

# Early Childhood Alphabet Soup:

And what else is **HOT**  
in Early Childhood!



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# BINGO! What's the Acronym?



# BINGO

ECTC	FCC	NeAEYC	NDE	<del>FREE</del>
<del>FREE</del>	ITERS	WOYC	QRIS	HHSS
FCCERS	NAEYC	<del>FREE</del>	ECE	NeHSA
TEACH	CDA	CCDBG	NFCCA	CACFP
CCFP	<del>FREE</del>	ELCP	ECERS	ELG

# A Accreditation

## **National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Accreditation**

<http://www.naeyc.org/accreditation>

- **Early Childhood Programs**
- **Associate Degree Programs**
- **Baccalaureate & Graduate Programs**

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## **National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC) Accreditation**

<http://www.nafcc.org/Accreditation>



# B

# Block Grant – Child Care and Development (CCDBG)

[http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Pages/chs\\_chc\\_chcindex.aspx](http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Pages/chs_chc_chcindex.aspx)

Also known as Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)

\$\$ each state is appropriated from the Federal Government (with some State dollars added) to use for two primary purposes

- Child Care Subsidy (Title XX)
- Quality improvements in Child Care





# Child Development Associate Credential (CDA)

<http://www.cdacouncil.org/>

Early childhood credential

Issued by Council for Professional Recognition



## Nebraska Scholarship Resource

[http://www.education.ne.gov/OEC/cda/cda\\_scholarship.html](http://www.education.ne.gov/OEC/cda/cda_scholarship.html)

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# D

## (Nebraska) Department of Education Office of Early Childhood – Early Childhood Training Center (NDE/ECTC)

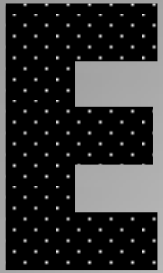
<http://www.education.ne.gov/OEC/index.html>

Early Childhood Training Center (ECTC)

<http://www.education.ne.gov/oec/ectc.html>

**Child Line: 1-800-89-CHILD**



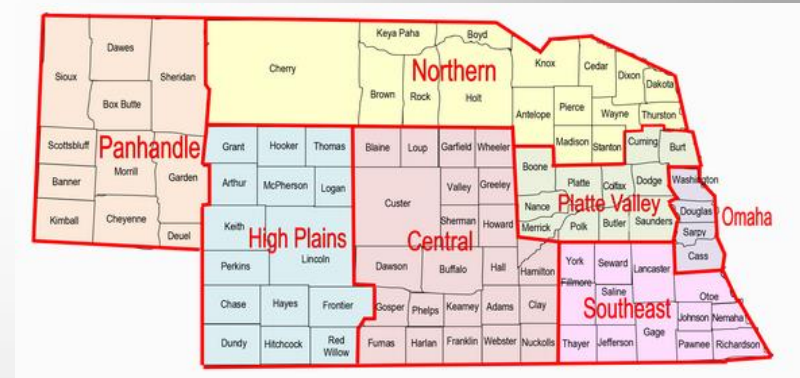


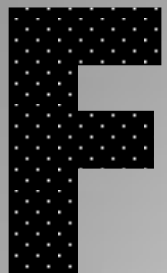
# Early Learning Connection Partnerships (ELCP)



[http://www.education.ne.gov/OEC/elc/elc\\_list.html](http://www.education.ne.gov/OEC/elc/elc_list.html)

- The state is divided into 7 regions





# Food Program (CCFP or CACFP)(aka – The Food Lady)

<http://www.education.ne.gov/NS/forms/cacfpforms/index.html>

- Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
- Funding for the program is provided through the U.S. Department of Agriculture.
- The CACFP is administered by the Nebraska Department of Education.
- 7 organizations are approved sponsors for Family Child Care Homes in Nebraska.

## Resources

<http://www.education.ne.gov/NS/CACFP/index.html>







# Grants (Child Care)

[http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Pages/chs\\_chc\\_ccgrant.aspx](http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Pages/chs_chc_ccgrant.aspx)

- Child Care Grant
- Emergency Mini-Grant
- Quality Improvement Grant

## Contact for more information:

Child Care and Development Fund Program Manager

Nicole Vint

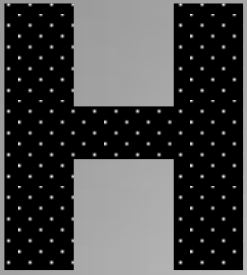
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# HHSS Child Care Licensing

