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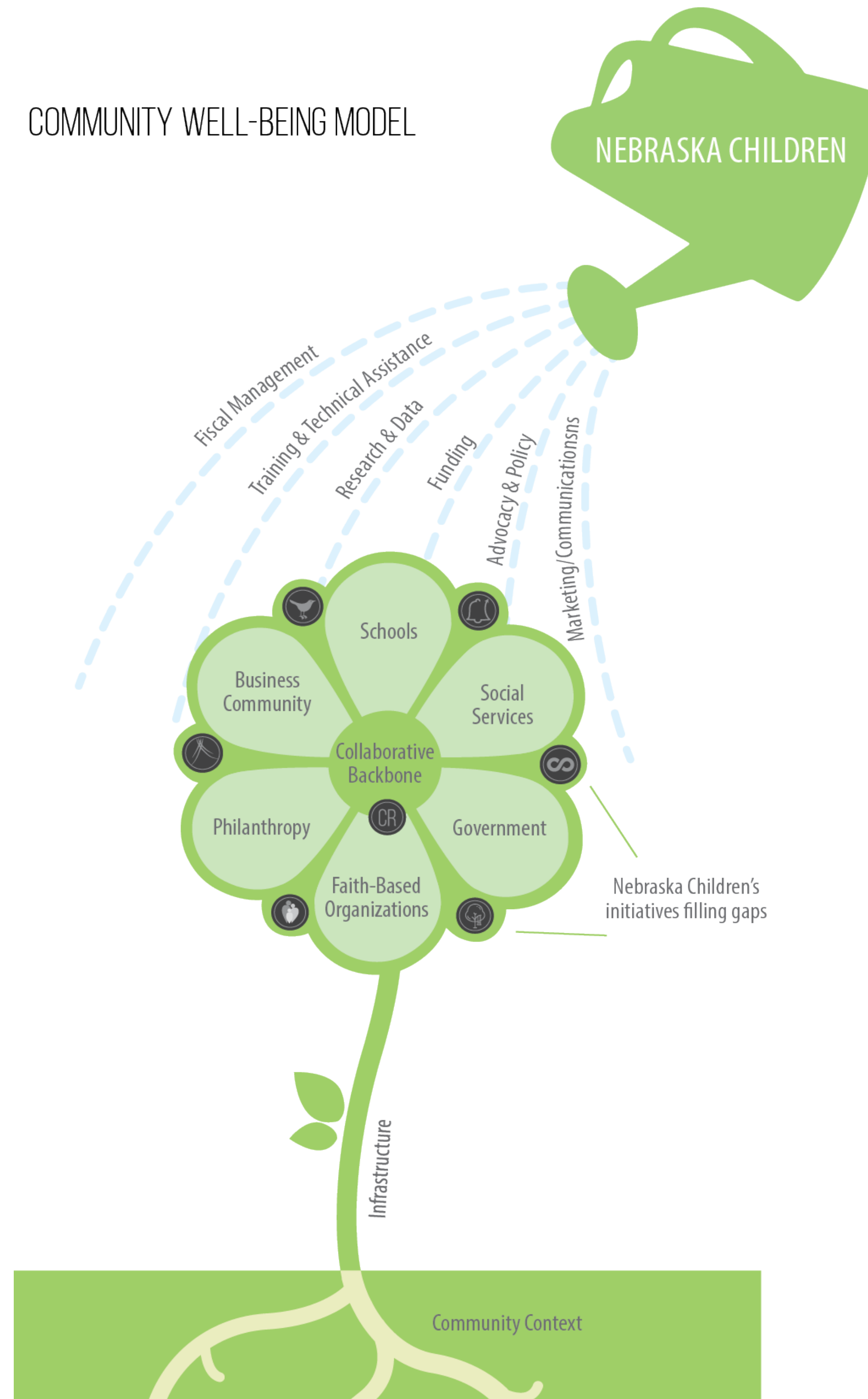
Nebraska Preschool Development Grant (PDG)

Webinar Introducing
Communities for Kids PLUS (C4K+)

