Nevada ECAC Subgroup Action Plan • Early Learning

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Goal: Strengthen the complex system of early learning to provide every child and family with high quality early childhood education and development.

Objective 1

Describe Early Childhood Education (ECE) in terms of Workforce Development and Economic Development for federal, state and county policy makers.

Benchmark: As a result of implementing the strategies and actions for this objective, what is the intermediate result you expect to see in 1-3 years?

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S1	Recruit corporate, economic development, workforce development, military, and tribal leaders, to join leaders at the ECAC table.						
	Action	Time-Frame	Resources Available	Resources Needed	Responsible		
1	Develop a presentation that can be delivered by any						
	member of the ECAC, or trusted partners, on the						
	economic importance of high quality, accessible ECEEE						
	and the ECAC Strategic Plan						
2	Meet with and present ECAC plan to economic						
	development leaders in Reno and Las Vegas to educate						
	and enlist their support to meet workforce and employee						
	needs						
3	Meet with and present ECAC plan to Chambers of						
	Commerce leaders in southern and northern Nevada to						
	educate and enlist their support to meet workforce and						
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S2	Identify and engage corporate champions who require	high-skill workfor	ce and young families.		
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1	Identify 10 to 15 CEOs and business leaders who are willing to become "champions" for ECEEE and recruit				
	them to add their voices to those of educators and				
	parents to encourage private and public investment				
2	Meet with the new CEOs and concerned board members of the United Ways in southern and northern Nevada on the economic importance of high quality, accessible				
	ECEEE and the ECAC Strategic Plan, and to recruit private sector champions				
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4	Corporate: Chambers of Commerce very supportive of this work, rally their support (north and south) Economic Dev entities: cultivate state and regional interests and support to further this work. Team discussed combining strategies in this objective. Strategies: 1) Cultivate state, regional and local interest and support by developing Partnerships, Relationships and Financial Support from related entities (S1-4) a)Action step for (S1-4):Promotional reports and materials: S5- Update economic report- identify ROI and savings for the state (S5 go into S2) b) Action: Increase funding for state-supported PreK through these partners				
	c) Identify relationships with potential champions for state and local support such as the Mines, Patagonia, Tesla, Amazon, Tribal entities, etc.				

	Action	Time-Frame	Resources Available	Resources Needed	Responsible
	2) Identify resources to support state and local ECACs (S6-7) Action Steps: Include in PDG 0-5; Identify state to local relationships and Re-engage local ECACs and provide clear vision and direction for their work; Sustainability and collaboration strategies for engagement; Identify foundation support for local ECACs; Seek local foundation and corporate funding to provide \$30,000 per year county for form and convene its own ECAC.				
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Collaborate on state and federal advocacy for ECE to be jointly supported by corporate economic development education, labor, military, tribal, and workforce development.

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1	Meet with the state leadership of the Governor's				
	Workforce Development Board to describe the ECEEE				
	workforce, its economic importance to Nevada, and the				
	importance of supporting the ECAC plan to improve the				
	quality and stability of the estimated 15,000 child care				
	and early elementary teachers and adults working in this				
	sector				
2	Convene a meeting with the Children's Advocacy Alliance,				
	Nevada Association for the Education of Young Children,				
	the Children's Cabinet and other allies to discuss enlisting				
	the private sector in this effort				
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Seek local investment in ECE to meet rural, tribal, municipal and county ECE provider and workforce needs.

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S5	Update and recreate the Economic Impact of Early Care and Education in Nevada report.						
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1	Contact The Children's Cabinet, Children's Advocacy						
	Alliance, and Southern Nevada Forum for assistance						
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S6	Identify resources to support state and local ECACs.				
	Action	Time-Frame	Resources Available	Resources Needed	Responsible
1	Develop a strategy with the Children's Advocacy Alliance				
	to increase funding for state-supported pre-k slots in				
	school-based and community-based child care centers				
2	Identify foundation support for local ECACs				
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S7 Identify resources to support state and local ECACs.

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1	Seek local foundation and corporate funding to provide				
	\$30,000 per year for each county to form and convene its				
	own Early Childhood Advisory Council				
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Revise and align child, program and workforce standards for all programs and personnel in the B-3 field.