<http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Pages/crlChildCareLicensingIndex.aspx>

Resources for Licensed Nebraska Child Care/Preschool Providers

<http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/pages/crlChildCareLicensingInfoResourcesForProviders.aspx>

**Contact for more information:**

Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Public Health

Licensure Unit

Children's Services Licensing

**Telephone** (800) 600 -1289 or (402) 471-1802

**Fax** (402) 471-7763

**Email** [DHHS.ChildCareLicensing@nebraska.gov](mailto:DHHS.ChildCareLicensing@nebraska.gov)



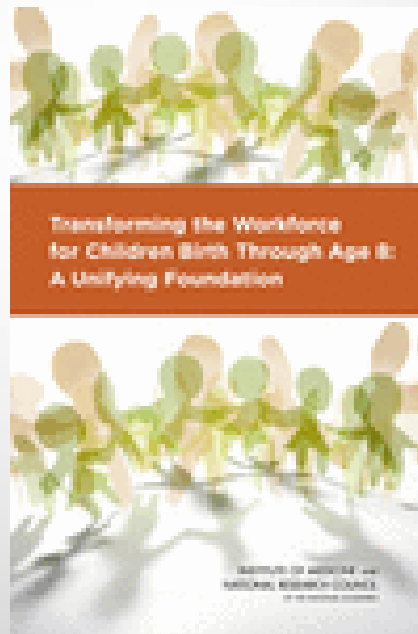


# Institute of Medicine (IOM)

<http://iom.nationalacademies.org/Reports/2015/Birth-To-Eight.aspx>

## Chapter 12

- 13 recommendations



# J Join Us Now!

Nebraska Association for the Education of Young Children (Nebraska AEYC) & National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)

<http://www.nebraskaaeyc.org/membership.html>

National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC)

