey*	Communications Specialist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct targeted audiences to the tools used for data collection (e.g., survey, attending virtual or in-person focus groups) Monitor communications around data collection tools 	1a. Needs Assessment 3e. Parent Education Campaign 4a. Workforce Implementation 6c. Performance Evaluation 6d. Transition Committee	ashiaaubrey@nebraska.edu
		Lee Manns*	Grants Financial Specialist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Track expenses within projects across all BECI PDG activities (6 total) Manage invoices 	2a. Needs Assessment 3e. Parent Education Campaign 4a. Workforce Implementation 6c. Performance Evaluation 6d. Transition Committee	Lmanns@nebraska.edu
		TBH*	Graduate Assistant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research other states strategic plans, measures of progress Assist with writing guidelines for enhanced program evaluation/metrics systems for assessing progress 		hannahrandolph11@gmail.com
3b. Learning Begins at Birth	FFN	Adam Feser	Project Lead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit Progress Reports 		afeser@firstfivebrask.org
3bi. Right Place	UNL-EXT	Holly Hatton- Bowers	Project Lead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit Progress Reports 		hattonnb@unl.edu
		Jaclyn Foged	Project Co-Lead			jfoged2@unl.edu
3c. Getting Ready	UNL	Lisa Knoche	Project Lead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit Progress Reports 		lknoche2@unl.edu
3d. Ready Rosie	NCFE	Marti Beard	Project Lead			mbeard@nebraskachildren.org
		Noelle Wegner*	Asst. VP PDG/C4K+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit Progress Reports 		nwegner@nebraskachildren.org
		Shonna Werth	Asst. VP EC Programs			swerth@nebraskachildren.org
3e. Parent Education Campaign	BECI	Erin Owen	Project Co-Lead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend weekly and month meetings (steering committee, NLT, SPAT) Oversee employee progress, provide guidance Assemble and meet with planning team Develop and direct annual work plan Oversee communication specialists Oversee and direct communications research Design campaign plan, goals, and strategies for parent and community education of early childhood care and education 		erowen@nebraska.edu
		Renee Wessels	Project Co-lead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit Progress Reports 		rwessels@nebraska.edu
		TBH*	PDG BECI Project Administrator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend meetings with PDG Partners Oversee employee progress, provide guidance Track progress in all activities Attend meetings with BECI Leadership Run meetings with Project Managers Assist with meetings with Project Coordinators (Partnership) 	1a. Needs Assessment 2a. Strategic Plan 6c. Program Evaluation	

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		Erin Duffy*	Digital Communications Specialist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create and edit digital content • Disseminate and promote digital content across multiple communication platforms 		erinduffy@nebraska.edu
		Erica Nett*	Public Outreach Communications Specialist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manage communications research review/audit • Attend planning team meetings, develop agendas, manage follow-up as needed • Conduct research relevant to possible agencies 		emnett@nebraska.edu
		Ashia Aubrey*	Communications Specialist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct targeted audiences to the tools used for data collection (e.g., survey, attending virtual or in-person focus groups) • Monitor communications around data collection tools 	1a. Needs Assessment 2a. Strategic Plan 4a. Workforce Implementation 6c. Performance Evaluation 6d. Transition Committee	ashiaaubrey@nebraska.edu
		Cecely Schieffer	Office Associate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Track meetings • Track expenses/invoices for Communications and Marketing Team • Monitor progress on projects for this activity and report to supervisor and PDG BECI Project Administrator 		cschieffer@nebraska.edu
		Kelly Jefferson	Associate Director, Communications and Marketing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend meetings • Oversee employee progress, provide guidance • Draft annual work plan • Meet with planning team and develop agenda and materials for planning work sessions • Assist with the design campaign plan, goals, and strategies for parent and community education of early childhood care and education • Manage communications staff and plans 		
