



Nevada Early Childhood
Advisory Council

Nevada ECAC Subcommittees Update Summary

OCTOBER 2022

Data and Evaluation Subcommittee – Marty Elquist	
Date of Last Meeting	October 20, 2022
Date of Next Meeting	November 17, 2022
Status of Workplan	The Data & Evaluation subcommittee has completed a full draft of a Workplan and has reviewed the Workplan at each meeting. Starting to deep dive into activities and currently working on KPIs and organizing KPIs by data type (family, parent, child, site, workforce) and area (e.g, health, EC education/quality, family engagement/education, self-sufficiency/financial support)
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

Date of Last Meeting	October 18, 2022
Date of Next Meeting	November 15, 2022
Status of Workplan	We are in the process of collecting input to objective 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4 of the workplan. At the 10/18/22 meeting, we set a deadline of 11/4/22 to submit a master list to J.Butler for identifying: early learning provider groups, parent/family groups and MCH groups.
Key Activities in Workplan	<p>The key activities will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying underserved students, parents, and communities (master list updates due 11/4/22) • Share information, communicate, and engage with them about Nevada Early Childhood Services, Programs, and Partners. (will task after master list completed) • Marketing/PR firm is working on EC Marketing & Outreach Campaign (complete) • Identify key messages to include in the EC Marketing & Outreach Campaign (draft due @ Thanksgiving, for January launch per Denise's update) • Identify families & providers to participate in development of the Communications Plan (master list) • 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 - working to revise definition under Strategic Plan tabled for 11.15.22 meeting. • Develop maps and/or list of underrepresented and underserved populations • Identify community partners/leaders currently working in or with identified underrepresented and underserved populations

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify opportunities, events or strategies for conducting outreach with identified populations
Alignment with Other Nevada ECAC Subcommittees	Marketing/PR, identifying stakeholders statewide (partners, parents, etc.), conducting outreach activities will align with other subcommittee group activities.
Assistance/Resource Needs	We have identified team members to complete the master list by 11.4.2022. Resources may be required for future activities.
Subcommittee Membership or Special Expertise Needed	Not at this time.
Additional Updates/Comments	None at this time.
Policy and Finance Subcommittee – Denise Tanata and Julie Houchins	
Date of Last Meeting	September 8, 2022 October Meeting cancelled due to PN3 Policy Summit
Date of Next Meeting	November 10, 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. Receiving some support from the Governor's Office of Finance to identify agency budget holders.

Subcommittee Membership or Special Expertise Needed	Maternal and child health representative; alignment with MCHAB. (Denise will be presenting to the MCHAB on 11/4 to discuss strategic priorities of the ECCS/ECAC.)
Additional Updates/Comments	<p>Potential Policies & Strategies Identified through PN3 Policy Roadmap</p> <p>Policies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expanded Income Eligibility for Health Insurance (ACHIEVED) • Reduced Administrative Burden for SNAP • Paid Family Leave of at Least 6 Weeks • State Minimum Wage of \$10 or greater (ACHIEVED) • Refundable State Earned Income Tax Credit of at Least 10% (NO EITC, no state income tax) <p>Strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive Screening & Connection Programs • Child Care Subsidies • Group Prenatal Care • Evidence-Based Home Visiting Programs • Early Head Start • Early Intervention Services

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

Date of Last Meeting	August 31, 2022
Date of Next Meeting	October 26, 2022
Status of Workplan	Workplan has been completed and approved by the subcommittee for 2022-2023.
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 identified agencies and define terms-conceptually & contextually. • Compile and analyze related needs assessments, reports, strategic plans and related documents to assess strategic priorities and goals across programs and agencies. • Conduct or support network analysis of the ECCS in Nevada to identify cross sector connections and alignments. • Contract with Visible Network Labs - anticipated completion date is February 2023 • Subcommittee to support outreach & engagement in network analysis • Collect information and analyze via public forums, mailed/emailed surveys. With analysis of the asset map details, questions and forum topic will be identified.

Alignment with Other Nevada ECAC Subcommittees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration with Leadership and Data subcommittees along with NECAC-adjacent projects (e.g., HRSA grant).
Assistance/Resource Needs	Not at this time
Subcommittee Membership or Special Expertise Needed	This will be discussed at our October 26th meeting
Additional Updates/Comments	None at this time
Leadership Subcommittee – Denise Tanata and Patrice Gardner	
Date of Last Meeting	September 13, 2022
Date of Next Meeting	November 1, 2022
Status of Workplan	Draft workplan developed, pending review and input from committee members.
Key Activities in Workplan	<p>Objective 1.1 – Establish Governor’s Office for EC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research similar office, cabinets and/or departments focused on EC in other states • Develop mapping of potential structures and resources needed to support/implement • Draft plan for Governor’s Office for EC • Develop list of key stakeholders and conduct meetings to garner input & support <p>Objective 1.2 – Restructure the NV ECAC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify, recruit & engage key agency leadership on ECAC • Draft organizational chart to align ECAC with proposed Governor’s Office for EC <p>Objective 1.3 – Establish supports & resources to ensure equitable engagement of parents/families in leadership & decision-making:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct parent engagement & leadership assessment with ECAC members & partners (EC LINC – CSSP) • Host parent leadership and engagement training with ECAC members & partners • Provide support & TA to NV EC Parent Leadership Council to support skills & knowledge development
Alignment with Other Nevada ECAC Subcommittees	<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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
Assistance/Resource Needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of key stakeholders for Objective 1.1 • 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	None at this time