



Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council

NEVADA EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL (ECAC)

PUBLIC MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 2021 • 9:00 AM

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Nevada Department of Education	2080 E. Flamingo, Ste. 114	Las Vegas, Nevada	Board Room
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AGENDA

1. Welcome, Call to Order, and Roll Call

Marty Elquist, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Chair.

2. Public Comment #1

Public Comment will be taken during this agenda item regarding any item appearing on the agenda. No action may be taken on a matter discussed under this item until the matter is included on an agenda as an item on which action may be taken. The Council Chair of the Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council will impose a time limit of three minutes. Public Comment #2 will provide an opportunity for public comment on any matter within the Council’s jurisdiction, control or advisory power.



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3. Approval of Flexible Agenda

(For Possible Action) The Council will approve a flexible agenda. The Board may take agenda items out of order; combine two or more agenda items for consideration; remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item on the agenda at any time.

Marty Elquist, Council Chair

4. Item A: Minutes from April 28, 2021

(Discussion, For Possible Action) The Council will discuss and approve the minutes.

Marty Elquist, Council Chair

Materials: April 28, 2021 Minutes

5. Item B: Advance Payments of the 2021 Child Tax Credit

(Discussion, For Possible Action). Presentation on how families can qualify and receive the 2021 Child Tax Credit. Eligible families with qualifying children, even those with no income, may be entitled to receive as much as \$1,800 per qualifying child between July and December 2021 by monthly direct deposits, checks or debit cards.

Marc Zine, Senior Stakeholder Liaison, IRS Communications & Liaison

6. Item C: Suspension and Expulsion Policy Update Adoption

(Discussion, For Possible Action) Review of draft changes to Nevada's Suspension and Expulsion Policy. Original policy adopted by the ECAC can be found: [State of Nevada Policy Statement on Expulsion & Suspension in Early Childhood Settings](#)

Janice Lee, Nevada Pyramid Model Implementation State Coordinator, University of Nevada, Reno

Materials: 2021 Suspension & Expulsion Policy Update

7. Item D: 2022 + Strategic Plan Facilitator Selection

(Information/Discussion/For Possible Action) Presentation from the Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Facilitator Committee on recommendation for 2022+ Strategic Planning Facilitator.

Denise Tanata, ECAC Member and Ad Hoc Committee Chair

8. Item E: Community Calendar – Integration & Promotion

(Information/Discussion/For Possible Action) Discussion on the Community Calendar and how to promote events and usage.

Amanda Haboush-Deloye, Interim Executive Director, Nevada Institute for Children's Research & Policy, UNLV

9. Item F: Open Meeting Law Posting Requirements

(Information/Discussion/For Possible Action) Discussion regarding Open Meeting Law requirements, advance postings, record keeping, and stating your name before speaking.

Rachel Schmidt, Administrative Assistant, Office of Early Learning & Development, Nevada Department of Education

10. Item G: 2022 Early Learning Institute Planning

(Information/Discussion/For Possible Action) Discussion regarding 2022 Institute to be held virtually or at College of Southern Nevada. Seeking Council recommendations and presentation suggestions.

Dr. Linda Young, ECAC Member and Early Learning Institute Planning Committee Member

11. Item H: UNLV Interns to Support ECAC

(Information/Discussion/For Possible Action) Discuss the possibility of using UNLV interns to support the work of the ECAC.

Dr. Jenna Weglarz-Ward, ECAC Member and Assistant Professor, Department of Early Childhood, Multilingual and Special Education, UNLV



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STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Item I: Subcommittee Progress and Roster Updates

(Information/Discussion/For Possible Action) Update on subcommittee membership and action step planning. Update on use of OnStrategy and support needs.

Marty Elquist, ECAC Chair; Alberto Quintero & Lori Cox, Family & Community Subcommittee Chairs; Lori Ann Molina-Lovell & Denise Tanata Health Subcommittee Co-Chairs; Tina Springmeyer, Early Learning Subcommittee Chair

2. Item J: New or Updated Early Childhood Funding Sources

(Information/Discussion/For Possible Action) Identify any new or updated local, state or federal funding sources that impact or inform the early childhood system. The [funding map](#) is posted on the ECAC website under Reports and Documents.

Marty Elquist, ECAC Chair

3. Item K: New or Upcoming Early Childhood Needs Assessments

(Information/Discussion/For Possible Action) Identify any new or upcoming needs assessments that impact or inform the early childhood system. All needs assessments identified will be posted on the ECAC website under Reports and Documents.

Amanda Haboush-Deloye, Nevada Institute for Children's Research & Policy

4. Item L: Facebook Page

(Information/Discussion/For Possible Action) Discuss the status of the ECAC Facebook Page.

Anna Severens, Nevada Department of Education

5. Item M: Child Care and Development Fund Updates

(Information/Discussion/For Possible Action) Update on CCDF subsidy and resource and referral programs including updates on CARES, CRRSA and ARP funding.

Christell Askew, Child Care Development Program, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services

6. Item N: Child Care Licensing Update

(Information/Discussion/For Possible Action) Update on Child Care Licensing including impact on COVID and Nevada's Child Care Capacity

Latisha Brown, Child Care Licensing

7. Item O: Legislative Session Updates

(Information/Discussion) Preparation for Nevada's 2021 Legislative Session and issues related to early childhood. The Children's Advocacy will also discuss the importance of and pending legislation regarding the 2020 Census as it relates to children.

J K Belz and Associates on behalf of Children's Advocacy Alliance

8. Item P: Pritzker Prenatal to Age Three Updates

(Information/Discussion) Update on the Pritzker implementation plan and alignment with the ECAC strategic plan.

Jamelle Nance and Dr. Tiffany Tyler-Gardner, Children's Advocacy Alliance

9. Item Q: Strong Start Updates

(Discussion/Information/For Possible Action) The council will be updated on the progress of the Strong Start and be asked for guidance in moving the Strong Start agenda and activities forward.

Annette Dawson Owens, Children's Advocacy Alliance



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10. Item R: Nevada Department of Education Updates

(Discussion/Information) The Council will receive updates from NDE on KEA, Read by Three, CCDF quality, PDG:B-5, and other NDE early childhood programs and projects. August meeting to include updates on PreK-12 Reopening and the status of PDG:B-5 planning projects.

Patti Oya & Stacey Joyner, Office of Early Learning and Development, Nevada Department of Education

11. Item S: QRIS Update

(Discussion/ Information) The council will receive updates on the progress of Silver State Stars QRIS.

Emily Champlin, Office of Early Learning and Development, Nevada Department of Education

12. Item T: Part C & NEIS Update

(Discussion/ Information) The council will receive updates on Nevada Early Intervention Services caseload and status of the phased re-entry plan.

Lori Ann Molina Lovell, Part C

13. Item U: Local ECAC Updates

(Information/Discussion) Updates from the local ECACs

Local ECAC Chairs

14. Item V: NevAEYC Updates

(Information/Discussion) Updates from NevAEYC

Carrie Paldi, Creative Kids Learning Center

15. Item W: Future Agenda Items

(Discussion/ For Possible Action) Council will discuss what they would like on the upcoming agendas.

Marty Elquist, Council Chair

16. Public Comment #2

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17. Adjournment