



LB485 Impact Study

Parents and Guardians



LB485, passed by the Nebraska Legislature in 2021, changed the income eligibility requirement for child care subsidy from 130% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) to 185% FPL and changed transitional child care from 185% FPL to 200% FPL, allowing more families the opportunity to enroll in the child care subsidy program.

The legislation also requires the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (NDHHS) to collaborate with a non-profit organization to study the economic impacts of these changes. First Five Nebraska and partners are conducting this impact study.

Learn more at firstfivenebraska.org/lb485-impact-study/

Your voice matters in our work to improve the child care subsidy

In the coming weeks, First Five Nebraska will be talking with parents and guardians about their experiences with the child care subsidy and how changes in eligibility for the subsidy affect Nebraska families. Whether you are currently enrolled, were previously enrolled or have applied but were not considered eligible for the subsidy, we need your perspectives on:

- The process of learning about and applying for the child care subsidy
- Finding a child care provider who participates in the subsidy
- The impact of the subsidy on your family's finances
- How participation in the subsidy has affected your family's well-being
- How the subsidy influences the decisions you make about your current or potential employment opportunities

What to expect from participating in the study

If you are interested in participating, use either the QR code or URL link on this handout to sign up, or contact Dr. Katie Bass directly for assistance. You will be asked which days and times typically work best for you and to provide contact information. After you have submitted this information, we will reach out to you within three business days to find an exact time and date that works with your schedule.

Participants will receive a \$35 gift card (one per family).

Get Involved

Make your voice heard on how the child care subsidy affects you and your family by signing up to tell us about your experience.

Use the QR code or URL below.



bit.ly/LB485_SignUp_PG

or contact

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About Your Privacy

We respect and will protect the privacy of all participants in the parent/guardian discussions. We may use any input you share with us—including direct quotations—in our findings on child care subsidy eligibility changes, but **your name and any other identifiable information will be kept strictly confidential.**

What to expect (continued)

Within one to two weeks after the discussion, First Five Nebraska will email you a summary of the conversations for your feedback.

Our goal is to make sure your comments were reflected accurately. This is your opportunity to let us know if we interpreted your input correctly, or to offer clarifying information or comments.

After all parent/guardian discussions are completed, we will distribute an update to participants outlining what we learned from the conversations. These updates will be sent out during the late summer/early fall 2023.

How your input will be used

We will use your thoughts and perspectives to develop an initial analysis of the subsidy eligibility changes for review by NDHHS, after which a formal report will be submitted to the Nebraska Legislature. Anyone who participated in the discussions will receive a copy of the report and an update on what happens next.

Anticipated project timeline

- Through Summer 2023: Conversations with families, child care providers and community stakeholders. Participants will have the opportunity to review collected information and receive updates on the progress of the LB485 study.
- Through Fall of 2023: Ongoing analysis of discussion outcomes and other data.
- Fall 2023 through Spring 2024: Research team uses collected input and data to draft the LB485 report, explaining the economic impacts of the expanded subsidy income requirements on families, providers and communities.
- Summer 2024: Anticipated legislative hearing on the LB485 impact study.
- Winter/Spring 2025: Possible legislation introduced, if warranted by the findings of the study as well as the priorities of the Nebraska Legislature.

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