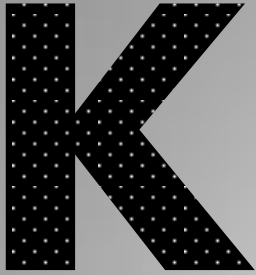
<http://www.nafcc.org/>

Nebraska Family Child Care Association

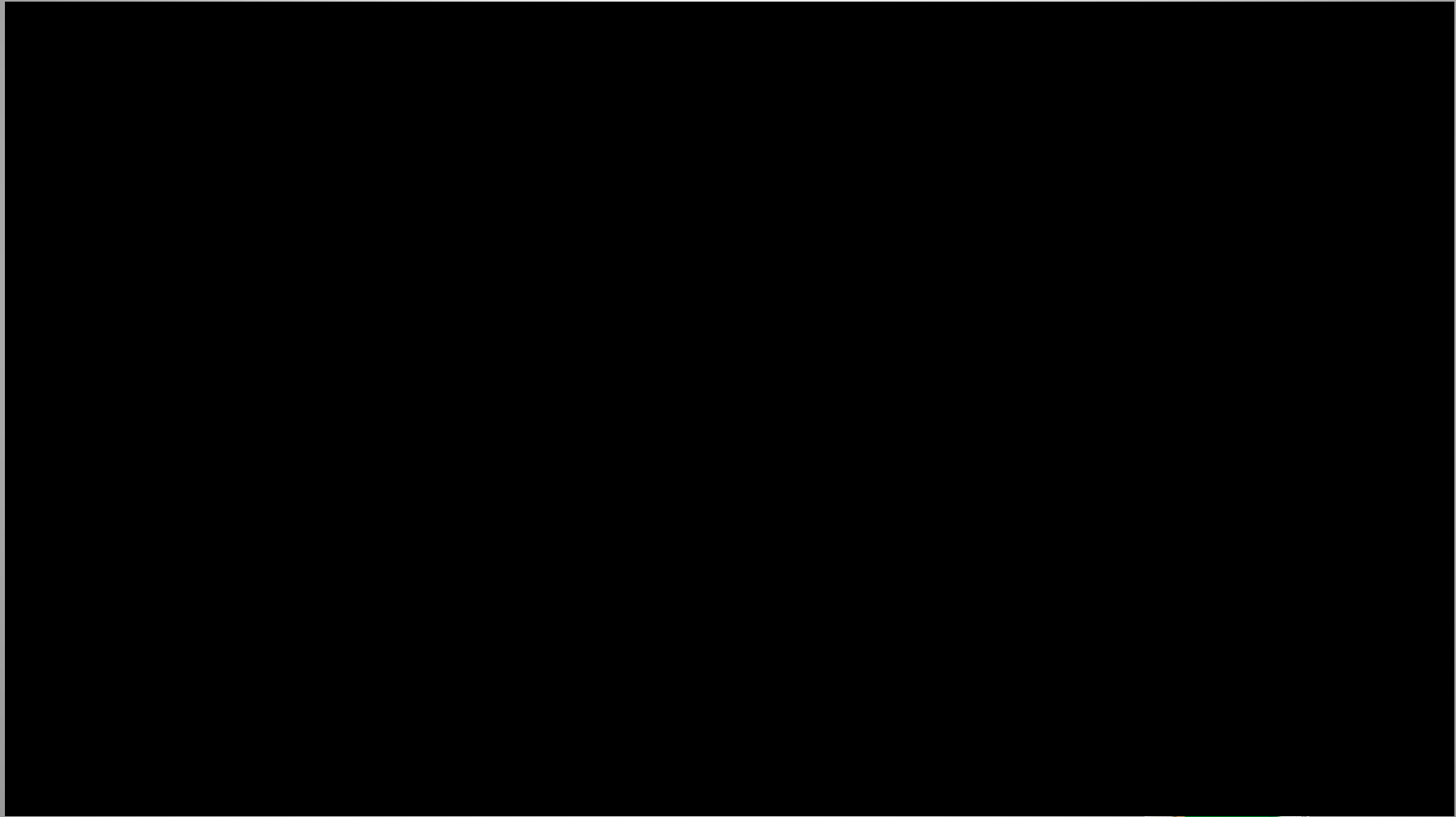
Other member opportunities

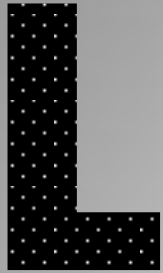
- Support Groups
- Conference Planning Committees
- Local Board of Directors





Kids





# Leadership Academy Nebraska AEYC

<http://www.nebraskaeyc.org/leadership-academy.html>

- Monthly sessions over the course of one year
- Designed for program directors and family child care providers
- Focused on Leadership Traits & Strengths

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# Management & The Business Side of Early Childhood

## Nebraska

Management Training Program

<http://www.education.ne.gov/OEC/train/mtp/mtp.html>

Getting Down to Business

[http://www.education.ne.gov/OEC/train/getting\\_down\\_to\\_business.html](http://www.education.ne.gov/OEC/train/getting_down_to_business.html)

## National

*For Family Child Care Providers:* Tom Copeland - <http://tomcopelandblog.com/>



# N

# Nebraska Association for the Education of Young Children (Nebraska AEYC)

- **Education**
- **Leadership**
- **Advocacy**

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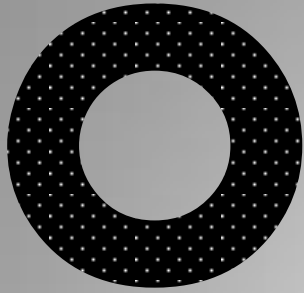
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# OMG!! Technology (LOL) 😊



[www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)



[www.pinterest.com](http://www.pinterest.com)



[www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com)



Apps for Smartphones,  
Devices and Tables



# P Pyramid & Rooted in Relationships



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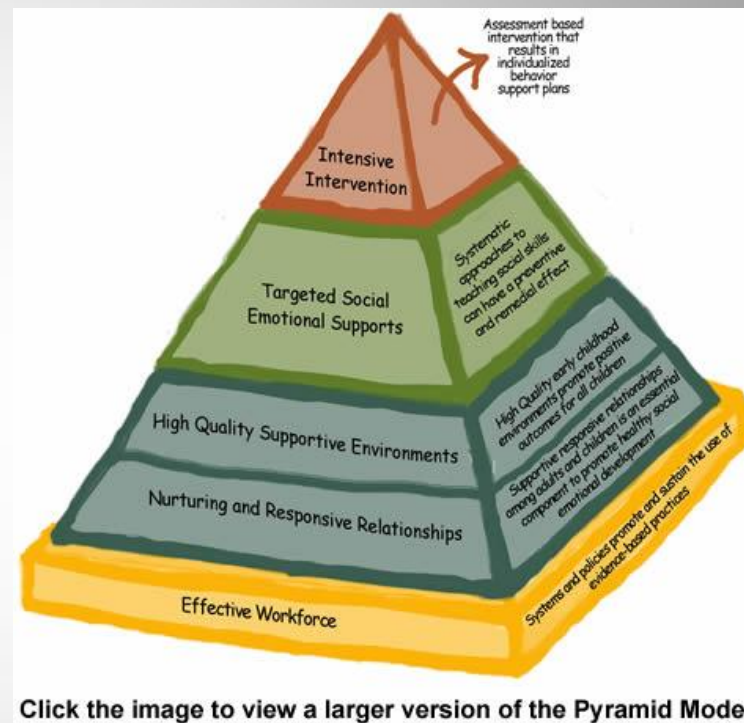
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# Quality Rating & Improvement System (QRIS) Nebraska Step Up To Quality

