

# Strategic Framework

## Vision

Nevada’s children will be safe, healthy, and thriving during the first eight years of life, and the system will support children and families in achieving their full potential.

## Purpose

The Nevada ECAC shall work to strengthen state-level coordination and collaboration among the various sectors and settings of early childhood education programs in Nevada.

## Values and Principles

Every child in Nevada is our child, and is worthy of our commitment to their care, learning, and well-being. The following values and principles lay the foundation for this plan and the important work to follow.

- Reach all children and families, and as early as possible, with needed services and supports
- Genuinely include and effectively accommodate children with special needs
- Reflect and respect the strengths, needs, values, languages, cultures and communities of children and families
- Ensure stability and continuity of services along a continuum from prenatal into school entry and beyond
- Ease access for families and transitions for children
- Value parents as decision makers and leaders
- Catalyze and maximize investment and foster innovation



## **Goal 1: Create a Coordinated Early Childhood Leadership Infrastructure**

### *Define, Develop, and Coordinate Leadership*

- Establish Governor's Office for Early Childhood (prenatal to age eight) to align policy and fiscal decision-making for the early childhood system across relevant agencies.
- Restructure the Nevada ECAC to establish program and community level advisory support to Governor's Office.
- Establish supports and resources to ensure equitable engagement of parents/families in leadership and decision-making at state and local levels.

## **Goal 2: Increase Coordination and Alignment Between Systems of Care for Young Children and Families**

### *Enhance and Align Standards*

### *Create and Support Improvement Strategies*

- Conduct assessment of the strengths, disparities, inequities, strategic priorities and goals among programs and agencies within the early childhood system.
- Produce and disseminate an early childhood system assets and gaps analysis.
- Integrate cross-sector priorities, goals, and initiatives into the Nevada ECAC work plan to better coordinate and align services and improve access and outcomes.
- Establish workplan to update and align early childhood system standards, administrative rules and program practices.

## **Goal 3: Increase Capacity to Equitably Connect Families with the Early Childhood System Continuum of Care and Community at Large**

### *Recruit and Engage Stakeholders*

- Implement a strategic two-way communications plan to engage and connect providers, families, and stakeholders.
- Expand engagement, training, and leadership opportunities for underrepresented and underserved populations.
- Expand engagement, alignment, and coordination of services among all early childhood system providers.
- Select and implement a centralized intake and referral system to streamline access and utilization of services.

## **Goal 4: Identify Budget and Finance Strategies to Drive Policy Goals and Objectives**

### *Finance Strategically*

- Perform fiscal analysis of early childhood funding streams and program development needs.
- Identify funding pathways and policy changes needed to meet program and system goals.

## **Goal 5: Execute data collection and integrated systems to increase equity and accountability**

### *Ensure Accountability*

- Improve data collection by fostering understanding and collaboration with providers, families, policy makers, and other stakeholders.
- Increase availability of, access to, and use of data that can be disaggregated to drive informed decision making.
- Implement Early Childhood Integrated Data System (ECIDS) to improve service delivery.