		Lee Manns*	Grants Financial Specialist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Track expenses within projects across all BECI PDG activities (6 total) • Manage invoices 	2a. Needs Assessment 2a. Strategic Plan 4a. Workforce Implementation 6c. Performance Evaluation 6d. Transition Committee	Lmanns@nebraska.edu
		TBH*	Managing editor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and manage digital content for website and social media • Write news columns and feature articles on high quality early childhood • Attend meetings 		
3f. Coordinated Enrollment Pilot Expansion	NECC	Mary Lariviere	Project Lead			mlariviere@nebraskaeearly.org

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		Payton Horacek*	Enrollment/Public Benefits Specialist*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gather demographic information and enter it into the database Determine eligibility for programs such as EHS services, Child Care Subsidy, and other public benefits Inform families of available program options and eligibility qualifications Assist families in applying to options for which they qualify Complete enrollment requirements/paperwork for program(s) of the family's choice 		phoracek@nebraskaearly.org
		LaTrale Berrian*	Enrollment/Public Benefits Specialist*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gather demographic information and enter it into the database Determine eligibility for programs such as EHS services, Child Care Subsidy, and other public benefits Inform families of available program options and eligibility qualifications Assist families in applying to options for which they qualify Complete enrollment requirements/paperwork for program(s) of the family's choice 		lberrian@nebraskaearly.org
3g. Help Me Grow	CHMC	Rick Helweg Holly Dingman	Project Lead			rhelweg@childrensomaha.org hdingman@childrensomaha.org
4a. Workforce Commission Implementation	BECI	Susan Sarver	Project Lead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend weekly and month meetings (steering committee, NLT, SPAT) Oversee employee progress, provide guidance Design coalition building strategy 	2. Strategic Plan	ssarver@nebraska.edu
		Sara Vetter*	Project Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Track progress across projects within this activity Attend meetings Report project/activity progress to PI and PDG BECI Project Director Facilitate pilot project: one community implementing coalition building strategy 	2. Strategic Plan	svetter@nebraska.edu
		Cama Charlet	Program Specialist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend meetings Oversee employee progress, provide guidance Main PI for coalition building activities Assist in the design of coalition building strategy Conduct focus groups, train facilitators, and conduct meeting with ECE workforce 		ccharlet@nebraska.edu
		Ashia Aubrey*	Communications Specialist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct targeted audiences to the tools used for data collection (e.g., survey, attending virtual or in-person focus groups) Monitor communications around data collection tools 	1a. Needs Assessment 2a. Strategic Plan 3e. Parent Education Campaign 6c. Performance Evaluation 6d. Transition Committee	ashiaaubrey@nebraska.edu
		Lee Manns*	Grants Financial Specialist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Track expenses within projects across all BECI PDG activities (6 total) Manage invoices 	2a. Needs Assessment 2a. Strategic Plan 3e. Parent Education Campaign 6c. Performance Evaluation 6d. Transition Committee	lmanns@nebraska.edu

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		TBH*	Graduate Assistant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research collective impact • Research other states projects in community-based collective action projects • Research communities in Nebraska that have implemented strategies for thriving early childhood care and education systems. 		anitaazueni@gmail.com
4b. Coaching Collaboration	NCFE & NDE	Melody Hobson	Project Lead			melody.hobson@nebraska.gov
		Lynne Brehm	Project Co-Lead			lbrehm@nebraskachildren.org
		Tracy Went	Coach Collaborative Specialist			tracy.went@nebraska.gov
4c. Step-Up to Quality	NDE	Lauri Cimino	Project Lead			lauri.cimino@nebraska.gov
4d. Nebraska Center on Reflective Practice	UNL-CCFL	Kelli Hauptman	Project Lead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mentoring two groups in the training co-horts • Providing two reflective consultation sessions for each of two groups • Planning with the PDG Leadership Team • Coordination of train the trainer activities with Erickson Institute • Oversight and project planning for two training cohorts • Supervision of project staff 		khauptman2@unl.edu
