

REPORT HIGHLIGHT

# Elevating Nebraska's Early Childhood Workforce

Report and Recommendations  
of the Nebraska Early Childhood  
Workforce Commission

**PUBLIC SECTOR FUNDING FLOW**

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## PUBLIC SECTOR FUNDING FLOW

This figure presents a simplified illustration of what is actually a complex patchwork that stitches together federal and state funds allocated for early care and education. Mechanisms to fund early care and education have emerged through incremental policy changes targeted at specific goals. The resulting funding structures are often inflexible, siloed, and inefficient.

Access to as many funding sources as possible is a lifeline to keeping early childhood program doors open and lights on, but the process of acquiring and braiding funds is burdensome to maintain and complex to master. Time and energy that professionals would otherwise make available to children and families must be devoted to the administrative task of securing and combining separate sources of funding to generate enough revenue to cover the cost of providing early care and education.

## FUNDING

### STATE SOURCES

**\$76.7 MILLION IN STATE FUNDS**

#### NE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Office of Early Childhood

Office of Special Education

Financial & Admin Services

ESEA/ESSA

Nutrition Services

#### NE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health

Children & Family Services

### FEDERAL SOURCES

**\$134.7 MILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDS**

#### U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Services

#### U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Office of Student Services

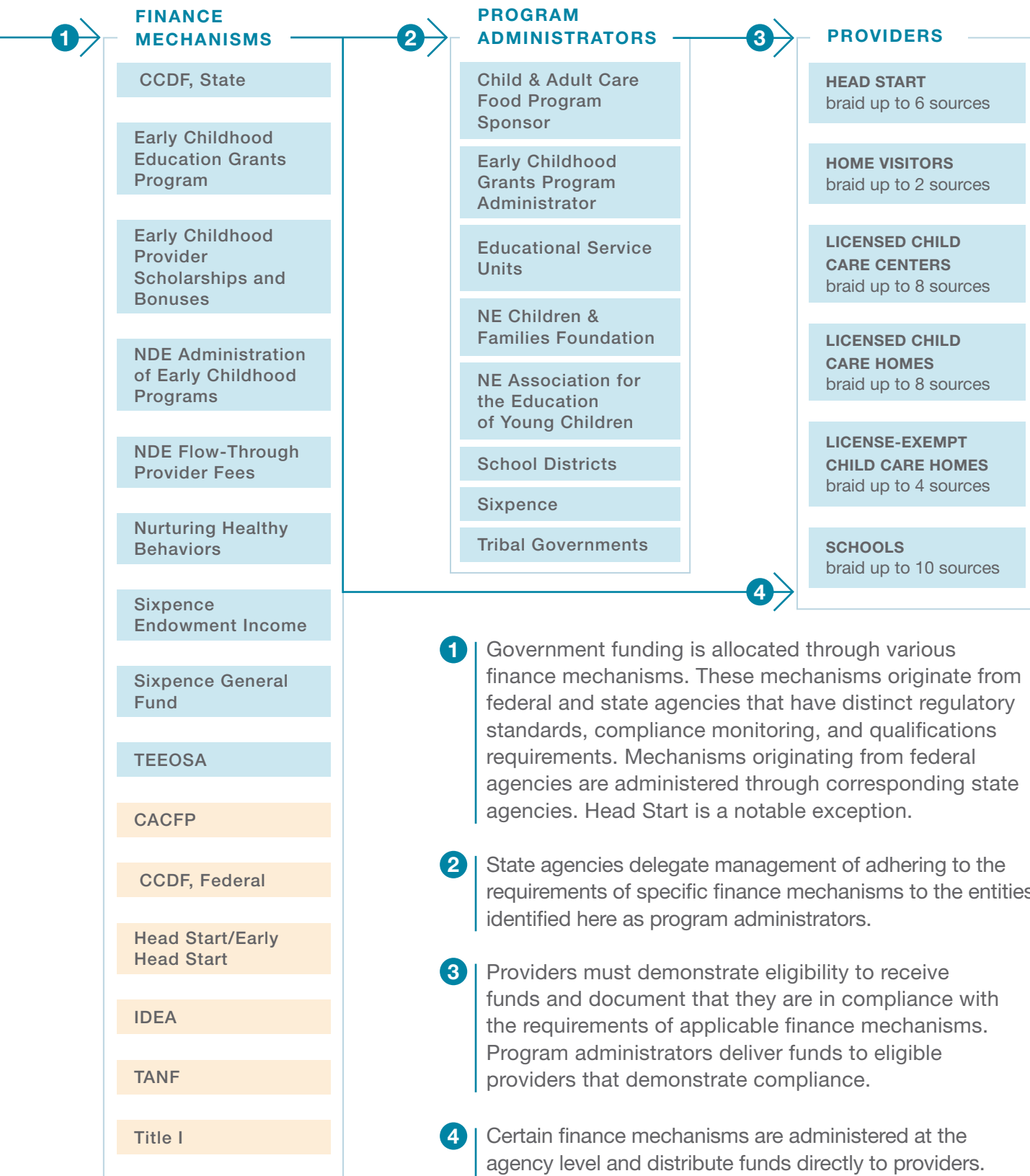
Office of Special Education

#### U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of Child Care

Office of Family Assistance

Office of Head Start



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