



Nevada Early Childhood
Advisory Council

Nevada ECAC Subcommittees Update Summary

SEPTEMBER 2022

Data and Evaluation Subcommittee – Marty Elquist	
Date of Last Meeting	August 18, 2022
Date of Next Meeting	October 20, 2022 (September meeting cancelled)
Status of Workplan	The Data & Evaluation subcommittee has completed a full draft of a Workplan and has reviewed the Workplan at each meeting.
Key Activities in Workplan	<p>Objective 5.1 - Improve data collection and integrated systems to increase equity and accountability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define key messages regarding data collection and utilization in the early childhood sector; • Integrate key messages regarding data collection and utilization into outreach and marketing efforts <p>Objective 5.2 - Increase availability of, access to, and use of data that can be disaggregated to drive informed decision making</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop research questions that we want to answer about early childhood; • Create a data dictionary of EC data measures, who collects it, can it be shared, where can it be collected, are data available by race/ethnicity/location/etc; • Identify barriers to collecting data and getting data (usable, disaggregated) from sources <p>Objective 5.3 - Implement an early childhood integrated data system (ECIDS) to improve service delivery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research and assess existing ECIDS efforts in other states; • Develop concept paper/policy brief on a NV ECIDS (including historical efforts); • Educate key decision-makers on the purposes and process for implementing and ECIDS
Alignment with Other Nevada ECAC Subcommittees	When the other committees have completed their Workplan drafts, we plan to take a deeper look at key activities from the other subcommittees that may be aligned with the key activities determined by the Data & Evaluation Subcommittee.
Assistance/Resource Needs	At this moment, we do not need any assistance, resources, or supports from NECAC members, a state agency, or other partners to complete our Workplan and/or in carrying out the identified key activities.

Subcommittee Membership or Special Expertise Needed	n/a
Additional Updates/Comments	n/a
Communications and Engagement Subcommittee – Dr. Linda Young and Jennifer Butler	
Date of Last Meeting	August 23, 2022
Date of Next Meeting	September 20, 2022
Status of Workplan	We are in the process of development by having committee members add their input to Objective 3.1, Objective 3.2, Objective 3.3, and/or 3.4. Draft key activities were shared at the August meeting and will be discussed in more detail at the September meeting.
Key Activities in Workplan	<p>The key activities will include Identifying underserved students, parents, and communities and share information, communicate, and engage with them about Nevada Early Childhood Services, Programs, and Partners. Draft activities presented at 8/23/22 meeting include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract with Marketing/PR firm to develop a multi-year EC Marketing & Outreach Campaign (complete) • Identify key messages to include in the EC Marketing & Outreach Campaign • Identify families & providers to participate in development of the Communications Plan • Review relevant websites, social media platforms & related mechanisms for sharing/receiving information from families & providers. • Compile list of related communications tools among early childhood partners, programs and services • Identify strategies to incorporate feedback loops from families & providers • Define “underrepresented and underserved” populations in Nevada • Develop maps and/or list of underrepresented and underserved populations • Identify community partners/leaders currently working in or with identified underrepresented and underserved populations • Identify opportunities, events or strategies for conducting outreach with identified populations

Alignment with Other Nevada ECAC Subcommittees	The Communication and Engagement Subcommittee essentially aligns with all of the subcommittees by virtue of the fact that enhanced information must include key components for parents and communities for successful and comprehensive implementation.
Assistance/Resource Needs	Yes. As we continue with the development of the Communication and Engagement Workplan, we will want to tailor our implementation to fit the support and involvement from various resources, state agencies, partners and other NECAC members.
Subcommittee Membership or Special Expertise Needed	At this time, we have professionally trained and experienced members on the Communication and Engagement Subcommittee to assist in the development of the goals and objectives in our workplan.
Additional Updates/Comments	The Early Learning Institute (ELI) will be hosting shared information about the importance of coordinating early childhood education for students, parents, and communities. The ELI staff and community event will take place by Zoom and will provide professional development three credits for educators and community in the field of Early Childhood Education.