4f. Communities for Kids Bilingual Consultants	NCFE	Marti Beard	Project Lead			mbeard@nebraskachildren.org
		Noelle Wegner*	Asst. VP PDG/C4K+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress Reports 		nwegner@nebraskachildren.org
		Shonna Werth	Asst. VP EC Programs			swerth@nebraskachildren.org
4gi. Social Emotional Support Infrastructure	NCFE	Stacy Scholten	Project Co-Lead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will focus on gathering information from key stakeholders and collaborative groups in the Omaha area • Will tie the efforts of key stakeholders together to meet the needs identified in the Needs Assessment • Will begin a process to identify infrastructure to address these needs systemically through collaboration and partnership 		sscholten@nebraskachildren.org
		Lynne Brehm	Project Co-Lead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assure the Rooted in Relationships Initiative meets its overall goals 		lbrehm@nebraskachildren.org
4gii. Circle of Security Parenting Classroom Expansion	NAEYC	Tracy Gordon	Project Lead			tgordon@nebraskaeyc.org
4giii. Alliance for the Advancement of Infant Mental Health Accreditation	NCFE	Sami Bradley	Project Lead			sbradley@nebraskachildren.org

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4h. Cultivating Healthy Intentional Mindful Educators	UNL - Extension	Holly Hatton-Bowers	Project Lead	•Oversee implementation Assist with 80 teachers receiving the CHIME intervention		hattonnb@unl.edu	
4i. All Our Kin Expansion	NECC	Brandee Lengel	Project Lead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify target communities for expansion Recruit (1-2) additional business coaches Train new business coaches Recruit additional family child care providers to participate in licensing tool kit Secure location and coordinate related logistics for business series in expansion communities Recruit providers to participate in business series Launch business series Host business series graduation events Launch business consultation in 		blengel@nebraskaeearly.org	
		Michelle Swanson	Family Childcare Network Specialist			mswanson@nebraskaeearly.org	
		Emily Aksamit*	Lead Family Child Care Business Coach			eaksamit@nebraskaeearly.org	
		Claudia Zapata*	Family Child Care Business Coach			czapata@nebraskaeearly.org	
4j. Wonderschool Launch	NECC	Brandee Lengel	Project Lead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overall supervision of the Project Define Nebraska Quality and Safety Promise Relaunch Wonderschool as part of a statewide shared service initiative Market Wonderschool to family child care providers with an emphasis on rural Nebraska Identify barriers to achieving QSP Fund to support providers in the Family Child Care Network Enroll providers in the Family Child Care Network Provide ongoing technical assistance and mentorship to Wonderschool providers 			
		Michelle Swanson	Family Child Care Network Specialist				
		TBH*	Family Child Care Network Specialist				
5a. Community Subgrants - Communities for Kids Plus (C4K+)	NCF	Marti Beard	Project Lead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manages the C4K Staff working across the state to improve access to quality care in communities, implementation of scholarships, quality grants Oversee the community expansion work, early learning scholarships, community capacity to enhance quality work, local coordinators and evaluation oversight Oversee the community expansion work, early learning scholarships, community capacity to enhance quality work, local coordinators and evaluation oversight 		mbeard@nebraskachildren.org	
		Noelle Wegner*	Asst. VP PDG/C4K+			nwegner@nebraskachildren.org	
		Lindsey Bartlett*	Asst. VP Early Childhood - Technical Assistance to Communities			lbartlett@nebraskachildren.org	
6a. ECIDS Buildout	NDE	Dean Folkers	Project Lead			Dean.Folkers@nebraska.gov	
		Ben Baumfalk	ECIDS Product Owner			ben.baumfalk@nebraska.gov	
		Toni Knust	Project Manager			toni.knust@nebraska.gov	
		Jared Stevens	Data Outreach Lead			jared.stevens@nebraska.gov	
6b. Governance and Financing Task Force	FFN	Becky Veak	Project Lead			bveak@firstfive-nebraska.org	

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6c. Performance Evaluation	BECE	Kate Gallagher	Project Lead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend weekly and month meetings (steering committee, NLT, SPAT) Oversee employee progress, provide guidance 	1. Needs Assessment	kgallagher@nebraska.edu
		Melissa Boyer*	Project Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Track progress across projects within this activity Attend meetings Report project/activity progress to PI and PDG BECE Project Administrator 		mboyer@nebraska.edu
