



# Talking Points

- **Initially, there will be 19 Nebraska Growing Readers (NGR) distribution sites across Nebraska. Over 16,000 FREE books will be distributed through these 1,000 sites.**
- **Creating access to relevant books for targeted early care and education providers serving children and families from birth to age five.**
- **NGR will deliver a predetermined number of books to each site based on the children served. Each site/county will receive a high level of technical assistance.**
- **Support the adoption of shared book reading in home, early care, and educational settings.**
- **Increase access to culturally and linguistically responsive books that reflect Nebraska's diverse population.**
- **Nebraska Children and Families Foundation and the Nebraska Department of Education will partner with Unite for Literacy to improve early literacy rates and build meaningful adult-child relationships by using books and high-impact family engagement as catalysts for change.**
- **Nebraska is poised to become the nation's most extensive book garden.**
- **Use data and interactive mapping tools to monitor progress and to provide a feedback loop for stakeholders and childcare providers.**
- **Intentionally address the need for relevant books that reflect the cultures and languages of Nebraska's Tribal Communities and diverse populations.**