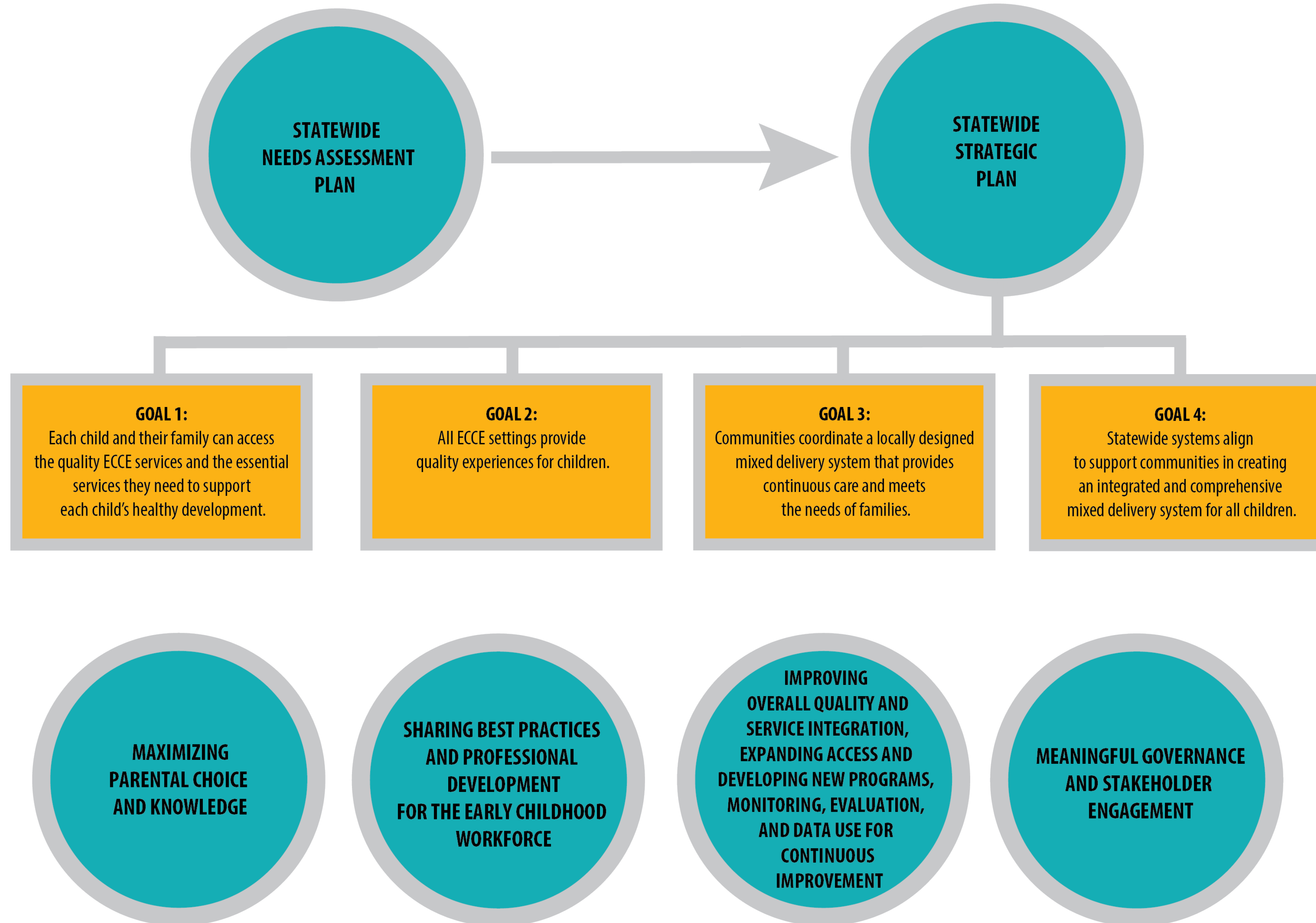


- NEBRASKA CHILDREN ROLE & OVERVIEW
- PRESCHOOL DEVELOPMENT GRANT (PDG)

COMMUNITY WELL-BEING MODEL



PRESCHOOL DEVELOPMENT RENEWAL GRANT





**IMPROVING
OVERALL QUALITY AND
SERVICE INTEGRATION,
EXPANDING ACCESS AND
DEVELOPING NEW PROGRAMS,
MONITORING, EVALUATION,
AND DATA USE FOR
CONTINUOUS
IMPROVEMENT**

Preschool Development Grant (PDG)

- **Nebraska awarded federal Preschool Development Grant (PDG)**
 - **Communities for Kids Plus {C4K PLUS (+)} developed**
- **C4K+ Opportunities:**
 - Early Childhood Community Coordinator (ECCC)
 - Early Childhood Quality and Capacity Building (QCB)
 - Early Learning Scholarships (ELS)
 - Spanish Speaking/Bilingual Child Care Support Initiative

