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Division of Student Support & Innovation
Office of Early Learning

Early Childhood Education News

Head Start/Early Head Start Transfers to NDDPI

The North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (NDDPI) is pleased to announce the transfer of the North Dakota Head Start Collaboration Office from the North Dakota Department of Human Services to NDDPI. The change will help strengthen and clarify how early childhood education services are provided in North Dakota. State Superintendent Kirsten Baesler and Maggie Anderson, the interim executive director of the human services agency, began discussions about moving the office to NDDPI shortly after the incumbent administrator resigned in September.

Superintendent Baesler said the change will strengthen NDDPI's emphasis on early childhood education, and assist cooperative efforts among various early childhood education agencies and programs.

The Head Start Collaboration Office will be housed in NDDPI's Office of Early Learning.

Keynotes:

Cari Ebert
Charlie Applestein

Session topics to include:

Behavioral/Social Emotional
Parent Involvement
Home Visitation
Make-it, Take-it
Homeless/Foster Care



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Rebecca Eberhardt Joins the Office of Early Learning

We're excited to welcome Rebecca (Becky) Eberhardt as the Head Start/Early Head Start Collaboration Administrator in the Office of Early Learning. She brings a wealth of knowledge to the office and is a great addition to NDDPI.



"I am originally from Fargo ND. My husband and I moved to Bismarck in the winter of 2012. In 2005 I graduated from NDSU with a degree in Child Development and Family Sciences. I have spent many years working in the early care and education field. I have worked in child care centers, been a consultant with Child Care Aware of

ND, and provided training and other opportunities for child care providers. I had the opportunity to work with the North Dakota National Guard Families program for about 2 years and really enjoyed the experience of working with our military children and families. Prior to coming to NDDPI, I worked for the Department of Human Services as an Early Childhood Administrator. I have a daughter who is 2 1/2 years old and is excited to become a big sister very shortly."

Save the Date

Early Childhood Spring Conference
March 23-24, 2017

Baymont Inn, Mandan, North Dakota

Shaping Bright Futures



The North Dakota Department of Public Instruction, Office of Early Learning in collaboration with the ND Department of Human Services, Prevent Child Abuse ND, and ND Home Visiting Coalition are excited to offer this expanded two-day conference featuring sessions designed to meet the needs of all early childhood professionals.

Online registration is available through [Eventbrite](#).

Kirsten Baesler, State Superintendent
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Early Childhood Continuing Education Grant

Under provisions of Senate Bill 2013, section 11, passed by the 62nd Legislative Assembly, North Dakota residents may receive a \$3,000 grant. To qualify for the grant award, the eligible recipient must:

- Be a preschool teacher or teacher assistant for whom a baccalaureate degree will be required in the future;
- Be an individual working in the childcare industry and/or Head Start program who wishes to obtain a Child Development Associate Degree, Associate of Arts Degree, or Bachelor Degree in Early Childhood Education;
- Be enrolled in a North Dakota State college or university.

Currently, we have approved 46 grant awards and have issued \$130,276.21 to grantees. We still have approximately \$16,500.00 available to those who are eligible. If you're interested, please contact [Angie Thomas](#) at (701) 328-2317.

Early Childhood Education Environment Grants

Under provisions of Senate Bill 2013, passed by the 64th Legislative Assembly, North Dakota public school districts may receive up to a \$10,000 grant award to support, enhance, or establish a new or expanded early childhood learning environment.

To qualify for the grant award, the applicant must complete the Early Childhood Education Environment Grant Application and have either:

- Created new space for the district's early childhood education services or;
- Recently expanded the space of the district's Early Childhood Education program.

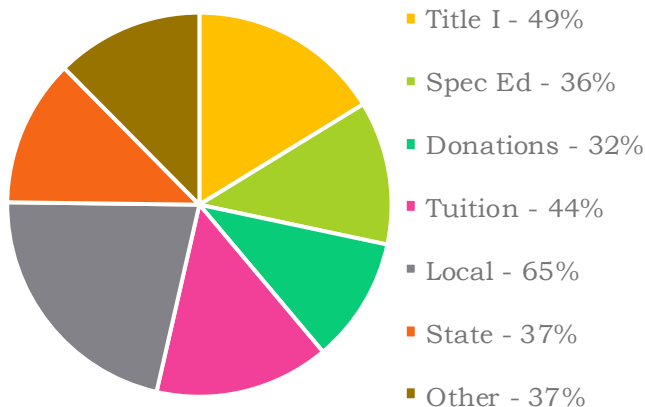
If deemed eligible, recipients will receive up to a \$10,000 grant award from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017. The actual amount of expenditures incurred will be reimbursed. Districts will use the Request for Funds form (SFN 14660) to claim reimbursement.

To date, we have awarded \$119,323.89. There is still approximately \$5,000 available to those who are interested. Please contact [Angie Thomas](#) at (701) 328-2317.



How is Pre-kindergarten Funded in North Dakota Schools?

2016-2017 Funding Information



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ROBERT JOHN MEEHAN

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