



Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council

LOCAL ECAC SUMMARY REPORT

November 2022

Carson/Douglas ECAC

- ECE Employment Fair will be held in Spring 2023
- Met with Candelen in August to share ideas on how to include and support FFN providers in Carson and Douglas counties
- Fall Conference held at Western Nevada College on October 22, 2022:
 - Our theme was "Better Together" and Dr. Janice Lee was our Keynote speaker.
 - We offered 6 separate sessions on topics such as: Diversity, Challenging Behaviors, Advocacy, Circle Time, and Inclusion & Exceptional Learners.
 - Over 100 participants and vendors attended the conference. Participants were from Child Care Centers, Family Child Care Homes from Carson and Douglas Counties, as well as the Carson City Parks and Recreation Program and CTE Carson High School Students.

Elko/Northeastern Nevada ECAC

- February 4, 2023 STEM training with Steven Spangler 5hr. PD teacher training (pre-K to 2nd grade)
- March 4, 2023 Eric Litwin Joy of reading 2 hr. PD teacher training (O-3rd grd.)
- April 2023 Kindergarten roundup....vendors from all preschools, ECSD, CADV, PACE, childrens cabinet, first responders, UNR OUtreach, forest service, etc. any group that helps children are invited to set up a booth and pass out literature/info to families about their programs. We ask they have some activity to provide the kids that come to their table.

Southern Nevada ECAC

- The 15th Annual Step Up for Kids event took place on Saturday, October 8th from 10am to 1pm at the East Las Vegas Library.
 - The event hosted approximately 400 attendees with participation of 25 community organizations, including a produce market organized by UNR Extension
 - All evaluations and feedback from attendees were very positive

- Additional information can be found on the Step Up for Kids webpage on NICRP's website: [https://nic.unlv.edu/pcan/files/Step Up for Kids 2022 Las Vegas Summary.pdf](https://nic.unlv.edu/pcan/files/Step%20Up%20for%20Kids%202022%20Las%20Vegas%20Summary.pdf)
- The seventh annual Children's Week at the Nevada Legislature will take place March 13-16, 2023, at the NV Legislature in Carson City, NV.
 - Topics of focus have been assigned to each day (Monday = Education; Tuesday = Mental Health; Wednesday = Physical Wellness; and Thursday = Safety).
 - A new and updated logo was created (<https://nic.unlv.edu/childrensweek.html>).
 - A contract with a bus company to provide transportation for families to/from Las Vegas to Carson City for participation in Children's Day at the NV Legislature on 3/13 is in the process of being finalized. Once the bus contract is signed, NICRP will begin marketing bus registration to community partners and families.
 - NICRP has worked with the UNLV School of Public Health Development Team to devise a Children's Week Sponsorship packet to garner sponsorship for this week of advocacy-related activities. This packet will first be sent to past sponsors and then sent to individuals on the NICRP listserv in future Children's Week communication.
 - Moreover, both a Qualtrics Children's Week Involvement Survey and a Children's Week Testimonials Survey (English/Spanish options) were created. This information is continuously being disseminated via email to partners/families who may be interested in tabling, providing their stories, or getting involved in a different capacity.

Tribal ECAC

- The Tribal ECAC is preparing to begin creating the application for the Health and Wellness Program which will launch in January 2023 for tribal child care providers. This application will be housed on the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, Child Care Development Fund website (itcnccdf.org). Prior to receiving funds, providers will be required to fill out a pre-assessment based on their needs. The data received will be used to better understand what is needed in individual tribal communities for child care supports.
- If any other ECACs are aware of mental health organizations that provide services throughout rural areas in Nevada, please reach out to Ashleigh Baker (abaker@itcn.org), as we would like to build partnerships with these organizations to provide services that align with the Tribal ECACs goals to children, families, and providers.
- In addition, the Tribal ECAC will be planning an in-person meeting & outreach event for prospective new members to increase participation among the Tribal ECAC.
- While the Tribal ECAC is a newly reestablished group, we hope to effectively build an organization that reaches all Native American communities with the services and resources they need to best support the children and families in their cultures.

Washoe ECAC

- October 16th-October 20th Nevada sent a State team to the National P-3 Institute. You may view our end of the week presentation [here](#).
 - Our team included:

- State Superintendent of Public Instruction
- State Deputy Superintendent for Student Achievement
- Department of Education; Office of Early Learning and Development; State PreK
- Chief Academic Officer, Clark County School District
- Director, Northwest Regional Professional Development Program
- University of Nevada, Reno- Professor & Department Chair; P-3 Leadership Academy State Facilitator
- Learning Facilitator Coordinator, Washoe County School District; P-3 Leadership Academy Co-facilitator; DAP K Cohort Facilitator; Washoe ECAC Co-Chair
- Early Learning Principal, Nye County School District
- Washoe County School Board Trustee
- Team Vision: We aim to center the successful trajectories of all children, especially those who are minoritized and marginalized, by creating and aligning an infrastructure to support the strongest educational foundation possible from birth through 3rd grade.
- Washoe County ECAC Event – September 30th
 - 25 private or public PreK and Kindergarten educators participated
 - Teams created in the areas of: Social and Emotional; Family Access; Communications; and Developmentally Appropriate Practice (DAP)
 - Each team will have up to \$2,000 to accomplish their team goal by May 2023