



## Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council

### NEVADA EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL (ECAC)

#### PUBLIC MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2021 • 9:00 AM

*“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.”*

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### AGENDA

#### 1. Welcome, Call to Order, and Roll Call

*Marty Elquist, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Chair.*

#### 2. Public Comment #1

*Public Comment will be taken during this agenda item regarding any item appearing on the agenda. No action may be taken on a matter discussed under this item until the matter is included on an agenda as an item on which action may be taken. The Council Chair of the Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council will impose a time limit of three minutes. Public Comment #2 will provide an opportunity for public comment on any matter within the Council’s jurisdiction, control or advisory power.*

#### 3. Approval of Flexible Agenda

*(For Possible Action) The Council will approve a flexible agenda.*

*Marty Elquist, Council Chair*

#### 4. Item A: Minutes from February 24, 2021

*(Discussion, For Possible Action) The Council will discuss and approve the minutes.*

*Marty Elquist, Council Chair*

*Materials: February 24, 2021 Minutes*

#### 5. Item B: Investing in Early Childhood

*(Discussion, For Possible Action). Presentation on Early Childhood Business Ecosystem and Nevada strategies.*

*Recommendations to improve Nevada Business Ecosystem.*

*Molly Sullivan, Director of National Initiatives, First Children’s Finance*

*Materials: Business Ecosystem*



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### 6. **Item C: Suspension and Expulsion Policy Update**

*(Discussion, For Possible Action)* Review of draft changes to Nevada's Suspension and Expulsion Policy. Original policy adopted by the ECAC can be found: <http://nvecac.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/SuspensionExpulsionPolicy.pdf>  
Janice Lee, Nevada Pyramid Model Implementation State Coordinator, University of Nevada, Reno

### 7. **Item D: 2022 + Strategic Plan Timeline & Facilitation**

*(Information/Discussion/For Possible Action)* Update on facilitator recruitment status and possible creation of AdHoc committee to review proposals.  
Marty Elquist, ECAC Chair

### 8. **Item E: Health Resource Services Agency (HRSA) Early Childhood Comprehensive System Grant**

*(Information/Discussion/For Possible Action)* Update on Nevada's HRSA grant application.  
Denise Tanata, Early Childhood Comprehensive System Director, The Children's Cabinet  
Materials: HRSA Overview Presentation

## STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

### 1. **Item F: Subcommittee Progress and Roster Updates**

*(Information/Discussion/For Possible Action)* Update on subcommittee membership and action step planning. Update on use of OnStrategy and support needs.  
Marty Elquist, ECAC Chair; Alberto Quintero & Lori Cox, Family & Community Subcommittee Chairs; Lori Ann Molina-Lovell & Denise Tanata Health Subcommittee Co-Chairs; Tina Springmeyer, Early Learning Subcommittee Chair

### 2. **Item G: New or Updated Early Childhood Funding Sources**

*(Information/Discussion/For Possible Action)* Identify any new or updated local, state or federal funding sources that impact or inform the early childhood system. The [funding map](#) is posted on the ECAC website under Reports and Documents.  
Marty Elquist, ECAC Chair

### 3. **Item H: New or Upcoming Early Childhood Needs Assessments**

*(Information/Discussion/For Possible Action)* Identify any new or upcoming needs assessments that impact or inform the early childhood system. All needs assessments identified will be posted on the ECAC website under Reports and Documents.  
Amanda Haboush-Deloye, Nevada Institute for Children's Research & Policy

### 4. **Item I: Facebook Page**

*(Information/Discussion/For Possible Action)* Discuss the status of the ECAC Facebook Page.  
Anna Severens, Nevada Department of Education

### 5. **Item J: Child Care and Development Fund Updates**

*(Information/Discussion/For Possible Action)* Update on CCDF subsidy and resource and referral programs including updates on CARES, CRRSA and ARP funding.  
Christell Askew, Child Care Development Program, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services

### 6. **Item K: Child Care Licensing Update**

*(Information/Discussion/For Possible Action)* Update on Child Care Licensing including impact on COVID and Nevada's Child Care Capacity  
Latisha Brown, Child Care Licensing



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### **7. Item L: Legislative Session Updates**

*(Information/Discussion) Preparation for Nevada's 2021 Legislative Session and issues related to early childhood. The Children's Advocacy will also discuss the importance of and pending legislation regarding the 2020 Census as it relates to children.*

*J K Belz and Associates on behalf of Children's Advocacy Alliance*

### **8. Item M: Strong Start Updates**

*(Discussion/ Information/For Possible Action) The council will be updated on the progress of the Strong Start and be asked for guidance in moving the Strong Start agenda and activities forward.*

*Annette Dawson Owens, Children's Advocacy Alliance*

### **9. Item N: Nevada Department of Education Updates**

*(Discussion/Information) The Council will receive updates from NDE on KEA, Read by Three, CCDF quality, PDG:B-5, and other NDE early childhood programs and projects. August meeting to include updates on PreK-12 Reopening and the status of PDG:B-5 planning projects.*

*Patti Oya & Stacey Joyner, Office of Early Learning and Development, Nevada Department of Education*

### **10. Item O: QRIS Update**

*(Discussion/ Information) The council will receive updates on the progress of Silver State Stars QRIS.*

*Emily Champlin, Office of Early Learning and Development, Nevada Department of Education*

### **11. Item P: Part C & NEIS Update**

*(Discussion/ Information) The council will receive updates on Nevada Early Intervention Services caseload and status of the phased re-entry plan.*

*Lori Ann Molina Lovell, Part C*

### **12. Item Q: Local ECAC Updates**

*(Information/Discussion) Updates from the local ECACs*

*Local ECAC Chairs*

### **13. Item R: NevAEYC Updates**

*(Information/Discussion) Updates from NevAEYC*

*Carrie Paldi, Creative Kids Learning Center*

### **14. Item S: Future Agenda Items**

*(Discussion/ For Possible Action) Council will discuss what they would like on the upcoming agendas.*

*June – Moved UNLV intern discussion to be led by Jenna Weglarz-Ward.*

*Marty Elquist, Council Chair*

### **15. Public Comment #2**

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### **16. Adjournment**