**Nebraska Step Up To Quality**

<http://www.education.ne.gov/StepUpToQuality/index.html>

**Nebraska Early Childhood Professional Records System (ECPRS)**

<http://ecrecords.education.ne.gov/HomePage.aspx>

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# R

## Research

**The Buffett Early Childhood Institute**

<http://buffettinstitute.nebraska.edu/>



**UNL- Nebraska Early Childhood Research Academy (NECRA)–**

<http://news.unl.edu/free-tags/nebraska-early-childhood-research-academy/>

**Nebraska AEYC Website**

<http://www.nebraskaaeyc.org/research.html>





# Sixpence Child Care Partnerships

<http://www.singasongofsixpence.org/>



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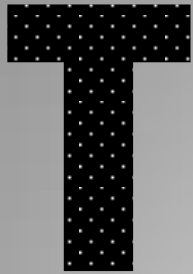
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# T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® NEBRASKA (T.E.A.C.H.)

<http://www.nebraskaeyc.org/teach-early-childhoodreg.html>

- T.E.A.C.H. (Teacher Education and Compensation Helps)
- Scholarship program for early childhood professionals to complete college coursework at the local college and work towards a degree in Early Childhood Education.
- Pays the majority of the costs including tuition, books, travel, \$ to hire/pay substitute, and bonuses!

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# U

# Unicameral (Nebraska State Legislative Body)

<http://www.nebraskalegislature.gov/>

- Find your Senator
- Look up current legislation
- Watch live Hearing and/or Floor Debate

## Holland Children's Movement

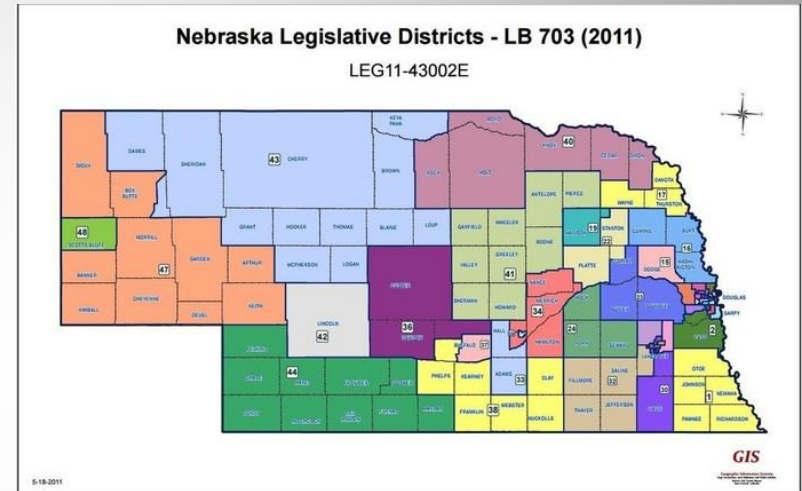
<http://www.childrensmovement.com/>

## First Five

<http://firstfivenebraska.org/>

## Voices for Children

<http://voicesforchildren.com/>



# V VOTE

<https://www.nebraska.gov/apps-sos-voter-registration/>



## Additional Contact Info:

Secretary of State – Elections Division at  
402-471-2555 or toll free at 888-727-0007 or  
email [sos.elect@nebraska.gov](mailto:sos.elect@nebraska.gov)





# W WAGE\$/ Worthy Wage Day (its all about the \$\$\$)

**LB889- School Readiness Tax Credit**

[http://www.nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view\\_bill.php?DocumentID=28185](http://www.nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=28185)