		Lee Manns*	Grants Financial Specialist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Track expenses within projects across all BECE PDG activities (6 total) Manage invoices 	2a. Needs Assessment 2a. Strategic Plan 3e. Parent Education Campaign 4a. Workforce Implementation 6d. Transition Committee	Lmanns@nebraska.edu
		TBH*	PDG BECE Project Administrator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend meetings with PDG Partners Oversee employee progress, provide guidance Track progress in all activities Attend meetings with BECE Leadership Run meetings with Project Managers Assist with meetings with Project Coordinators (Partnership) 	1a. Needs Assessment 2a. Strategic Plan 3e. Parent Education Campaign	
		Kate Sutton	Research Specialist- Qualitative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oversee the design of data collection Oversee analysis for data collection Report analysis 		ksutton@nebraska.edu
		Ashia Aubrey*	Communications Specialist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct targeted audiences to the tools used for data collection (e.g., survey, attending virtual or in-person focus groups) Monitor communications around data collection tools 	1a. Needs Assessment 2a. Strategic Plan 3e. Parent Education Campaign 4a. Workforce Implementation 6d. Transition Committee	ashiaaubrey@nebraska.edu
		Kimberly Caddell*	Research Specialist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist in the design data collection tools Assist in the analysis of the data collected Assist in report analysis 	1. Needs Assessment	kcaddell@unomaha.edu
		Alexendra Daro*	Research Specialist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist in the design data collection tools Assist in the analysis of the data collected Assist in report analysis 	1. Needs Assessment	adaro@nebraska.edu
		Traci Roberts	Office Associate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Track meetings Track expenses/invoices for Communications and Marketing Team Monitor progress on projects for this activity and report to supervisor and PDG BECE Project Administrator 		troberts12@nebraska.edu
		TBH*	Research Database Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oversee the design of data collection Design data collection tools Oversee analysis for data collection Analyze the data collected Report analysis 		
TBH*	Graduate Assistant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support assignments within this activity 				
TBH*	Graduate Assistant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support assignments within this activity 		jamlick.bosire@huskers.unl.edu		

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6d. Transitions	BECI & NDE	Lisa Roy	Project Lead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend weekly and month meetings (steering committee, NLT, SPAT) Oversee employee progress, provide guidance 		lroy@nebraska.edu
		Lee Manns*	Grants Financial Specialist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Track expenses within projects across all BECI PDG activities (6 total) Manage invoices 	2a. Needs Assessment 2a. Strategic Plan 3e. Parent Education Campaign 4a. Workforce Implementation 6c. Performance Evaluation	Lmanns@nebraska.edu
		Ashia Aubrey*	Communications Specialist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct targeted audiences to the tools used for data collection (e.g., survey, attending virtual or in-person focus groups) Monitor communications around data collection tools 	1a. Needs Assessment 2a. Strategic Plan 3e. Parent Education Campaign 4a. Workforce Implementation 6c. Performance Evaluation	ashiaaubrey@nebraska.edu
6e. NAESP Leadership Academy	NDE	Melody Hobson	Project Lead			melody.hobson@nebraska.gov
		Kristine Luebbe	Director of Programs and Partnerships			kristine.luebbe@nebraska.gov
Communication and Dissemination	NCFE	Brenda Weyers	Project Lead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training of Communications Coordinator including pertinent existing platforms Strategic Planning and graphic support 		bweyers@nebraskachildren.org
		Ivan Young*	Communications Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Act as interagency liaison between organizations and entities leading PDG-funded projects Responsible for developing and curating content to be distributed through existing web and e-mail marketing platforms Establish messaging partnership with existing and prospective stakeholders Develop a comprehensive social media plan Embed PDG-themed content into live events and conferences Promote grant-funded activities to local and statewide media 		iyoung@nebraskachildren.org
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