



Quality Early Childhood Education
For All Nebraska Families

Letter to the Editor Template

CONTEXT/PURPOSE:

Use this template to customize a letter according to your unique community needs to reach out to media and raise the issue of quality early childhood education and why it's so important.

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Dear Editor,

One of the things that makes Nebraska work is in danger of not working at all—the availability of quality early childhood education for all families. [Statewide research from Nebraska Extension and We Care for Kids](#) reveals that 84% of registered voters in our state agree that the lack of child care in Nebraska is a problem that will not solve itself and want Nebraskans to come together to solve the problem and invest in solutions.

Making this crisis worse for Nebraska families, two-thirds of licensed center-based providers [surveyed](#) said they were experiencing turnover, and of those providers, nearly 70% reported that staff had found jobs outside of early childhood; 9 out of 10 providers employing staff have had difficulty hiring for open positions. That is a huge loss for children, families, and Nebraska's economy.

Quality early childhood education is a big part of how we thrive. Skilled early childhood educators prepare children for school. Families can work knowing their children are in the safe, loving, and supportive care of a quality early childhood educator. It provides Nebraska's employers with the talent they need to succeed now and in the future.

As a [parent, grandparent, business leader, early childhood educator, community leader] I see [briefly relate personal story in a sentence or two].

We Care for Kids is a campaign that's helping communities across Nebraska solve the problem. Together, we can ensure that our children, families, and state thrive. I urge you to join me by visiting NebraskaCaresForKids.org.

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