



Welcome to an exciting year with Early Childhood Programs. You are a very important part of our program. We need your involvement to ensure the highest quality services are provided to you and your family. You, as an Early Childhood Programs parent/community representative, have the right to be involved in any of the following:

- ◆ As a volunteer, in or out of the classroom.
- ◆ To help develop curriculum by sharing your talents and ideas for classroom activities. *Your input and ideas are always welcomed by staff.*
- ◆ In policy making and program operations.

There are two critical levels of involvement:

**Local Parent Committee:** parents are automatically a member because they have a child in Early Childhood Programs. Local Parent Committee's meet monthly.

**Policy Council:** is a decision making body in which parents and community representatives can participate in the policy making and program operations. Policy Council meets in Loup City monthly.

Benefits to a Policy Council Member:

- ◆ Meet other parents and community reps while socializing during provided meal.
- ◆ Build new skills by being involved in committees & reviewing budgets and enrollment numbers monthly, being an officer, being a state representative, or on an advisory board.
- ◆ Participate in the give-and-take of exchanging ideas and team discussions to help make informed decisions which impact the children, families, and the community.



Through your commitment, you will gain greater understanding of the program.

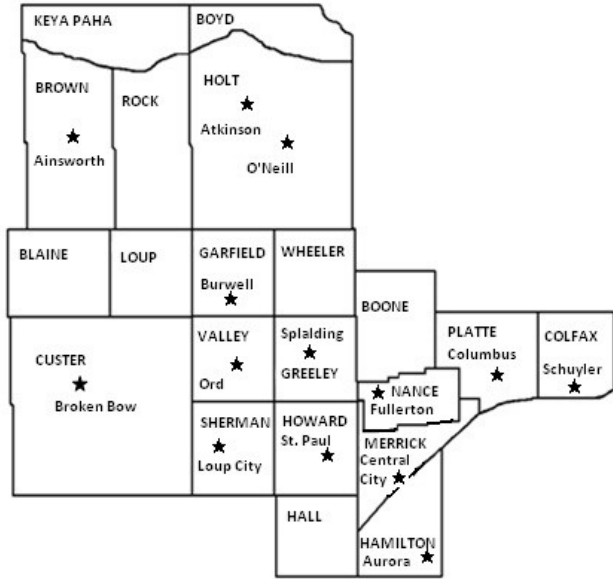


Policy Council meetings are held at the Central Office in Loup City on the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm. (excluding December and June, unless a meeting is needed in these months.)

- ◆ Meetings last about 1 hour
- ◆ A meal is provided
- ◆ Reimbursement for childcare/mileage is available.

If interested in becoming a Policy Council Member, let your local Early Childhood Staff know. Elections are held at your local Parent Committee Meetings in the month of September, or as needed.

# CNCS Service Area



Central Nebraska Community Services  
Early Childhood Programs  
will have representation from  
14 Early Childhood Program sites  
in our 21 county service area.

**Sites are located in the following communities:**

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| Ainsworth    | Aurora    |
| Atkinson     | Burwell   |
| Broken Bow   | Columbus  |
| Central City | Loup City |
| Fullerton    | Ord       |
| O'Neill      | Schuyler  |
| St. Paul     | Spalding  |

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**Programs Director**



If interested:  
 Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Central Nebraska Community Services Early Childhood Programs promotes family strengths by recognizing individual values, encouraging teamwork, and creating links in the community.

**Central Nebraska**  
**Community Services**  
 is  
**"An Equal Opportunity Employer"**  
**USDA**  
 Is **"An Equal Opportunity Provider**  
**And Employer"**

# Be a Partner in Shared Decision Making



# Become a Policy Council Representative

The Early Childhood Programs staff are committed to parents and community involvement.  
 We need community commitment to support and to share their knowledge with us.  
 As parents, you know your child better than anyone else because YOU are the first and primary educator of your child.