



HIGH QUALITY CHILD CARE IS ESSENTIAL



590

child care programs from across Nebraska are participating in Step Up to Quality



33,813

children served in participating Step Up to Quality programs since 2014

This past year, more than any other, has shown the world what everyone in the early childhood education field already knew: quality child care is a necessity, not a luxury.

Quality child care is absolutely foundational to the future of our state. Nebraska's child care providers are educating and developing the next generation of our state's leaders, workers and parents.

Step Up to Quality is Nebraska's only state-wide program dedicated to helping child care providers continuously improve the quality of their care.

As a part of the State of Nebraska's Departments of Education, and Health and Human Services, the Step Up to Quality team saw firsthand how the pandemic affected the early childhood education industry. Despite these difficult circumstances, Step Up to Quality has continued to grow in its reach and participation.

Thank you to the hundreds of providers across Nebraska who continually rise to this challenge, and many others, and provide the very best educational experience for the children in their care.