**COMMUNITIES FOR KIDS PLUS
(C4K+)**



**OPPORTUNITY
PROCESS**

Nebraska Children &
Families Foundation

Communities for Kids Plus (C4K+)

Opportunity Process

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communities

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Early Childhood
Community
Coordinator RFP

Invitation to
selected eligible
communities

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Community
proposal
selections
announced

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communities

PDG Opportunities:

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- Quality & Capacity Building Funds
- Early Learning Scholarships
- Spanish/Bilingual Supports

**COMMUNITIES FOR KIDS PLUS
(C4K+)**



**ELIGIBLE
COMMUNITIES**

Eligible Communities

- Nebraska Children affiliated communities only
- Organization/Entity eligible to receive federal funding and manage a reimbursement system
- Fiscal Agent should be accessible
- Commitment to early care and education alignment of partners and systems (not a stand-alone plan)
- One letter of interest per community/area/region

C4K+ Contract Expectations

Sound Fiscal Agent Here's what they do:



**Sign contract
& manage
funds**

**Manage
evaluation
reporting**



**Manage
reimbursement
based
financial
system**

**Host staff/
consultant
position**



**Early
childhood
infrastructure
to build on &
align early
childhood
work**

**COMMUNITIES FOR KIDS PLUS
(C4K+)**



Letter of Interest

☐ Early Childhood Community Coordinator

If the community is interested in applying for the Early Childhood Community Coordinator, there is additional requested information at the end of this document that must be returned with this Letter of Interest by Friday, August 7, 2020, at 5 p.m. CST

- Building infrastructure to support quality and capacity related to early child care and education by coordinating local early childhood birth through five (B-5) community-based efforts through the creation of a new position or enhancement of current coordination.

☐ Early Childhood Programs Quality Enhancement and Capacity Building

- The goal of these funds is to increase quality, availability, and access to excellent early learning programs in rural Nebraska. These funds will support a variety of projects based on each individual community's early care and education priorities. Examples for fund use include; program start up, materials, training, curricula, provider networks support and other areas identified to increase capacity and quality efforts.

☐ Early Learning Scholarships

- Intended to provide tuition assistance to increase access to high-quality care for young children in low and moderate earning families in Nebraska. Support for working families in meeting the high cost of quality care for children in full-day/full-year settings.

☐ Spanish Speaking/Bilingual Child Care Support Initiative

NC early childhood affiliated communities with an identified population of at least 15% or greater Hispanic/Latino according to 2010 data published by the US Census Bureau (data.census.gov).

Letter of Interest

- Description of the proposed service area
- Narrative of proposed role of an ECCC
- Key collaborations and alignment of partnerships

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**ECCC
REQUEST
FOR
PROPOSAL
(RFP)**

