



Nevada Early Childhood
Advisory Council

Nevada ECAC Partner Update Summary

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Nevada Department of Education – Office of Early Learning & Development

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Updates aligned with ECAC Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives:

- ECAC Goal 2 - NDE OELD announced the 2022 Early Educator of the Year - Bonnie Toth and Carl Esteban.
- ECAC Goal 2 - In preparation for the PDG B-5 notice of funding opportunity announcement, the Office of Early Learning and Development is seeking input from ECAC and its subcommittees about systems alignment within our EC comprehensive mixed-delivery system. The work and perspective of the full ECAC and each of its subcommittees is important to the intentional coordination and cross-sector collaboration in the development of the grant. The PDG B-5 will adopt the ECAC Strategic Plan as its guide and work to continue to support the objectives of the Council according to the parameters of the grant. Please consider contributing your feedback on this JamBoard, which is a public and shared space to share your input. Questions and prompts are included and each subcommittee will receive a separate JamBoard tailored to their area of focus.
- JamBoard Links:
 - [Nevada ECAC Link](#)
 - [ECAC Systems Alignment Link](#)
 - [ECAC Data & Evaluation Link](#)
 - [ECAC Finance & Policy Link](#)
 - [ECAC Communication and Engagement Link](#)

Verbal Report to be Provided at Meeting: Yes

Nevada Department of Health & Human Services – Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health

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Updates aligned with ECAC Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives:

- ECAC Goal 1 - Parent with lived experience on MCH Title V team as Family Advisory, formal parent feedback in some home visiting models, surveys annually to families with lived experience
- ECAC Goal 2 - Established and continue monthly coordination meetings with ADSD sharing resources and cross trainings relevant to early childhood
- ECAC Goal 3 - Contracted focus groups for SUD in Pregnancy to inform programmatic efforts
- ECAC Goal 4 - Ongoing budget monitoring is core to work across all programs
- ECAC Goal 5 - Developed and post public facing data dashboard of key MCH data, present on MCH data, run PRAMS respond to data requests

<p>Upcoming Events/Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSOSN-Town Square Buddy Walk event, which will be held on October 16, 2022, at Town Square Las Vegas
<p>Verbal Report to be Provided at Meeting: Maybe</p>
<p>Nevada Department of Health & Human Services – IDEA, Part C Primary Contact: Lori Ann Malina-Lovell – lamalinalovell@dhhs.nv.gov</p>
<p>Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Early Intervention system is experiencing a critical personnel shortage. We are addressing this shortage through active retention and recruitment strategies which include professional development options for required certifications and extensions for certifications.
<p>Verbal Report to be Provided at Meeting: No</p>
<p>Nevada Department of Health & Human Services – Public & Behavioral Health, Child Care Licensing Primary Contact: Latisha Brown – labrown@health.nv.gov</p>
<p>Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Care Licensing backgrounds is in full swing. The process is working but there is, as with most things, a delay, but we are working diligently to each background check as quickly as possible. With 8,797 background checks in process, timely responses can be challenging especially when background reports come back questionable. We have another 7,652 applications that have been initiated. Accuracy and consistency is our focus because the material is sensitive and each situation is unique. • Child Care Licensing numbers are holding steady and we have new providers and prospective providers calling and meeting with our team daily looking and/or seeking avenues to licensure.
<p>Verbal Report to be Provided at Meeting: No</p>
<p>University of Nevada Reno – NV Center for Excellence in Disabilities Primary Contact: Janie Lee – janicelee@unr.edu</p>
<p>Updates aligned with ECAC Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECAC Goal 2c - Nevada Pyramid Model Partnership is collaborating with Quality Rating and Improvement System to better coordinate and align services and supports with group care settings for young children, specifically on teaching and supporting social, emotional, and behavioral skills. Includes services and supports to prevent and address suspension and expulsion in early childhood settings by increasing training and direct support for providers to teach and integrate social and emotional skill instruction in any early care and education setting. • ECAC Goal 3 - Continuing to improve communication and information about the connection between social, emotional, and behavioral skills and competencies for providers, families, and stakeholders; especially for underrepresented and underserved populations.
<p>Verbal Report to be Provided at Meeting: Maybe</p>
<p>University of Nevada Las Vegas – NV Institute for Children’s Research and Policy Primary Contact: Dr. Amanda Haboush-Deloye – Amanda.haboush@unlv.edu</p>
<p>Updates aligned with ECAC Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECAC Goal 2 - Continuously updating the Research and Needs Assessment Google Sheets file that acts as a data reservoir for older and more recent reports, needs assessments, strategic plans, and articles aligns with Objective2a of the Systems Alignment Subcommittee. Adding to

this file assists in the process of conducting an assessment of strengths, disparities, inequities, etc. to better increase coordination & alignment between systems of care for young children and families.

