

Childcare Start Up Stipend Checklist

The Childcare Start Up Stipend is funded by CRRSA and C4K. These funds are specifically designated to increase enrollment capacity in Buffalo County. Allocation of funds is a one-time stipend for newly licensed Family Child Care Homes I, Family Child Care Homes II, and Child Care Centers serving children ages birth to 5-years. These funds are allowable to be used toward operation of applicants newly licensed childcare program. This program may be disbanded if funding should be discontinued or materially reduced.

_____ Register in Child Care Referral Network (CCRN) and update their program info
<https://www.nechildcarereferral.org/>

_____ Register program staff in Nebraska Early Childhood Professional Record System (NECPRS) and update their records a minimum of once per quarter if there are any additions
<https://necprs.ne.gov/home>

_____ Achieve Step Up to Quality Step One
<https://www.education.ne.gov/StepUpToQuality/providers-educators/overview/>
<https://www.education.ne.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/STQ-Program-Guide.pdf>

_____ Participate in one of the following:

- a) Getting Ready <https://gettingready.unl.edu/>
- b) Cultivating Healthy Intentional Mindful Educators (CHIME) <https://child.unl.edu/chime>
- c) *Child Care Management Software (in partnership with NECC) <https://mybrightwheel.com/>
<https://www.wonderschool.com/corp/> or <https://www.tryplayground.com/>
- d) Business Training Series <https://nebraskaeearly.org/business-training-series/>
- e) *NECC Child Care Network <https://nebraskaeearly.org/elevated-provider/>
- f) CDA classes for Family Home providers <https://www.education.ne.gov/oec/nebraskas-cda-pathways/#1698331639608-76dac3dd-8544> and/or <https://nebraskaeearly.org/child-development-associate/>
- g) *GO NAP SACC Training <https://unlcms.unl.edu/ianr/extension/negonapsacc/>

*These are programs that a provisional center can participate in.

_____ Complete baseline survey, after 6 months, end of fiscal year [CRRSA/ARP Data Collection Survey](#)

_____ Copy of Provisional License

_____ Copy of W9

We encourage you to reach out to a local Childcare Champion to assist with questions and provide guidance and support through the licensing and childcare start-up process.

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