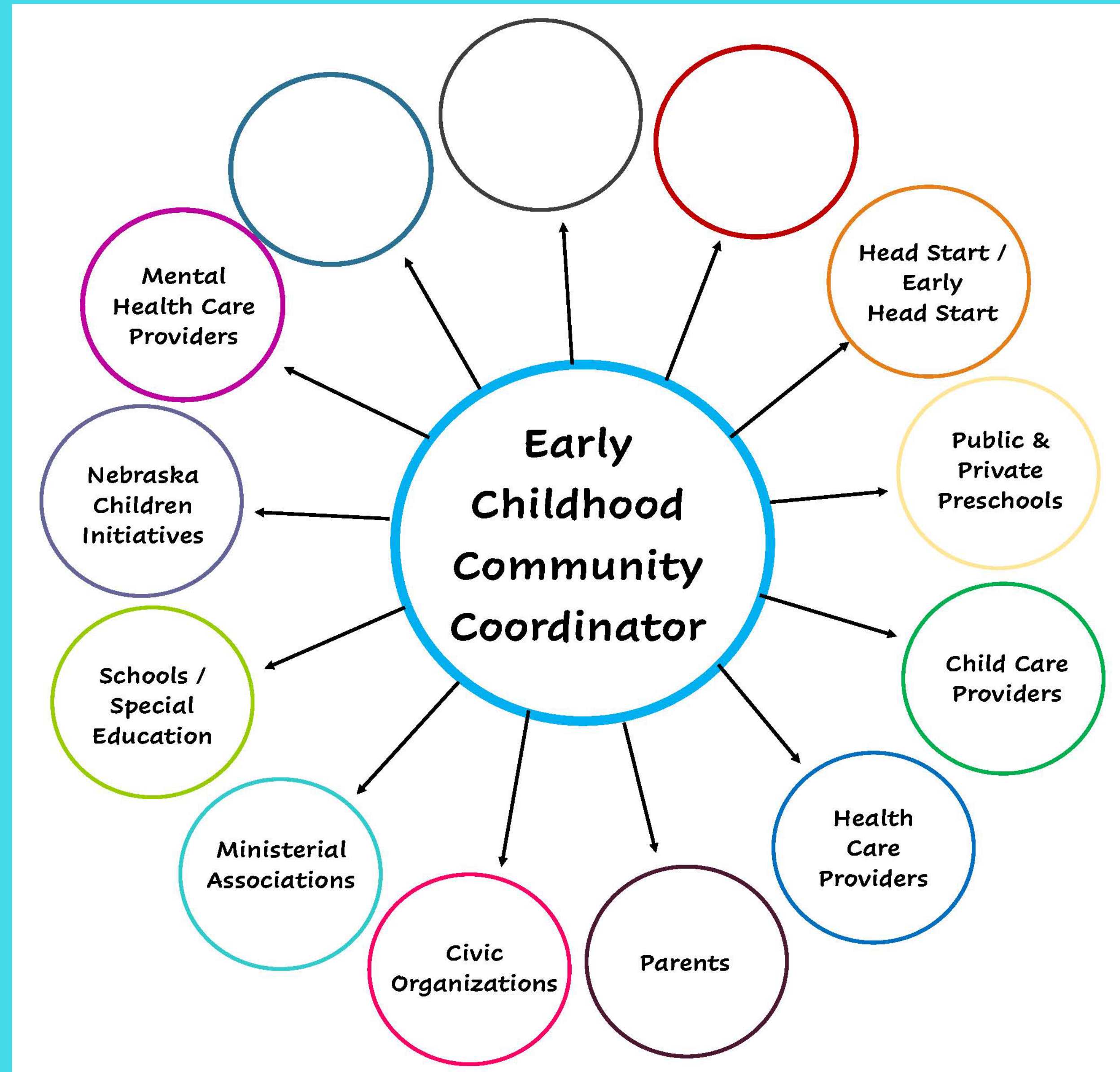
Early Childhood Community Coordinator (ECCC) Request for Proposal (RFP)

- Invitation only (based on Letter of Interest)
- Assessment of need, identify strengths and gaps
- Alignment with all EC work, braided funding to enhance position
- Individual technical assistance is available

Early Childhood Community Coordinator (ECCC)

- A new or expanded coordination position
- Build early child care and education capacity
- Coordinates development of early childhood infrastructure
- Aligns local early childhood initiatives
- Co-create work plans, priorities, and fund requests

Early Childhood Community Coordinator (ECCC)



Early Childhood Community Coordinator (ECCC)

Expected Outcomes:

- Advance early childhood efforts
- Develop/support local collaborative infrastructure
- Increase access to early childhood resources
- Align with all local early childhood initiatives
- Participate in evaluative measures
- Participate in statewide coordinator calls/leadership training

Early Childhood Community Coordinator (ECCC) Proposals

- 25 – 35 proposals funded
- Funding tiers divided by population
- Technical Assistance - tiers / budgeting
- Reimbursement payments

Early Childhood Community Coordinator (ECCC) Funding Tiers

ECCC Coordinator	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Population	Up to 7,500	7,501-15,000	15,001+
Funds	Up to \$28,000	Up to \$33,000	Up to \$40,000

**COMMUNITIES FOR KIDS PLUS
(C4K+)**



**YOUR
COMMUNITY
IS
SELECTED...**

NOW WHAT?

C4K+ ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

**SELECTION OF PDG
FUNDED COMMUNITIES
THROUGH ECCC
PROPOSALS**



**COMMUNITY WORK PLANS AND
PRIORITIES DETERMINED**



**OFFER OF PARTICIPATION IN ONE OR
MORE PDG ACTIVITIES**

**PDG ACTIVITIES:
CAPACITY/QUALITY BUILDING
EARLY LEARNING SCHOLARSHIPS
BILINGUAL RESOURCES**



**CONTRACT & FUNDS
MANAGED THROUGH ONE
ENTITY/FISCAL AGENT**



**ACTIVITIES MANAGED
THROUGH ECCC**

**COMMUNITIES FOR KIDS PLUS
(C4K+)**



**QUALITY
AND
CAPACITY
BUILDING**

Early Childhood Quality and Capacity Building (QCB)