Upcoming Events/Meetings:

- 15th Annual Step Up for Kids event on Saturday, 10/8/2022 from 10 am-1 pm at the East Las Vegas Library (2851 E Bonanza Rd, Las Vegas, NV 89101). For more information, visit the following link: <https://nic.unlv.edu/stepup.html>
- Children's Week at the NV Legislature will take place March 13-16, 2023 in Carson City, NV. For more information, visit the following link: <https://nic.unlv.edu/childrensweek.html>

Verbal Report to be Provided at Meeting: Maybe

Nevada Association for the Education of Young Children (NevAEYC) (Carrie Paldi)

Primary Contact: John Cregg – john@nevaeyc.org

Updates:

- Early Childhood Staff Stipend Incentive Program – NevAEYC and The Nevada Registry are finalizing the application process for the second funding cycle. NevAEYC anticipates the next application cycle to open on October 1, 2022 but may change depending on when the award with DWSS is fully executed.
- T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Nevada Scholarship Program – For FY22, 163 early childhood educators utilized T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Nevada scholarships. Of the total number of recipients, 131 educators received scholarships towards associate degree courses; 29 educators received scholarships towards bachelor degree courses; and 3 educators pursued courses towards the NDE Birth to 2nd Grade License. There were 15 educators that graduated with Associate Degrees in Early Childhood Education; 6 with Bachelor’s Degrees; and 2 completed requirements for the NDE Birth to 2nd Grade License. For FY23, 135 educators are utilizing scholarships, currently. NevAEYC is accepting scholarship applications for the Spring 2023 semester. Educators can apply at <https://nvteach.org>.
- NevAEYC is developing its public policy agenda for the upcoming 2023-2024 Nevada legislative cycle. The top two priorities will be supporting the early childhood workforce and maintaining funding at current levels through the Child Care and Development Fund.

Upcoming Events/Meetings:

- The NevAEYC Annual Early Childhood Conference is scheduled for May 18-20, 2023 and will be held at the Tuscany Suites & Casino in Las Vegas. More information will be available soon.
- NAEYC’s Annual Conference is November 16-19, 2022 in Washington, DC. Registration is open.
- NAEYC’s Public Policy Forum is scheduled for February 26-28, 2023 in Washington, DC.

Verbal Report to be Provided at Meeting: Maybe, if needed

Nevada Child Care Action Committee (Carrie Paldi)

Primary Contact: Lela Arney – larney@childrenscabinet.org

Updates:

- CCPAC Members met with Child Care Licensing to discuss ideas and opportunities to potentially streamline electronic licensing systems and CLICS and NABS.
- Strong Start PN-3 Initiative Review and Discussion
- CCPAC Members continue to discuss focus initiatives, to determine ways to positively impact the ECE community.

Upcoming Events/Meetings:

- Next meeting is September 19th at 5:00pm

Verbal Report to be Provided at Meeting: Maybe, if needed

HRSA Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS) Health Integration Project

Primary Contact: Denise Tanata – dtanata@childrenscabinet.org

Updates aligned with ECAC Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives:

ECAC Goal 1: (Activities aligned with ECAC Leadership Subcommittee Workplan)

- Compiled a list of early childhood leadership structures in other states for analysis.
- Have started drafting a concept paper and organizational structure for a Governor’s Office of Early Childhood in Nevada.
- Established the NV Early Childhood Family Leadership Council (see below for details)

ECAC Goal 2, 4 and 5 (Systems Alignment, Policy & Finance, and Data & Evaluation Subcommittees)

- Created list of state level departments, agencies, divisions and programs in the early childhood system – currently working to analyze and filter the data, including addition of federal and state funding streams to each in collaboration with The Children’s Funding Project.
- Conducting *Systems Asset and Gap Analysis* including review and analysis of relevant needs assessments, reports, data, strategic plans and other reports. In the process of disseminating surveys to key stakeholders (agency representatives, providers and families) to receive additional input.

ECAC Goal 3 (Communications and Engagement Subcommittee)

- Working with Purdue, Marion & Associates and their partners to develop the Early Childhood Marketing and Outreach Plan. Project is beginning with market research with full public facing campaign expected to launch in early 2023.

Other Updates:

- Early Childhood Community Health Worker Program – Fully operational in Southern Nevada with 6 EC-CHWs on board. The program has 23 active centers/providers enrolled and 37 families enrolled (plus 8 families whose cases have already closed). EC-CHWs provided 133 referrals in the month of August. The Reno EC-CHW program is set to launch in October. We have hired the Reno EC-CHW Coordinator and are in the process of hiring the CHWs. Once hired, they will have a three week training and orientation program.
- Network Analysis project scheduled to begin in the next month or two. Working with Visible Network Labs to conduct network mapping and analysis of the NV early childhood system that will measure the quantity and quality of interactions, identifying strong connections and key players, highlighting gaps and silos and assessing key outcomes.

Verbal Report to be Provided at Meeting: Maybe, if needed

NV Early Childhood Family Leadership Council (NECFLC)

Primary Contact: Ashley Dines - adines@childrenscabinet.org

Updates aligned with ECAC Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives:

ECAC Goal 1: (Leadership Subcommittee)

- Held the first NECFLC meeting on 9/14/22.
- Nine parents are currently signed up to serve on the NECFLC for this first cohort – we anticipate adding additional members.
- The NECFLC will receive training on the Manifesto for Race Equity and Parent Leadership in Early Childhood Systems in October.

Verbal Report to be Provided at Meeting: Yes