

LINDA ZINKE, NeAEYC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

December 1, 2001 - present

Education:

- Masters of Arts in Leadership, Bellevue University
- Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies (Family Environment & Child Development), Iowa State University

Inactive licenses:

- Practical Nursing License
- Bachelor's of Social Worker License
- Child Development Associate's Credential

Previous Professional Experience:

Adjunct Professor, Bellevue University

Regional Trainer

Multiple Head Start positions (Iowa & Nebraska):

- Head Start Program Director
- Early Head Start Director
- Social Services/Parent Involvement Coordinator
- Child Abuse Coordinator
- Transportation Coordinator
- Home Visitor
- National Peer Reviewer



Boards/Advisory Committees involvement (past & current, partial list):

- Building Bright Futures
- Child Care Early Education Coordinating Committee (Governor appointed)
- Community Services Initiative
- Early Childhood Interagency Coordinating Council (Governor appointed)
- Early Childhood Public Policy State-wide Team
- Early Connections Planning Team
- Economic Impact Development Team
- Environment Ratings Scale Team
- Foster Grandparent Advisory Team
- Human Services Federation
- Kids Count Planning Team
- Kiewit Parenting Education Initiative Team
- Leadership in Partnership for Early Learning Team
- Metropolitan Community College Advisory Committee
- Munroe-Meyer Consumer Advisory Committee
- Nebraska Nature Action Collaborative
- Nebraska Head Start Association Advisory Council
- Non Profit Association of the Midlands
- P-16 Advisory Team
- Prevent Child Abuse Nebraska Planning Team
- Quality Ratings System Team
- T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Advisory Team
- Together for Kids and Families
- Voices for Children Health Team
- Working Forum on Nature Education, Analyst

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Awards:

- Sally Wysong Award
- Nebraska Head Start Children's Champion Award
- Region VII Parent Involvement Award

Personal Information:

Linda lives in Omaha and is the mother of five grown children:

- Scott, Set builder/designer in Rockville, MD;
- Sondra, Training Director, PayFlex, Omaha; married to Todd, two children Ben & Cassie;
- Kyle, Youth Worker at Children's Square, Council Bluffs;
- Michelle, Training Coordinator, Nebraska Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition, Lincoln;
- Monica, Executive Director, Fresh Start Homes, Lincoln

Hobbies include reading, gardening, golf, pool, (former bagpipe player)