- Increase quality, availability and access to excellent early learning programs
- Help communities to implement innovative approaches
- Technical assistance will be provided in developing quality enhancement plan and business plan

Early Childhood Quality and Capacity Building (QCB)

Strong Focus on:

- Quality improvement plan development/implementation
- Planning and evaluative initiative participation
- Leadership capacity representing early childhood importance

Must be related to capacity and quality enhancement activities

Communities can request funds for multiple projects

Early Childhood Quality and Capacity Building (QCB)

Expected Outcomes

- Address child care capacity concerns
- Increased access to quality child care for ALL families
- Financial support for programs starting up or quality improvement process
- Development of community-wide early childhood network
- Increased education and connection - communities and providers
- Development of successful program tools/models
- Professional development and improved compensation - early care workforce
- Inform policy and practice at local, regional, and state levels

**COMMUNITIES FOR KIDS PLUS
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**EARLY
LEARNING
SCHOLARSHIPS**

Early Learning Scholarships (ELS)

- Increase working families' access to quality child care
 - Children 6 weeks – 6 years
 - Full day/full year settings
- Provide tuition assistance for working families of low- to moderate-income to help afford quality care

Early Learning Scholarships (ELS)

Expected Outcomes:

- Increase the number of child care providers participating in Step Up to Quality
- Increase access to quality care and education for working families of low- to moderate-income

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**SPANISH /
BILINGUAL
INITIATIVE**

Spanish Speaking/Bilingual Child Care Support Initiative

Community Eligibility:

- Communities with Hispanic/Latinx populations - 15% or greater (US Census Bureau)
- Ability to provide training offered in Spanish or by qualified interpreter and provide translated training materials
- Coordinate with all early childhood initiatives including DHHS and CACFP representatives on subsidy contracts, licensing, food/nutrition contracts and other support

Spanish Speaking/Bilingual Child Care Support Initiative

Expected Outcomes for Spanish speaking / bilingual child care providers:

- Access to early childhood professional development
- Access to quality improvement activities
- Ongoing support to pursue or expand their professional child care business
- Increase participation in licensure, Step Up to Quality, CACFP
- Enhanced learning environment for children

Communities for Kids Plus (C4K+)

Opportunities

Timeline & Technical Assistance

PDG/C4K+ Opportunities and Processes	PDG/C4K+ Key Dates/Times
PDG/C4K+ Webinars (90 minutes)	<p>Tuesday, July 14, 2020 / 3:30 p.m. CST</p> <p>Tuesday, July 14, 2020 / 6:00 p.m. CST</p> <p>Wednesday, July 15, 2020 / 9:30 a.m. CST</p>
Invitation to submit Letter of Interest sent to eligible community leads	Thursday, July 16, 2020
Letter of Interest Submission Deadline	Friday, August 7, 2020 / 5:00 p.m. CST
Invitations sent via email for ECCC RFP	Friday, August 14, 2020
ECCC RFP Submission Deadline	Friday, September 11, 2020 / 5:00 p.m. CST
ECCC RFP Review Process	Monday, September 14-22, 2020
ECCC Contract Announcements	Friday, September 25th, 2020
ECCC Awarded Contracts Webinar	Week of September 28th, 2020 / TBD
ECCC Initial Contract Period	October 1, 2020– April 30, 2021
ELS/CQB offers made- based on community/region size	October – December 2020
Bilingual Initiative based on % of Latinx demographic	
ELS, CQB and/or Bilingual Ini. offers added to contract	October – December 2020
ECCC monthly training, leadership, accountability webinars	Ongoing - Beginning October 2020

**Spanish Speaking / Bilingual
Child Care Support Initiative**

Early Learning Scholarships (ELS)

**Early Childhood Quality and
Capacity Building (QCB)**

Early Childhood Community Coordinator (ECCC)

**Early Childhood Community Coordinator
RFP Invitation**

Letter of Interest

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Q & A

- **List questions in the chat box**
 - Participants will stay on mute unless asked for clarification
 - Questions will be answered in the order they were received
- **If your community has further questions and would like one of our staff to reach out, list ONE designated point person's name, community, phone number and email address in the chat box**
- **For more information, a FAQ page will be live 7/20/2020 on Nebraska Children's PDG page.**
 - Staff contact information will be listed on the FAQ page
 - Communities reaching out to staff - we ask that there be ONE designated person who will be the point of contact, ask all questions, and relay information to the community team