

# Young children are being expelled or suspended from early childhood settings at an alarming rate.

## WHY SHOULD I CARE?

Young children who are suspended or expelled from childcare/preschool are 10 times more likely to:



Drop out of high school



Experience academic failure and grade retention



Have negative feelings about school



Face incarceration



### **"IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION" COULD LOOK LIKE**

Disciplining a child by sending the child out of the classroom and to the director's office.

### **"OUT OF SCHOOL SUSPENSION" COULD LOOK LIKE**

Asking a family to pick up their child early because of behavioral issues like biting, hitting, or refusing to follow directions.



### **"SOFT EXPULSION" COULD LOOK LIKE**

Repeatedly asking a family to pick up their child early because of behavioral issues, requiring them to leave or miss work frequently.



### **"EXPULSION" COULD LOOK LIKE**

Asking a family to find another care arrangement/center because the child is not a "good fit" for the program or that the program can "no longer support" their toddler or preschooler.



# FOR PARENTS

## Questions you can ask

Here are some questions you can ask caregivers in the event of an expulsion or suspension:

**How can we work together to understand what my child's behavior is telling us?**

**How can we work together to prevent the challenging behavior?**

**What skills does my child need to learn so that she is successful throughout her day?**

**How can we work together to focus on my child's positive behaviors?**

**Where can I go if I need help with my child's challenging behavior?**

**Nebraska Family Helpline** *(funded by DHHS)*  
1-888-866-8660

**Local Community Contact:**



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