

## Additional Eligibility Documentation



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**Subject: Commitment for Nebraska's Preschool Development Renewal Grant Application**

Dear Director Christian:

As Governor of the State of Nebraska, I am pleased to support our application for a Preschool Development Renewal Grant. This letter designates the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services as the state agency best suited to continue oversight and management of the grant, should Nebraska be awarded.

I am confident that the Department's partnership with the Nebraska Department of Education and other state entities will pave the way for further improvements to Nebraska's early childhood care and education mixed delivery system, which serves children from birth through age 5. This commitment is evident in the collaboration and work already accomplished as part of the 2019 Preschool Development Grant Nebraska received.

Chief Executive Officer Dannette R. Smith will provide oversight for the Department. Within the Division of Children and Family Services (CFS), Nicole Vint, administrator of the Child Care and Development Fund Program, will be the primary point of contact for the Preschool Development Renewal Grant application.

We look forward to utilizing this grant to continue the work already underway to strengthen Nebraska's early childhood system.

Sincerely,

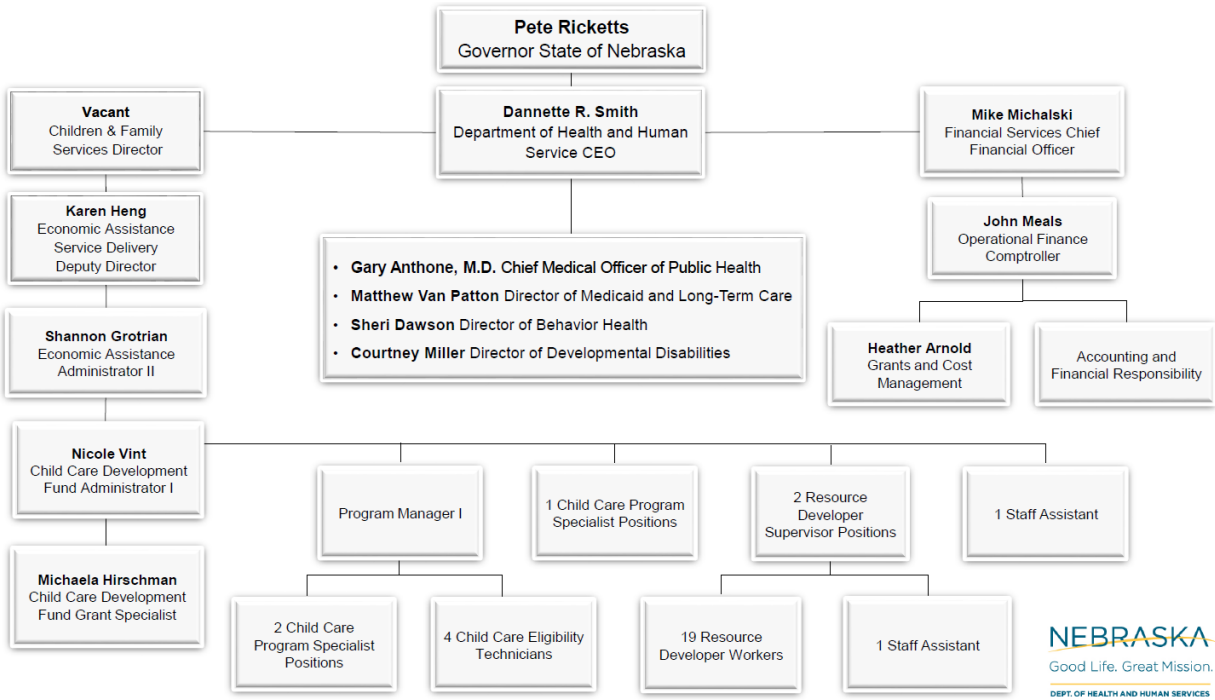
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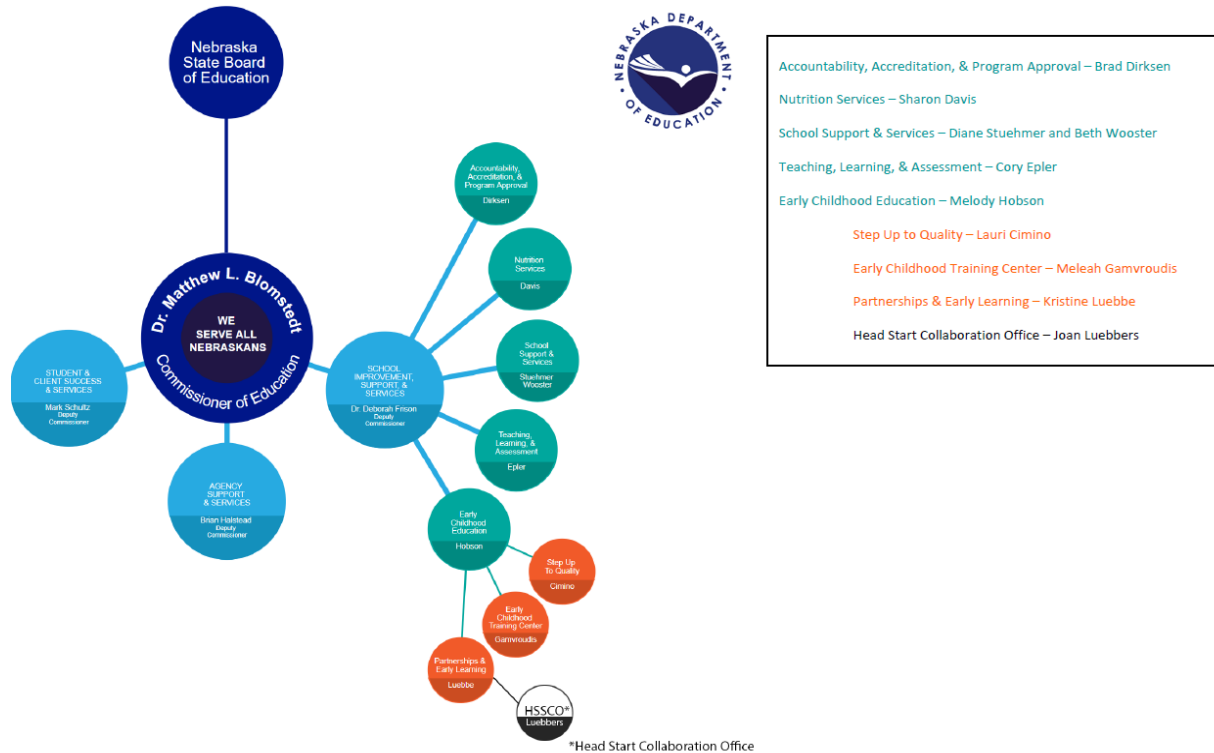
cc: Dannette R. Smith, Chief Executive Officer, Department of Health and Human Services  
Nicole Vint, CCDF Program Administrator, Division of Children and Family Services  
Dr. Matthew Blomstedt, Education Commissioner, Department of Education

# Organizational Charts

## Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services



## Nebraska Department of Education



Accountability, Accreditation, & Program Approval – Brad Dirksen  
 Nutrition Services – Sharon Davis  
 School Support & Services – Diane Stuehmer and Beth Wooster  
 Teaching, Learning, & Assessment – Cory Epler  
 Early Childhood Education – Melody Hobson  
 Step Up to Quality – Lauri Cimino  
 Early Childhood Training Center – Meleah Gammvroudis  
 Partnerships & Early Learning – Kristine Luebbers  
 Head Start Collaboration Office – Joan Luebbers

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