Illinois Governor approves Child Development Accounts for all newborns

Illinois became the most recent state in the U.S. to adopt universal Child Development Accounts on August 23, when Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed legislation to open a 529 college savings plan account with deposits for every child born or adopted in Illinois after Dec. 31, 2020. Margaret Clancy, CSD policy director, worked with various Illinois organizations and the state treasurer’s office to develop the CDA policy concept.

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Nebraska legislature unanimously approves universal, at-birth CDA policy

Nebraska’s legislature approved a universal Child Development Account policy that will cover every resident born in the state on or after January 1, 2020. Margaret Clancy, policy director at CSD, advised State Treasurer John Murante on desirable CDA features, provided research results from the SEED OK CDA experiment and testified before the state legislature.