

Lincoln Littles: An Early Childhood Education Initiative Facts Sheet



- 42% of Lincoln families with children under age 6 live in poverty* or near poverty
- 3,665 children under age 5 in Lincoln live in families that fall below the poverty* threshold
- 78% of Lincoln's children under 6 have all parents in the workforce
- Lincoln parents at all income levels report expense as the biggest challenge to accessing high quality care
- In Lincoln, the average cost of childcare (\$10,000-\$14,500 per year) is more than the average cost of resident tuition for a year of public college (\$8,978) (most recent 2017 data)
- Most children under 5 who live in families below the poverty* threshold live with single moms (54%), followed by married couples (36%), and single dads (10%)
- Lincoln Littles funding can support working families with a portion of tuition if they earn under 200% Federal Poverty Level*.

*100% of poverty level = \$25,750 for a family of four. [See full Federal Poverty Level chart.](#)