



## Child Care Start Up Stipend Application

### Powered by Buffalo County Community Partners

(Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (Grant Number 90TP0079-03, of the USDHHS-Administration for Children and Families, Office of Early Childhood; Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services; Nebraska Department of Education; and Nebraska Children and Families Foundation following grant requirements of 70% federal funding with 30% match from state and private resources.)

**Scope:** A one-time \$2000 stipend is available through an application process to any newly licensed child care home or child care center through the months of July 1, 2022 through April 29, 2023. This initiative is an opportunity to increase child care capacity in Buffalo County. It is made possible through Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations funding from Communities for Kids), and Powered by the Buffalo County Community Partners Early Childhood Collaborative (BCECC). The BCECC facilitates community conversations that lead to opportunities for young children to learn grow and develop in high quality, safe and loving environment and was started to strengthen partnerships among agencies, increase parent engagement, and support providers to continue to identify gaps and barriers and build on strengths of our community surrounding early childhood.

**Eligibility:** A new (not yet licensed) Family Child Care Home or Child Care Center with the intent to obtain a provisional and eventually operating license.

*If you are not yet a licensed child care provider, please see the DHHS Licensing website to get started:*

<https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/pages/child-care-licensing.aspx>

**Funding Source** The Child Care Start Up Stipend is funded by Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations funding from Communities for Kids . These funds are specifically designated to increase the quality child care programs in Buffalo County. Allocation of funds is a one-time \$2,000 stipend for newly licensed Family Child Care Homes I and Family Child Care Homes II and Child Care Centers serving children ages birth to 5 years. These funds are allowable to be used toward any cost child care in the start-up process.

**Application Requirements** Applications are reviewed ongoing from **July 1, 2022- April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023** until funds are available. Supporting documents along with this application MUST include a copy of provisional license and confirmation letter from the Department of Health and Human Services child care licensing and a copy of a W9. Application and supporting documents can be submitted to:

Oriana Lindsey, Buffalo County Community Partners  
[assistant@bcchp.org](mailto:assistant@bcchp.org)

**Guidance** There are four local child care champions that are available to assist with questions and guidance to provide support through the licensing and child care start up process. It is encouraged to reach out to these child care champions for support:

**Natalie Hanna:** Natalie\_N\_Hanna@yahoo.com; (308) 440-7163

**Lacey Ahrens:** alacey@live.com; (308) 627-0030

**Rachel Pierce:** taterach@gmail.com; (308) 325-9480

**Tammy Kresser:** [ts hempstead@gmail.com](mailto:ts hempstead@gmail.com); (308) 224-0500

**Additional Resources** There are many early childhood initiatives and resources to assist child care providers in start up and on going support. Below are a few resources. Reminder to utilize the child care champions for questions and support with these initiatives.

**Start Up Grants:** <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Child-Care-Grants.aspx>

**Step Up to Quality:** <https://www.education.ne.gov/stepuptoquality/providers-educators/benefits/>

**Rooted in Relationships:** <https://bcchp.org/rooted/>

**Quality and Capacity Grant:** <https://bcchp.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Quality-and-Capacity-Funding-Application-7.9.21.pdf>

**Nebraska Early Childhood Collaborative:** [Homepage - NECC \(nebraskaeearly.org\)](http://Homepage-NECC(nebraskaeearly.org))

**APPLICATION**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child Care Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

If awarded these funds, I \_\_\_\_\_ agree to spend this stipend on  
operations of my newly licensed child care center.  
NAME

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**For Office Use Only:**

- Child Care Licensing Confirmation Letter Included
- W9 Included

Fiscal Director Approval \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Denise Zwiener, Executive Director  
Buffalo County Community Partners

Project Director Approval \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Tana Miller, Coordinator  
Buffalo County Community Partners