**WAGE\$**

<http://teachecnationalcenter.org/child-care-wage/>

**Worthy Wage Day**

<http://worthywage.weebly.com/>





# (E)Xercise, Nutrition and Physical Education (NAP SACC)

## Nebraska

<http://www.education.ne.gov/NS/CACFP/NAPSACC.html>

## National

<https://gonapsacc.org/>

## 5 Steps of Go NAP SAC

1. Assess (5 assessment tests)
2. Plan
3. Take Action
4. Learn More
5. Keep it Up



NEBRASKA Nutrition And Physical Activity  
Self-Assessment for Child Care



# Y

# (Week of the) Young Child (WOYC)

**NAEYC**

<http://www.naeyc.org/woyc>



**Nebraska AEYC**

<http://www.nebraskaeyc.org/week-of-the-young-child.html>

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# Zero to Three and other National Initiatives

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**Zero to Three**

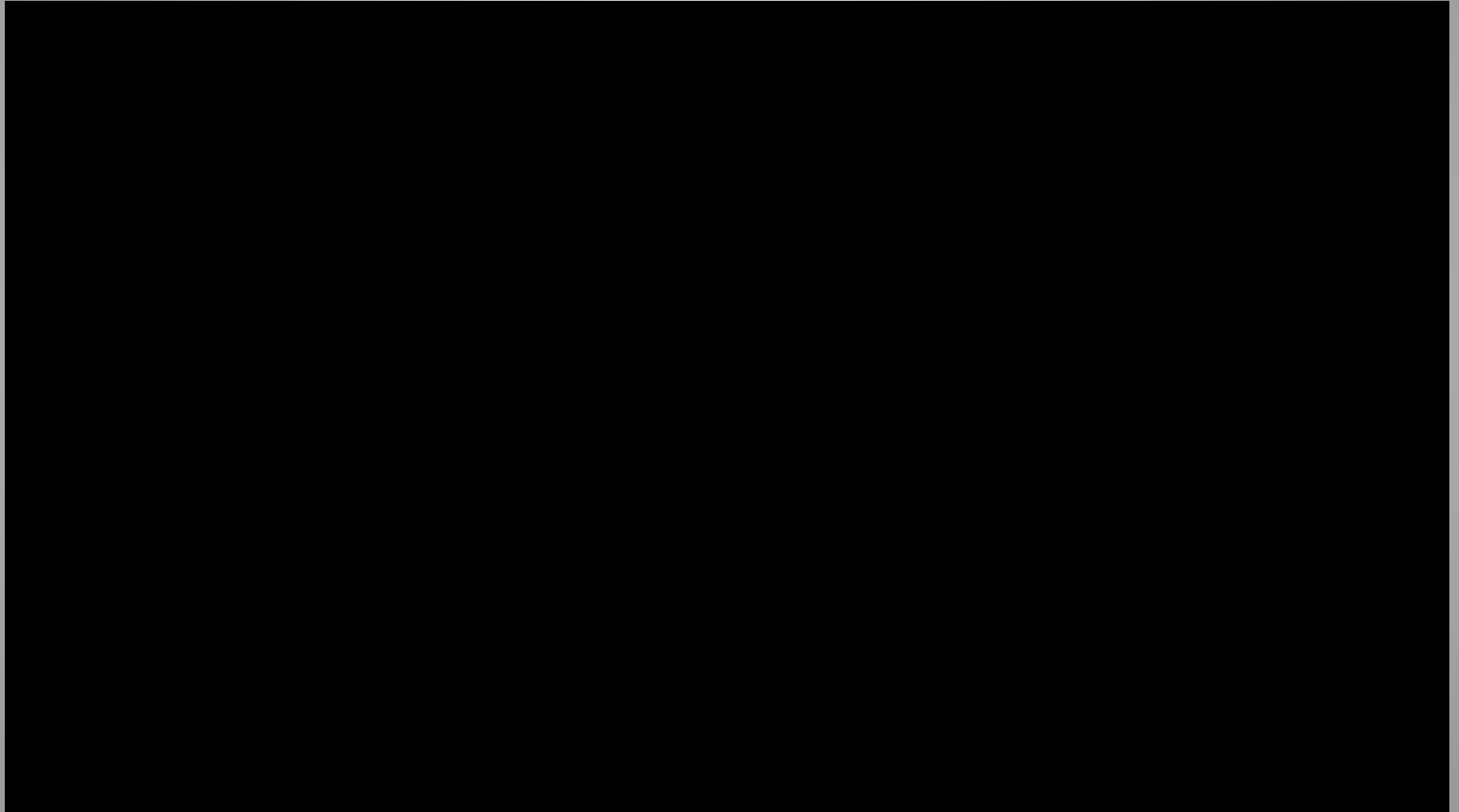
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**Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)**

<http://www.ed.gov/essa>



# Last Word from Kid President



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