

# City Happenings



February 2023

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## Game & Parks Commission Commits to Fund Lex Trail



At its January 20, 2023, meeting, the **Nebraska Game and Parks Commission** approved grant awards for the **Recreational Trails Program (RTP)**.

Lexington was one of four communities named to receive RTP funding. The other communities are Fort Calhoun, Wausa, and Randolph. Nineteen Nebraska communities competed for this grant.

Lexington was awarded \$250,000 to build a 10-foot-wide, 4,368-foot-long concrete trail in four segments to close gaps in existing trails.

Funding for the RTP comes from the **Federal Highway Administration** and is made possible by a portion of the federal motor fuel excise tax paid by users of off-road recreational vehicles.

The hike-bike trail segments will mostly close loops in and around the Optimist Recreation Complex. A fourth trail segment will cover the north side of Plum



Touted as the “Close the Loop Recreational Trail Project,” the proposed project would actually close several loops and create several different-size loops for walkers and bikers to choose; the longest is 3.16 miles. The red lines show the proposed new lengths; the blue lines are existing (or soon-to-be-built) lengths (light blue was funded by the same NGPC grant and completed in 2021).

Creek Park along 13th Street. This segment has been planned for years, but was deferred until replacement of underground water mains and completion of a paved parking lot for the park.

There are several environmental clearances and

completion of a final design before construction will be approved by FHWA. It is anticipated these can be accomplished in 2023, and construction should begin no later than the spring of 2024.



## Free COVID Booster Clinic

On Thursday, February 9, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Community Action from Kearney will come to the Center to administer COVID booster shots and flu shots.

No pre-registration, payment, or health insurance information is required. All you need to bring is a record of your previous COVID vaccinations if you are getting that shot. The flu season has been quite bad this year, so we strongly recommend you get your flu shot if you haven't already!

- Offering Bivalent Pfizer 12+ & Bivalent Moderna 18+
  - Bivalent to be given only to those who have completed their PRIMARY COVID vaccine series with an approved or authorized vaccine
  - Monovalent COVID vaccines can also be given
  - Bivalent single booster may be given at least 2 months after:
  - Completion of primary vaccination with any authorized or approved Monovalent COVID-19 vaccine
- OR-
- Receipt of the most recent booster dose with any authorized or approved Monovalent COVID-19 vaccine
  - Bivalent dose does not need to be the same brand as primary doses
  - Wait 3 months after having had the COVID-19 disease to get a bivalent dose.



## Storyteller Priscilla Howe

**Friday, February 10, 11:45 - 12:30**

Come visit the Grand Generation Center for a special noontime performance on February 10. In coordination with the Kearney Area Storytelling Festival, we are happy to have nationally famous storyteller Priscilla Howe come and perform for us during our Birthday Dinner. Priscilla has performed in many locations around the nation and the world, including schools, libraries, juvenile detention centers, retirement homes, and



## Annual Cake Decorating & Auction

**Monday & Tuesday, February 13 & 14**



Join us for our annual cake decorating and cake auction. The decorating happens Monday, February 13, at 1:00 p.m. We will have the cakes baked and ready for you to frost. You'll have your choice of white or chocolate, round, square, or heart shaped, as well as one or two layers. We'll also provide different colored frostings and invite you to bring any decorative items of your own. Teams can be up to two people from any group, business or organization.

You may keep the Valentine theme or use your own idea. We ask that you bring clean items, and don't use anything that may need refrigeration, due to space limitations. Cakes will be on display and put up for silent auction from 3:00 p.m. Monday until 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 14. Proceeds from the silent auction go to the **GGC Support Group Fund**. Please call 308-324-2498 to reserve your cake at no cost. We just need to know what flavor, shape, and number of layers.





## Come Paint Ceramics at the



Come anytime between 2-5 PM on Wednesday, Feb. 8, at the Grand Generation Center, 407 E 6th Street.

No pre-registration required.

