



**Connected Roots
Care Center**

Bills to Watch 2026

At Connected Roots Care Center (CRCC), the wonder of every child's journey is celebrated, recognizing that all children and their families—whether they are typically developing or have unique developmental or medical needs—are valuable members of the community. For 35 years, CRCC has been committed to providing a welcoming, inclusive environment in Omaha.

We have put together our top priority bills for the 2026 legislative session. From testifying at hearings to calling or writing your senator, there are many ways you can support the children of Nebraska and the work of our dedicated early childhood educators, nurses and therapists.



Contact CRCC's Director of Compliance and Advocacy Lucas Atkinson for more information on how you can help make a difference.
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LB304 (DeBoer) Protecting Childcare Subsidy

Current childcare subsidy benefit set to “sunset” for families of four making between \$42,000 - \$59,000 per year. If these working families lose this important support, the Nebraska will rank near the bottom nationally for level of support for safe, reliable childcare. The bill is currently in the Health and Human Services Committee. The goal is to advance the bill from Committee so that the full Legislature can debate the bill.

Compromise positions are being discussed and the bill has “Priority” status, which means that it will be debated if the Committee advances the bill.

LB891 (Hansen) Provisional Childcare Staff License

Bringing new staff into our teams is difficult because of delays in background checks by Nebraska DHHS, Nebraska State Patrol, and the FBI. CRCC advocates for a provisional childcare license that lets new employees train under direct supervision while their background checks are completed. Provisional childcare licenses were allowed during the Covid-19 Pandemic with no safety concerns. We will support the passage of this legislation.

LB 911 (Hardin) Applied Behavior Analysis Reform

Governor Pillen, DHHS leadership, and State Senators have concerns about out-of-state Applied Behavior Analysis providers operating in Nebraska. They are concerned about unsupervised care, overuse of telehealth, and profit-driven budget growth. CRCC offers ABA to kids in our care that have an autism diagnosis. We have onsite supervision by Nebraska licensed and Board Certified Behavioral Analysts. We offer exclusively in-person professional therapy.

LB911 is an effort to limit telehealth ABA, increase in-person supervision by BCBA's, and require a Nebraska Child Care License if patients are receiving care outside of therapy time. At its heart, LB911 is raising up CRCC's model for in-person ABA, on-site supervision by top qualified professionals, and serving the community as a licensed childcare facility. We will partner with our peers and policymakers to improve this legislation and hold up CRCC as an example of best practice.