



Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council

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Definition of “Vulnerable or Underserved Children and Families”

Vulnerable or Underserved children and families include those that:

- Are at or under 200% of the Federal Poverty Level
- Reside in rural areas
- Reside in tribal areas or are members of a tribe
- ~~Speak a language other than English~~
- Are dual or multi-language learners
- Are immigrants or refugees
- Have a child with a disability
- Have a child with special needs
- Have a child with behavioral and/or mental health needs
- Have a child under 3 years of age
- Are experiencing homelessness
- Are involved with Child Protective Services, or
- Have a child having 4 or more adverse childhood experiences or environments (CDC, 2019),
 - emotional abuse
 - physical abuse
 - sexual abuse
 - mother treated violently
 - substance abuse in the household
 - mental illness in the household
 - parental separation or divorce
 - incarcerated household member
 - emotional neglect
 - physical neglect
 - experiencing racism,
 - witnessing violence,
 - living in an unsafe neighborhood,
 - living in foster care
 - experiencing bullying