



## 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