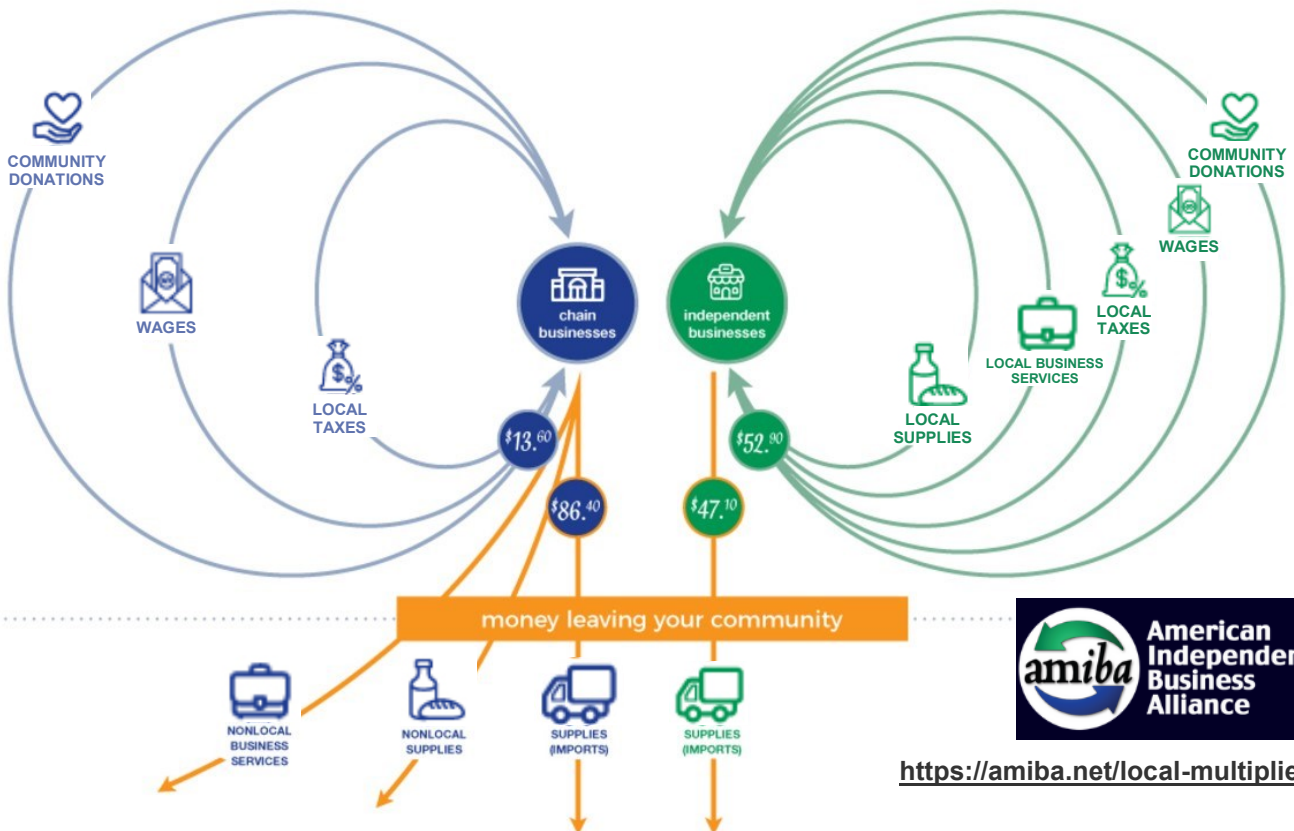
**Cost:**

Depending on the project you choose, prices range from \$12 - \$30.

Pay on the day of the event; cash or check to Paint Paradise. PP will fire your artwork in their kilns and return them in 1-2 weeks.

## FOR EVERY \$100 SPENT...

money circulating in your community



<https://amiba.net/local-multiplier/>



Remember, you're not just getting rid of weeds and pests



### Choose Earth-friendly landscaping

**Did you know that herbicides and pesticides are harmful to our kids, pets, and the environment?**

The chemicals in these materials pollute our waterways if washed from our lawns and gardens into storm drains or roadside ditches that lead directly to our lakes and rivers. Practicing Earth-friendly landscaping in your yard and garden can help protect kids, pets, and our waterways.

**So what can you do? Simple:**

- Select plants native to Nebraska. These plants require less fertilizer and water, and are more disease resistant.
- Avoid over-watering your lawn — it needs about one inch of rain/water per week.
- Use mulch around trees and plants to help retain water, reduce weeds, and minimize the need for pesticides.
- Mow your lawn high — 3 inches is the rule. Follow your community's leaf pick-up guidelines. Try mowing grass clippings and leaves into your lawn — they make good fertilizers.
- Use herbicides and pesticides sparingly and limit application to problem areas only.

Choose Earth-friendly landscaping and help keep our water clean!



Support provided by Nebr. Dept. of Environment & Energy



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

## SUMMER JOBS - Temporary Seasonal Workers, Part-time



APPLY NOW!