Benchmark: As a result of implementing the strategies and actions for this objective, what is the intermediate result you expect to see in 1-3 years?

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Child Standards

Revise and adopt comprehensive evidence-based learning and development standards for children birth through third grade (0-3 early learning guidelines, pre-K standards, K-3 Nevada Academic Content Standards, and social emotional competencies).

	Action	Time-Frame	Resources Available	Resources Needed	Responsible
1	Revise PreK Standards to align with K-12 NACS and SEL	Spring 2019		\$5000	
	standards, and Brigance screener				
2			PreK Standards Office		
3	Review state's that have Birth-3rd Grade Standards and/or	Spring 2019		\$15,000	
	select/adopt state model. (WA)			(travel, graphic	
	ACTION Steps: NDE Standards Office, OELD, PreK			design)	
	Standards, O-3, parent, teachers (10)				
	Action: Include revise I/T early learning guidelines.				
	Action: Adopt from another leading state for NV and align				
	to K-3 standards				
	Action: Convene group to review and identify graphic				
	designer to complete work				
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Program Standards

S2 Explore implementation guidelines to support teachers and administrators in both ECE and early elementary settings to put the B-3 framework into practice.

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	Identify what our program standards are across the				
	continuum in order to better support: 0-3, PreK, K-3				
1	Review and adopt Birth-3rd Implementation Guidelines				
	across domains. Create supplemental documents: 0-3,				
	PreK-K, 1-3				
2	Review B-3 pilots and policy and professional leadership				
	workgroups recommendations				
3	Communication strategy: Connect B-3 and Rb3 work with				
	champions identified in Objective 1				
4	Addressing 4 and 7 year olds entering kindergarten:				
	Transitional Kindergarten; Retention in PreK and K				
	UNIVERSAL PreK and DAP Kindergarten, 1-3				
5	ACTION: Kindergarten class size requirements, unfunded				
	ACTION: state grants align with B-3 framework (State PreK,				
	Rb3, all competitive funding)—B-3 policy work				
	ACTION:				
6	CLASS implementation for K-3, 0-5				
	Learning strategists and coaches—Strengthen Rb3				
	training, base feedback on reliable tools				
	ACTION: Increase coaching support, NEPF-SLO				

S3 Establish expectations to support child care/pre-K to Kindergarten transitions (e.g., Countdown to Kindergarten in Boston, MA).

	Action	Time-Frame	Resources Available	Resources Needed	Responsible
1	Form an Early Learning Subcommittee task force of child				
	care, pre-k, and early elementary leaders to develop a				
	shared approach and standards for "handoffs" from pre-k				
	to kindergarten that can be implemented by all pre-k				
	providers (see: Countdown To Kindergarten, Boston).				

	Action	Time-Frame	Resources Available	Resources Needed	Responsible
2	Provide statewide training on Ready for K-TOT training	Fall 2018			
	Reno, Las Vegas, Elko				
3	Parent Perspective Training (TOT)	Fall 2018			
	Reno, Las Vegas, Elko				
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S4 Engage more closely with for-profit center-based companies to expand access to fee-for-service and subsidized childcare.

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S5 Explore marketing strategies to promote Silver State Stars to parents through employers, health systems, United Ways, and community-based providers.

	community based providers.						
	Action	Time-Frame	Resources Available	Resources Needed	Responsible		
1	Add QRIS to Parent Perspective Training						
2	QRIS connect with districtwide events						
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4	Combine S5 and S6 and S7 and S8: ACTION: Providing Parent Perspective Training and QRIS ACTION: Promoting QRIS in community and district based classrooms						
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S6 Encourage QRIS participation by creating new marketing strategies aimed at eligible early childhood programs.

	Action	Time-Frame	Resources Available	Resources Needed	Responsible
1	Form a task force in 2018 of private, state-supported,				
	employer-sponsored and education professionals to				
	explore marketing options to promote QRIS to child care				
	and pre-k administrators who are reluctant to participate,				
	and to remove confusion created by the child care				
	licensing grading system and the Silver State Stars ratings.				
2	Cindy and QRIS stakeholders				
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S7 Explore appropriate OST program standards and requirements.

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S8 Create common messaging for both parents and providers to provide clarity of the relationship between the new licensing grading system and the QRIS program.

