



## Lincoln Littles Provider Eligibility

*Lincoln Littles is an early childhood education initiative, is intended to support working families in meeting the high cost of quality care for children birth through age 6 in full day/full year settings.*

### **Eligibility for Child Care Center and Family Child Care Homes:**

Lincoln childcare providers interested in participating in the Lincoln Littles Initiative must meet the following criteria:

- Licensed and in good standing.
- Rating of 2 or higher in Step up to Quality, or nationally accredited.
- Offer full-time, year-round services.
- Programs must have a contract with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services and be actively serving children on subsidy.

### **Provider agrees to have the staff resources to provide aggregated data and information regarding:**

- Numbers of low-income children served full-time (break out by ages served)
  - Retention of children in the program
  - Exit information on reason for leaving program
  - Parent satisfaction survey annually
- Race and ethnicity of children served
- Funding allocated per eligible child
- Kindergarten readiness/individual children's development and growth. A common readiness assessment will be developed in partnership with state leaders.
- Level of quality as measured by Step Up to Quality
- Teacher pay and benefits
- Teacher education and training levels
- Teacher retention
  - Exit information
  - Satisfaction survey annually

**Provider must agree** that funding from the Lincoln Littles Initiative will only be used for low-income children served full-time by their program and to continue improving the quality of their program per Step Up to Quality standards.

**Applications are accepted each January.**  
**Interested, eligible providers should contact Suzanne Schneider**  
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