Positions available include:

- Concession Workers (age 14+)
- Lifeguards (age 15+)
- City Park and Cemetery Maintenance (age 16+)



The City of Lexington is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Download an application from the city website, [www.cityoflex.com/human-resources/](http://www.cityoflex.com/human-resources/).





UTILITIES SYSTEM

## EnergyWise Tip: Energy Monitors



by NPPD Energy Efficiency  
Program Manager  
Cory Fuehrer

Peter Drucker, known as an innovator of modern business management, is credited with saying: "If you cannot measure it, you cannot improve it." When making the most of the energy used in your home or business, simply researching "energy efficiency improvements" often provides an approximate idea of how a project's energy savings compare to costs for improvement.

However, when opportunities are difficult to recognize, such as unexplained energy use or calculating the amount of electricity produced by a solar panel array, an energy monitoring system is essential. In particular, those wanting to optimize their energy use need a system that specifically identifies where energy is used and how much is consumed over time, as well includes and the ability to verify energy savings.

For those unfamiliar with energy monitoring systems, most consist of hardware,

software and the delivery of data to a smartphone, computer or other display device. Some systems allow additional components, such as smart plugs and thermostats, to be connected to provide automation of energy saving practices.

When choosing a system, consider the following factors



**Appliance recognition** - Unless monitoring is performed on individual circuit breakers serving recognizable connections, the system must provide appliance recognition. Some do this through a process of machine learning by identifying the "signature" of an individual appliance's energy use and tracking it in real-time for further analysis.

**Real-time cost tracking** - Different systems will provide a variety of tracking reports

ranging from daily to yearly. However, owners especially appreciate seeing the energy use impacts of your appliances and devices in "real-time" and in terms of energy costs.

**Smart devices** - With the increasing popularity of "smart homes," controlling appliances and devices

through smart devices is crucial. When using smart device applications, users expect to be able to monitor real-time energy usage, adjust settings, set alarms and more. Systems without apps still provide useful information to help save energy

but don't provide the level of convenience many expect.

**Solar energy capable** - Many people have or are considering solar energy (photovoltaic) installations for their home or business. Most often, these systems are integrated with utility connections so electricity can be used by the owner or flow back into the utility line. If the owner requires more

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## Energy Monitors

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electricity than their solar panels are generating, the extra power flows from the utility line. While most solar energy systems monitor and record how much energy they produce, utility metering usually does not separately record how much is being used at the home or business versus being put back on the line. For that reason, an energy monitoring system is vital to understand the breakdown of energy production and consumption.

**Installation** - Many systems are designed so Do-It-Yourselfers can complete installation. While in the interests of safety, it is always better to have a licensed electrician appropriately handle the job, doing so is an additional cost for consideration.

**Cost and savings** - Basic energy monitoring systems intended for use in residential or small business installations range from \$70 to \$450. According to the Natural Resources Defense Council, the average owner identifies 10% energy savings after implementing new energy-saving projects. Some assertively pursuing efficiency optimization report savings as high as 20%.

Whether you're trying to identify where your energy is being used or how to use less, Lexington Utilities System, in partnership with Nebraska Public Power District, wants to help. Contact LEXUS or visit [www.nppd.com](http://www.nppd.com) for more energy-saving ideas.



## What Not To Flush (or put down the drain) Could clog your drains or sewers!



- ▶ paper, plastic or cardboard
- ▶ feminine hygiene products
- ▶ wipes (baby or personal)
- ▶ prophylactic items
- ▶ cloth or string
- ▶ grease, oil, wax or fats
- ▶ diapers
- ▶ wrappers
- ▶ bottles
- ▶ cat litter
- ▶ medicines

Don't wait in line...  
**Pay Online**



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Pay your utility bill using your computer, smart phone or tablet!  
Go to [www.cityoflex.com](http://www.cityoflex.com) to sign up and pay.

**Safe, Secure & Free!**

- ★ Convenient: 24/7/365
- ★ Save time, postage and fuel
- ★ Pay by credit or debit card
- ★ View updated billing and consumption history
- ★ Account balances are automatically updated



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Get the latest scoops about what's going on in Lexington!