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Workforce Standards

S9	Conduct a review to establish state-of-the-art, aligned licensure and credential standards for community and school-based professionals that are responsible for the care and education of children ages birth through age eight.						
	Action	Time-Frame	Resources Available	Resources Needed	Responsible		
1	Develop B-3 Leadership Certificate	Time Traine	Resources Available	Nessources Needed	B-3 Leadership Team under guidance of KK and SR		
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S10	Use research to establish reasonable requirements fo	or teachers across l	icensed (center and hor	me provider), OST, a	nd FFN settings.		

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Develop recommendations in 2020 for a strategy and necessary budget to assist child care workers in pursuing a Child Development Associate certificate after they complete initial training, in all settings

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	Action	Time-Frame	Resources Available	Resources Needed	Responsible
2	Convene a meeting of the Early Learning Subcommittee in 2018 focused on broad recommendations related to child care program and workforce standards to elevate				
	home-based programs to be more in line with center-based, state supported, and school-based child care centers.				
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Unify the early childhood and early elementary workforce from birth through third grade.

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Determine the steps and resources necessary to create a comprehensive workforce data set of all early childhood educators in The Nevada Registry and the early elementary workforce and to align professional development opportunities

	Action	Time-Frame	Resources Available	Resources Needed	Responsible
1	Focus an Early Learning Subcommittee meeting in 2018				
	on this topic to review the size and economic importance				
	of the B-3 or ECEEE workforce, barriers, strategies, and				
	the role of The Nevada Registry as a hub for executing				
	this strategy				
2	Consider revising all materials to reflect the suggested				
	"Early Childhood and Early Elementary Education" or				
	"ECEEE" as a way to brand the B-3 workforce as a unifying				
	principle				
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Assess requirements for early childhood and early elementary professional development opportunities for CEUs, Training Hours and College Credits to create opportunities for shared learning and knowledge about how children learn and grow.

	Action	Time-Frame	Resources Available	Resources Needed	Responsible
1	Establish a task force in 2018 of child care, pre-k and early				
	elementary educators and administrators to develop				
	recommendations on aligning quality training and				
	professional development that is sequential, valued and				
	recognized for CEU, training hours and college credits				
2	B-3 State Leadership Team will develop a "scope and	Sept-May	PDG-B-3		
	sequence for B-3 Leadership Certificate"				
3	State B-3 Summit at conclusion of PDG B-3 contract	May-June			
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S3 Utilize a tiered reimbursement system to reward early childhood and early elementary educators for continued professional learning on their career pathway.

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1	Develop strategies in 2019 to engage k-3 teachers, elementary school principals, and superintendents in conversation about the idea of unifying the workforce to achieve higher standards				
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Promote the on-line early childhood education opportunities offered by Nevada's community colleges and universities to support the workforce in rural areas and those working during traditional class hours.

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S5 Focus B-3 training investments in geographic and demographic areas of greatest need.

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1	Include Funding for local ECACs in second round of PDG-	Sept-Oct			
	B-5 grant application	applications due			
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S6 Identify incentives and opportunities for pre-K teachers and administrators to implement the B-3 framework.

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1	Convene a meeting in 2019 of NV Department of				
	Education officials that span the ECEEE years or B-3 with				
	selected Early Learning Subcommittee members to				
	discuss this objective, recommendations of the				
	subcommittee, and how it can contribute to better				
	outcomes and greater investment in child care, pre-k and				
	other elements of this plan				
2	B-3 State Leadership Team policy committee is analyzing				
	and developing guidance related to strategies and				
	recommendations to include B-3 throughout existing				
	state plans including Rb3/KEA, ESSA, SEAD, and NEPF.				
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S7 Encourage programs to offer and/or support Child Development Associate (CDA) credentialing for staff and explore CDA coursework and credentialing for CEUs and possibly college credits.

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Objective 4

Review and align child care licensure and Part C IDEA program requirements and/or structures with other B-3 entities.

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S1 Explore the pros, cons, and steps needed to move IDEA Part C Office into the Nevada Office of Special Education along with Part B.