Policy and Finance Subcommittee – Denise Tanata and Julie Houchins

Date of Last Meeting	August 11, 2022
Date of Next Meeting	September 8, 2022
Status of Workplan	The workplan for year one has been developed - key activities, timeline and measure/metrics developed. Two of the five identified activities have been completed.
Key Activities in Workplan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secure contract with The Children's Funding Project to conduct fiscal mapping project. (complete) Compile a comprehensive list of early childhood programs, services and infrastructure supports, including funding sources. Identify finance/budget contacts for each program, service and support identified in the list. Secure contract to begin cost modeling analysis of the child care subsidy program in Nevada. (complete) Develop list of policy changes needed to improve early childhood systems, in collaboration with other NECAC subcommittees and relevant partners.
Alignment with Other Nevada ECAC Subcommittees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Systems Alignment & Data/Evaluation - Comprehensive list of agencies, programs and services that make up the ECCS in NV. All - Identification of policy priorities, barriers and related issues that require recommendations to decision-makers (legislators and/or agencies)

Assistance/Resource Needs	Identification of budget holders for each identified agency/program.
Subcommittee Membership or Special Expertise Needed	Maternal and child health representative; alignment with MCHAB
Additional Updates/Comments	n/a

Systems Alignment Subcommittee – Dr. Jenna Weglarz-Ward and Julie Houchins

Date of Last Meeting	August 31, 2022
Date of Next Meeting	October 26, 2022 at 12:30pm
Status of Workplan	Workplan has been finalized.
Key Activities in Workplan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compile list of key programs and agencies in the ECCS, with primary contacts for each. • Review and analyze the HRSA Systems/Gaps/Asset map with Finance Subcommittee by October 2022. • Analyze the NV PDG B-5 Final report submitted in June 2020 for previous grant activities. Rachel Stepina will discuss during the August 31st Subcommittee meeting at 12:30
Alignment with Other Nevada ECAC Subcommittees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compile list of key programs and agencies in the ECCS, with primary contacts for each. • Review and analyze the HRSA Systems/Gaps/Asset map with Finance Subcommittee by October 2022.
Assistance/Resource Needs	Continued collaboration with the Finance & Leadership committee
Subcommittee Membership or Special Expertise Needed	Not at this time
Additional Updates/Comments	Nothing at this time

Leadership Subcommittee – Denise Tanata and Patrice Gardner

Date of Last Meeting	September 13, 2022
Date of Next Meeting	November 1, 2022 (Pending a date in October – the Subcommittee will begin meeting monthly – dates have not been established)
Status of Workplan	Draft workplan developed, pending review and input from committee members.
Key Activities in Workplan	<p>DRAFT:</p> <p>Objective 1.1: Establish the 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.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research similar offices, cabinets and/or departments focused on early childhood in other states • Develop mapping of potential structures and resources needed to support/implement • Draft plan for Governor’s Office for Early Childhood • Develop list of key stakeholders and conduct meetings to garner input and support <p>Objective 1.2: Restructure the Nevada ECAC to establish program and community level advisory support to the Governor’s Office.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify, recruit and engage key agency leadership on the NV ECAC • Draft organizational chart to align NV ECAC with proposed Governor’s Office for Early Childhood <p>Objective 1.3: Establish supports and resources to ensure equitable engagement of parents/families in leadership and decision-making at state and local levels.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct Parent Engagement and Leadership Assessment with NV ECAC members and partners (EC LINC – CSSP) • Host parent leadership and engagement training with NV ECAC members and partners • Provide support and technical assistance to NV Parent Leadership Advisory Council to support skill and knowledge development
<p>Alignment with Other Nevada ECAC Subcommittees</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Systems Alignment – Identification & definition of ECCS to develop proposed organizational structure for new ECCS leadership alignment • Finance & Policy – Fiscal needs to support proposed infrastructure and policy priorities aligned across sectors in the identified ECCS • Communications & Engagement – Increasing knowledge around need for coordination leadership and alignment, integrating needs of parents, families and providers (cross-sector) into the ECCS leadership plan, including equitable engagement & leadership of impacted populations • Data & Evaluation – Identification of metrics to support proposed leadership plan and to demonstrate need
<p>Assistance/Resource Needs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of model ECCS structures in other states – who is doing it really well and how is it setup? • Equitable integration of cross-sector partners, families and providers in the decision-making process (shared leadership structure as a primary component of the ECCS) – specific strategies to support the integration & recommendations for engagement of identified partners.

Subcommittee Membership or Special Expertise Needed	Need to expand NECAC and Subcommittee Membership to engage and align with full spectrum of ECCS, once fully defined.
Additional Updates/Comments	Propose increasing the number of Leadership Subcommittee meetings to monthly to allow time to focus on development and implementation of the workplan; Subcommittee and Agency/Partner report summaries to be sent with NECAC agenda to streamline and focus information shared during meetings