Facebook users: be sure to search for "City of Lexington, Nebraska" (not to be confused with the generic page the Facebook folks created). Only our official page gives you the latest news and updates.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/City-of-Lexington-Nebraska/157277430966096>





## Library News



907 N Washington  
(308) 324-2151



by Jennifer Norton  
Library Director

"I cannot live without books."  
- President Thomas Jefferson

## WE ASK OUR CUSTOMERS

### DO NOT DEPOSIT IN TRASH DUMPSTERS:

- yard waste
- tree branches
- wood
- cement
- iron
- batteries and tires . . .

. . . as the landfill will not accept these items.

### YOUR DUMPSTER IS FOR YOUR HOUSEHOLD TRASH ONLY

If you have a curbside trash container, DO NOT place trash in large alley dumpsters. These are for alley customers only.

If your curbside trash container fills before the weekly pickup, please call for additional containers.

DO NOT under any circumstances put hot BBQ coals or fireplace ashes in your dumpster. If you are caught doing this you will have to pay to replace the dumpster if fire occurs.

If you see someone using alley containers for construction materials, yard waste, or other unaccepted items, please call us right away and we will take care of it.

### Dan's Sanitation

THE LIONS CLUB PRESENTS:  
RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS FAMILY NIGHT @ THE LEXINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY



A DAY TO CELEBRATE AND ENCOURAGE RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

**FEBRUARY 20; 5:30-7:30 PM**

Sloppy Joe meal & activities for the whole family!

907 N Washington St.  
Lexington, NE 68850



**LEXINGTON LEXUS UTILITIES SYSTEM**

## Tips to Prevent Frozen Pipes

**Leave Water Running** - Just a small, slow stream/trickle is usually enough to keep the pipes from freezing.

**Leave cabinet doors open** so house heat can warm the pipes better.

**Do not set your thermostat lower than 55°F**, even if you plan to be away for an extended time.

**Unhook Garden Hoses**. You can also install frost-free faucets and insulate outdoor faucets.

### Mobile Homes Need Special Pipe Care

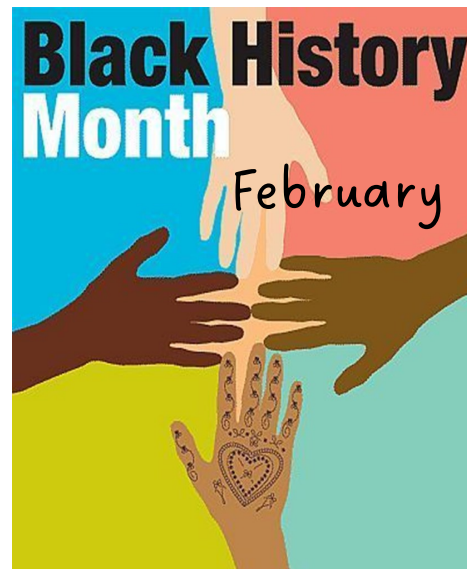
Install **Insulated Tape Wrap** or even better **Electric Heat Tape** on pipes under the trailer.

Make sure the **trailer is skirted**.











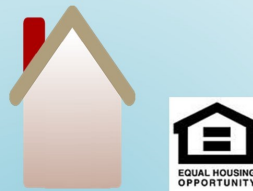
## Housing Lots Available in Northwest Lexington



**Contact  
Lexington  
City Manager  
308-324-2341**


- **Dozens of sites to choose from**
- **Protective covenants in place**
- **Utilities on site (Electric, Sewer, Water)**
- **Sewer depths accommodate basements**
- **Close to Optimist Recreation Complex & Sandoz Elementary School**
- **Lots sizes: approx. 12,000 - 25,000 square feet**
- **\$0-\$5,000 each**
- **Are not located in floodplain;**

## Housing Lots Available in East Lexington



**Contact  
Lexington City  
Manager  
308- 324-2341**

- **Dozens of sites to choose from**
- **\$5,000 each**
- **Lots sizes: approx. 11,000 - 15,000 sq. ft.**
- **Utilities on site (Electric, Sewer, Water)**
- **Protective covenants in place**
- **Lots can be or have been removed from floodplain**
- **Sewer depths accommodate basements**
- **Close to Kirkpatrick Memorial Park**
- **Close to Pershing Elementary School**

 Indicates houses under construction or complete (since this aerial photo was taken)



## Lexington snow and ice removal

**W**inter weather is upon us and the City would like to remind citizens of the following points related to snow removal. There is also an Emergency Snow Route map on the next page.

