

Guinn Center

Summary Scope of Work

Project: Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems in Nevada: Review of Governance and Sustainable Financing and the Development of Recommendations for Improving and Streamlining Early Childhood Service Delivery in the State of Nevada

Timeline: January 2023 to September 2024

Methodology:

For the remainder of the 2022-23 academic year and during the 2023-2024 academic year, the Guinn Center and the University (primarily through the College of Education and Human Development and possibly through the University's School of Public Health and the School of Social Work) will conduct research to create a fully fleshed-out landscape analysis of the ECCS governance and funding structures in Nevada, to include:

1. Reviewing recent literature and Nevada legislative authorities, analyzing the general scope and structure of the study, and identifying any early gaps or "add-ons," if any, in methodology;
2. The review of early childhood fiscal mapping, network analysis, early childhood system asset and gap analysis (SAGA), Nevada Early Childhood Strategic Plan, child care landscape analysis, early childhood marketing and outreach campaign, and other early childhood needs assessments and feasibility studies (see: <http://nvecac.com/ecac-reports-documents/>);
3. Comparing the roles and responsibilities of the primary government actors in the ecosystem (including the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, the Nevada Department of Education, and the Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council);
4. Conducting key informant interviews and/or focus group(s) to gather additional input from early childhood system stakeholders; and
5. Reviewing early childhood system structures and best practices in other states to help identify suitable models for use in the State of Nevada.

Following the analyses, reviews, and assessments set forth above, the Guinn Center will:

6. Develop an independent, nonpartisan report on Nevada's Early Childhood Comprehensive System and provide recommendations for structural improvements needed to ensure that children and families have universal access to supports and services, so all children have the opportunity to reach their full potential; and

7. Craft policy recommendations, in consultation with stakeholders, to make needed improvements to Nevada’s ECCS to ensure the alignment of operations, funding, and programming.

Timeline and Deliverables:

Activity/Deliverable	Period of Activity*
<u>Deliverable 1</u> : Literature review, general analysis, and methodology review (Item no. 1)	Months 1-4
<u>Deliverable 2</u> : Landscape analysis and review of primary government actors (Item nos. 2 and 3)	Months 5-8
<u>Deliverable 3</u> : Key informant interviews (Item no. 4)	Months 9-12
<u>Deliverable 4</u> : Secondary analysis/best practices of other states (Item no. 5)	Months 13-16
<u>Deliverable 5</u> : Nonpartisan final report development, including peer review (Item no. 6)	Months 17-20
<u>Deliverable 6</u> : Policy recommendations and possible work with Legislative Counsel Bureau drafters or the Children’s Cabinet government affairs team. Distribution strategy developed. (Item no. 7)	Month 21 (no later than Sept. 2024)