



Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council

LOCAL ECAC SUMMARY REPORT

March 2023

Carson/Douglas ECAC

- No report provided

Elko/Northeastern Nevada ECAC

- February 4, 2023 STEM training with Steven Spangler 5hr. PD teacher training (pre-K to 2nd grade) included 45 participants.
- March 4, 2023 Eric Litwin Joy of reading 2 hr. PD teacher training (O-3rd grd.)
- April 2023 Kindergarten roundup....vendors from all preschools, ECSD, CADV, PACE, childrens cabinet, first responders, UNR OUreach, forest service, etc. any group that helps children are invited to set up a booth and pass out literature/info to families about their programs. We ask they have some activity to provide the kids that come to their table.

Southern Nevada ECAC

- SNECAC met virtually on 1/18/2023, and the meeting was facilitated by NICRP staff. Participants received updates on the Nevada Early Childhood Obesity Prevention Plan, Strong Start activities, and the Nevada Afterschool Network. The group also discussed the upcoming Children's Week at the Nevada Legislature event and began initial planning discussions for this year's Step Up for Kids Event (tentatively scheduled for 10/14/23).
- Additionally, SNECAC members were informed of an opportunity to serve on a new committee facilitated by the Nevada Afterschool Network to develop a statewide quality improvement system for school-age programs. This committee is seeking expertise from individuals who have experience participating in the current early childhood QRIS system. A current SNECAC member, Danielle Holmes, is leading this development committee.
- The seventh annual Children's Week at the Nevada Legislature will take place March 13-16, 2023, at the NV Legislature in Carson City, NV.
 - Topics of focus have been assigned to each day (Monday = Education; Tuesday = Mental Health; Wednesday = Physical Wellness; and Thursday = Safety).
 - A new and updated logo was created (<https://nic.unlv.edu/childrensweek.html>).

- 17 organizations currently signed up to participate.
- 53 people have signed up to ride the bus to Carson City from Las Vegas (max capacity).
- We have 4 Bronze sponsors and 4 Tabling sponsors to assist with covering costs of the event.
- Hotel rooms are being booked at the Hampton Inn & Suites in Carson City.

Tribal ECAC

- The Tribal ECAC will be hosting a Partner & Provider Networking Event during the last week of March (so far we are looking at the 27-30), and we hope to continue these quarterly to increase the resources for providers and community partners. If anyone would like to join us, please email me (abaker@itcn.org) for our survey so we can best gauge availability. The next Partner & Provider Networking Event will be in June (26-29)!
- The Tribal ECAC will be conducting a meeting on March 14th for members to discuss ongoing activities and goals.
- The Tribal ECAC will be kicking off the Health and Wellness Program at the beginning of March! Information will be sent out to all providers & the application will be housed on the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, Child Care Development Fund website (itcnccdf.org). Prior to receiving funds, providers will be required to fill out a pre-assessment based on their needs. The data received will be used to better understand what is needed in individual tribal communities for child care supports.
- If any other ECACs are aware of mental health organizations that provide services throughout rural areas in Nevada, please reach out to Ashleigh Baker, as we would like to build partnerships with these organizations to provide services that align with the Tribal ECACs goals to children, families, and providers.

Washoe ECAC

- October 16th-October 20th Nevada sent a State team to the National P-3 Institute. You may view our end of the week presentation [here](#).
 - Team Vision: We aim to center the successful trajectories of all children, especially those who are minoritized and marginalized, by creating and aligning an infrastructure to support the strongest educational foundation possible from birth through 3rd grade.
- Washoe County ECAC Event – September 30th
 - 25 private or public PreK and Kindergarten educators participated
 - Teams created in the areas of: Social and Emotional; Family Access; Communications; and Developmentally Appropriate Practice (DAP)
 - Each team will have up to \$2,000 to accomplish their team goal by May 2023
 - The four prek and kindergarten committees continue to meet regularly in the areas of DAP Classroom Environments, Social Emotions, Family Access, and Communication. Each team is working toward their shared goal and measurable outcome. The Social Emotions Team purchased read aloud books to support the understanding and development of children in prek and kindergarten classrooms. They will be hosting a professional learning session to support the use of these books and distribute the books.

The Family Access team continues to work on kindergarten registration. They are in conversation with Washoe County Sierra View library to see if they can support the jumpstart to kindergarten summer camp. The Communications Team continues to work on a kindergarten readiness infographic to provide to Washoe County public and private schools.

- There will be a meeting in March to work on the kindergarten lighthouse project. Meeting time and location to be determined.