Property owners are required to remove snow and ice from sidewalks abutting their property, within 48 hours of the snowfall. Removal of snow and ice from sidewalks not only ensures safe passage for pedestrians (including school children), but also limits liability. Someone who sustains injuries from slipping on ice might claim their injuries resulted from property owner neglect. Please remember that snow and ice removed from your property is not to be placed into the street. Instead move it to non-paved areas.

The City needs the cooperation of all citizens as we work to remove snow and ice from the streets. Citizens are encouraged to listen to local radio stations or read the local newspaper (including online) for

announcements of possible Snow Emergency situations where substantial snowfall is experienced or anticipated.



In times of a declared Snow Emergency, parking along streets in the designated Snow Emergency Route is prohibited. Commercial Areas may also be included (see Snow Route map).

Citizens living along these routes are encouraged to comply with the prohibition and move their vehicles from the street.

In addition, during a Snow Emergency, parking in the Downtown area is prohibited. In non-emergency times, citizens are still encouraged to move their parked vehicles off of the street in a reasonable period of time after snowfall to allow City crews access to remove the snow and ice. Information regarding the removal of snow in your area of the City can be obtained by contacting Tom Nelson at 308-324-5995.

The City of Lexington would like to reiterate that snow and ice removal is important for vehicular traffic as well as Pedestrian traffic.

Please take the time to do your part to keep our streets and sidewalks safe. The City of Lexington thanks everyone for their cooperation and prompt attention to this issue.



**801 West Vine St.  
308-324-5995  
Mon. - Fri.  
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

- dispose of furniture, appliances, pallets, and other large items (small fee may apply)
- recycle paper, plastic, and cardboard
- pick up free wood chips or compost





## City of Lexington REGISTRATION FORM 2023

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age on May 1, 2023: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent(s) willing to coach? Yes  No

Cost: \$30 (Includes Uniform Top, Instruction, Participation in South Central NE Baseball League)

\*Financial assistance available

Uniform Size (Check Box):

\*Make checks payable to City of Lexington  
PO Box 70, Lexington, NE 68850

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Medium | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Large  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Small  | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Medium |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Large  | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult XL     |

\*I give permission for my son/daughter to participate in the City Youth Baseball Program as part of the South Central Nebraska Baseball League. I understand that no medical insurance is provided by the City of Lexington and assume the assumption of risk in my child participating in this program.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### DIVISIONS:

**12u**

**10u**

**8u (T-Ball/Coach Pitch)**

Age 11 or 12 by   
May 1, 2023

Age 9 or 10 by   
May 1, 2023

Age 7 or 8 by   
May 1, 2023

### City of Lexington Baseball Instruction Schedule:

(Keep the portion below):

Open Registration: 6:30 - 8:00 pm at Lexington Fieldhouse: 1502 N. Airport Rd.  
Monday, March 13 and Monday, March 20 OR Register Online (Scan QR Code):

Instruction Schedule: March 27 - April 27 Mon & Thurs

● **MONDAY'S at Lex Fieldhouse: 1502 N. Airport Rd.**

5:00 - 6:00 pm 8u Practice      7:00 - 8:30 pm 12u Practice

6:00 - 7:00 pm 10u Practice      \*\*\*No Monday Practice on April 10

● **THURSDAY'S at Lex Hitting Complex: 1601 W. 13th St.**

4:45 - 5:30 pm 8u players      5:30 - 6:15 pm 9 yr olds

6:15 - 7:00 pm 10 yr olds      7:00 - 7:45 pm 11 yr olds      7:45 - 8:30 pm 12 yr olds

\*\*\*Games will be played on Tuesday's and Thursday's beginning May 9 through the end of June in Lexington and surrounding communities. Transportation not provided by City of Lexington.



Contact Information:

Jake Saulsbury 308-746-3543 jsaulsbury@cityoflex.com OR  
Ann Luther 308-325-5277 aluther@cityoflex.com



THE LEXINGTON EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING  
COMMUNITY PRESENTS:

# New Library Work Center For Child Educators



Lexington Public Library  
907 N Washington St  
Lexington, NE 68850

**YOU ARE INVITED**

**FEBRUARY 13, 2023**

**6:30-8:30PM**

- *Tour the New Work Center*
  - Laptops, Printers
  - Laminator
  - Cutting boards
  - Button maker
  - Die cut machine and more
- *Refreshments*
- *Fun Transitions Make and Take*

[REGISTER HERE](#)