	Action	Time-Frame	Resources Available	Resources Needed	Responsible
1	Include this objective in an ECAC agenda in early 2019 for				
	consideration of revisions or strategies in light of 2018				
	state election results and likely changes within the				
	Department of Public Health and Department of				
	Education				
2	Set up meeting with NDE Director of Special Education to				
	discuss pros and cons				
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S2 Explore licensure of unlicensed home provider (1-4 unrelated) to improve quality of training, early childhood development, and on-site inspections that also meet the needs and recognize the financial limitations of these providers.

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S3 Explore the pros, cons, and steps needed to move Child Care Licensing to Nevada Department of Education.

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1	Include this strategy in an ECAC agenda in early 2019 for consideration of revisions or strategies in light of 2018 state election results and likely changes within the Department of Public Health and Department of Education				
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S4 Embark on long-term process to review and establish state-of -the-art program licensure standards built on model states or counties (e.g. Arizona, Georgia, and Florida).

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1	Convene an Early Learning Subcommittee meeting in				
	2018 focused on a review of National Association of				
	Regulatory Administration trends in child care licensure				
	to include a presentation on pace setting states such as				

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	Arizona, Maryland, Michigan and New Mexico for				
	comparison with Nevada's approach and it might be				
	strengthened				
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Remove disincentives and conflicting regulations from health, safety and workforce program license requirements.

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1	Establish a task force consisting of Early Learning subcommittee members and child care or educator licensure professionals from the NV Dept. of Public Health, NV Dept. of Education, Washoe County to review conflicting regulations and disincentives for child care administrators and make recommendations by January 1, 2019				
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S6 Establish common statewide licensing standards.

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	S7	Include early childhood programs ope	rated by municipal or	county Parks & Recreation	departments in unified	licensure regulations.
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Advocate for greater investment in wage and incentive programs that reward increased education levels.

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S1 Map all B-3 workforce financing by funding source in comparison to the overall investment in the early childhood and early elementary system.

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S2 Research and identify promising wage and incentive programs.

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1	Convene an Early Learning Subcommittee in 2018 focused				
	on success in other states or counties including Alaska,				

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	Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina and Florida to increase				
	wages and total compensation for ECE/EE workers				
2	Explore potential for implementing a state-funded				
	financial incentive program modeled after the Georgia				
	Scholars DECAL program for those enrolled in CDA,				
	Associate's, Bachelor's or Master's level programs in Early				
	Childhood Education, Child Development, or Child Care				
	Administration programs.				
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S3 Identify opportunities for federal, state, county and municipal funding to increase wages of birth to age 5 early childhood teachers in all settings.

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1	Convene a meeting in 2019 with Early Learning				
	Subcommittee members, corporate and foundation				
	funders, and DCA to explore how the private sector could				
	support scholarships, bonuses, or training programs to				
	increase total compensation for ECE/EE workers				
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S4 Explore the growth and stability of the birth to pre-K workforce in states, counties or municipalities with investment in higher wages and benefits.

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S5 Explore significant funding request (i.e., state marijuana tax dollars) for workforce investments.

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1	Develop a strategy to provide significant reductions in				
	tuition or scholarships for ECE/EE workers and teachers				
	with state universities, colleges and community colleges				
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Mobilize task force to seek county, municipal and private investment in wage and incentive programs.

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1	Develop a strategy for counties in 2018 to form a local				
	ECAC and to appropriate funds to reward child care and				
	pre-k educators for professional development,				
	educational achievements or longevity of service				
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S7 Explore county, municipal, and private funding rewards for 0-5 teacher education and longevity

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Advocate for greater investment in wage and incentive programs that reward increased education levels.

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S1 Integrate Registry, DOE, School District, TEACH, and Licensing Data for parent, provider, advocacy and economic development usage.

	Action	Time-Frame	Resources Available	Resources Needed	Responsible
1	Include integrated ECE/EE data compilation and				
	presentation as an agenda topic in a 2019 ECAC meeting				
	to further clarify the value and clear anticipated uses of				
	information from The Nevada Registry, Dept. of				
	Education, state and county licensure authorities, TEACH,				
	and school districts				
2	Convene a task force in 2019 of Early Learning				
	Subcommittee members and MIS staff from The Nevada				
	Registry, Dept. of Education, state and county licensure				
	authorities, TEACH, and school districts to determine				
	capacity, staff time and cost of integrating data into a				
	useful form				
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S2 Make data transparent and available through DOE for providers and school districts.

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