

**NEBRASKA'S EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION ENDOWMENT
POLICY**

TITLE: Transition Policy for children age three

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This policy reflects the Board of Trustees expectation for transitioning of three year olds.

The Board of Trustees believes that children who are at risk of failing in school should have continuity of service provision to respect and protect the child's emerging sense of trust and to ensure there is not a gap in service provision from birth to three programs to kindergarten age.

To ensure the most appropriate placement and services following participation in a Sixpence program, transition planning must be made for each child and family at least six months prior to the child's third birthday. The process must take into account; the child's health status and developmental level, progress made by the child and family while in a Sixpence program, current and changing family circumstances, and the availability of Head Start, district preschool and other early childhood services in the community. As appropriate, a child may remain in a Sixpence program, following their third birthday, until he or she is eligible to transition into another program. Sixpence programs may not enroll children who are age three but rather continue to serve children through age three that are already enrolled in the program.

Programs shall have a written transition policy in place describing the process and timeline for transitioning children.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

Chair Board of Trustees

Date