TRAINING SESSION 7PM-8:30PM  
TRANSITIONS IN THE CHILDCARE  
DAILY ROUTINE  
PRESENTED BY PATTI ROBERTS

**1.5 hours licensing  
credit**

**No Cost**



LA COMUNIDAD DE APRENDIZAJE DE LA  
PRIMERA INFANCIA DE LEXINGTON PRESENTA:

# Nuevo espacio de trabajo en la Biblioteca Para Educadoras Infantiles



Lexington Public Library  
907 N Washington St  
Lexington, NE 68850

**ESTAS INVITADA**

**13 DE FEBRERO DE 2023**

**6:30-8:30PM**

- Recorre el Nuevo Centro de Trabajo
  - Laptops, Impresoras
  - laminadora
  - Tablas de cortar
  - fabricante de botones
  - Máquina troqueladora y más
- Habrá Botanas
- Actividades de transición para hacer

[REGISTRARSE AQUÍ](#)

SESIÓN DE ENTRENAMIENTO 7PM-8:30PM  
TRANSICIONES EN LA RUTINA DIARIA DEL  
CUIDADO INFANTIL  
PRESENTADO POR PATTI ROBERTS



**1.5 horas de crédito de  
licencia**

**Gratis**



## Getting Down to Business Series

A series of four interactive sessions designed for family child care providers to learn how to operate a family child care business. Topics include:

**Location:**  
Orthman Community YMCA  
(Learning Center Classroom)  
1207 N Grant St. Lexington, NE 68850

**Time:**  
5:30-8:00 pm

**Childcare Provided at NO COST!**

[Register Here](#)



Lexington C4K Incentive  
If you are a resident of Lexington or employed as an early childhood provider in Lexington, Lexington C4K will pay your registration fees and award you a stipend for \$100 if you attend all 4 sessions.

### Module I



**Module I—The Business of Family Child Care**

Part 1. Tuesday, January 31  
Part 2. Wednesday, February 1



### Module II

**Module II—Child Development and Learning**

Part 1. Wednesday, February 8  
Part 2. Wednesday, February 15



### Module III

**Module III—Policies and Procedures**

Part 1. Tuesday, February 21  
Part 2. Wednesday, February 22



### Module IV

**Module IV—Relationships in Family Child Care**

Part 1. Tuesday, February 21  
Part 2. Wednesday, February 22



## Serie de negocios Para Educadoras Infantiles

Una serie de cuatro talleres interactivos diseñados para proveedores de cuidado infantil en el hogar sobre cómo operar un negocio de cuidado infantil en el hogar. Los temas del taller incluyen:

**Localización:**  
Orthman's YMCA de la comunidad  
1207 N. Grant St. Lexington, NE 68850

**Hora:**  
5:30-8:00pm

**¡Se ofrece cuidado de niños SIN COSTO!**

[Registrarse Aquí](#)



Gana \$ 100  
Al finalizar 'Si usted es residente de Lexington o está empleado como proveedor de servicios para la primera infancia en Lexington, Lexington C4K pagará sus tarifas de inscripción y le pagará \$100 por el 100 % de asistencia a las cuatro sesiones'.

### Módulo I



**Módulo I: El negocio del cuidado infantil**

Parte 1. Martes 31 de enero  
Parte 2. Miércoles 1 de febrero



### Módulo II

**Módulo II—Desarrollo y aprendizaje infantil**

Parte 1. Miércoles 8 de febrero  
Parte 2. Miércoles 15 de febrero



### Módulo III

**Módulo III—Políticas y procedimientos**

Parte 1. Martes 21 de febrero  
Parte 2. Miércoles 22 de febrero



### Módulo IV

**Módulo IV: Relaciones Familiar en el Cuidado Infantil**

Parte 1. Martes 21 de febrero  
Parte 2. Miércoles 22 de febrero



**KEEP LEXINGTON BEAUTIFUL**

# WE ARE HIRING

**PART TIME OPENING**

**JOB TITLE: EDUCATION OUTREACH COORDINATOR**

- 20 Hrs. weekly
- 40 Hrs. a week in June
- Up to \$14/hr.
- 1 Week Paid Vacation
- Needs reliable transportation
- Bilingual preferred but not required
- Experience working with kids grades K-8 preferable
- Basic computer skills
- Able to work well with the community
- Great Communication skills

**Location: Lexington**

**Send your resume to [klbnebraska@gmail.com](mailto:klbnebraska@gmail.com)**

**For more information | 308-325-5701 | [klbnebraska@gmail.com](mailto:klbnebraska@gmail.com)**

