



Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council

NEVADA EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL (ECAC)

PUBLIC MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023 • 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.”

Office	Address	City	Meeting Room
Child Care Services Center	1771 E. Flamingo Road, Suite 200B, LV, 89119	Las Vegas	Training Room
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AGENDA

1. Welcome, Call to Order, Membership Updates and Roll Call

Denise Tanata, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Chair

Patrice Gardner, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Vice 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.



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3. **Approval of Flexible Agenda**

(For Possible Action) The Council will approve a flexible agenda. The Board may take agenda items out of order; combine two or more agenda items for consideration; remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item on the agenda at any time.

Denise Tanata, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Chair

Patrice Gardner, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Vice Chair

4. **Minutes from January 18, 2023**

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

Denise Tanata, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Chair

Patrice Gardner, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Vice Chair

Materials: January 18, 2023 Minutes

5. **Presentation – NV Early Childhood Marketing & Outreach Campaign**

(Information/Discussion/For Possible Action) Presentation and discussion on the 2023 NV Early Childhood Marketing and Outreach Campaign

Representative from Purdue, Marion & Associates

6. **Presentation – Kindergarten Think Tank and Early Educator of the Year**

(Information/Discussion) Presentation on the Kindergarten Think Tank and Early Educator of the Year programs.

Kelly Carr, NDE Office of Early Learning and Development

7. **Presentation and Discussion – Preschool Cost Study Update**

(Information/Discussion/For Possible Action) The Region 15 Comprehensive Center at WestEd and NDE Office of Early Learning and Development seek input from the NECAC to better understand regional cost nuances and the implications for increasing the number of state-funded preschool seats. In January, the Region 15 Comprehensive Center shared preliminary cost study findings. In March, the Center will collect input on recommendations to strengthen the Nevada Ready! State PreK program.

Patti Oya, NDE-Office of Early Learning and Development

Lucy Hadley, Education Finance Research Associate, and Greg Hill, Senior Project Manager, WestEd

8. **Presentation – NV Early Childhood Family Leadership Council (NECFCLC) Recommendations for Parent Leadership and Engagement**

(Information/Discussion/For Possible Action) Presentation and discussion on recommendations to support parent leadership and engagement with the NV ECAC.

Ashley Dines and Rosa Tamayo, The Children's Cabinet

9. **Discussion – NV Early Childhood Funding Sustainability Planning**

(Information/Discussion/For Possible Action) Discussion regarding sustainability of funding programs and services currently provided through federal COVID-19 relief funds to support the early childhood sector.

Denise Tanata, The Children's Cabinet and Marty Elquist, The Children's Cabinet

10. **Presentation and Discussion – Definition of “Underrepresented and Underserved Populations”**

(Information/Discussion/For Possible Action) Presentation and discussion on recommendations from the NECAC Communications and Engagement Subcommittee to define “Underrepresented and Underserved Populations” for the Nevada ECAC.

Denise Tanata, The Children's Cabinet



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11. Presentation and Discussion – 2023 Early Childhood Policy Priorities

(Information/Discussion/For Possible Action) Presentation and discussion on policies proposed for the 2023 NV Legislative Session impacting the early childhood population.

Holly Welborn, Children’s Advocacy Alliance

12. Subcommittee Updates and Workplan Discussion

(Information/Discussion/For Possible Action) Discuss updates, recommendations and workplan progress from ECAC Subcommittees and priorities for 2023.

Materials: 2023 NECAC Workplans

- *Leadership Subcommittee – Denise Tanata and Patrice Gardner, Co-Chairs*
- *System Alignment Subcommittee – Julie Houchins and Dr. Jenna Weglarz-Ward, Co-Chairs*
- *Communications and Engagement Subcommittee – Jennifer Butler and Dr. Linda Young, Co-Chairs*
- *Finance and Policy Subcommittee – Julie Houchins and Denise Tanata, Co-Chairs*
- *Data and Evaluation Subcommittee – Marty Elquist, Chair*

13. Local ECAC Updates

(Discussion/For Possible Action) Discuss updates from Local ECACs, including plans for the ARP Local ECAC Small Grants. Summary reports are provided in the Local ECAC Summary Report document.

Materials: JAN 23 Local ECAC Summary Report

- *Carson/Douglas ECAC*
- *Elko County ECAC*
- *Southern Nevada ECAC*
- *Tribal ECAC*
- *Tri-County ECAC*
- *Washoe County ECAC*

14. State Agency and Partner Updates

(Information/Discussion/For Possible Action) Relevant informational items from state agencies and departments on programs, services, initiatives and/or issues relevant to the ECAC Strategic Plan. Summary reports are provided in the Partner Summary Report document.

Materials: MAR 23 NECAC Partner Summary Report

- *Department of Education*
 - *Office of Early Learning & Development – Patti Oya*
 - *Early Childhood Special Education*
 - *Office of Student & School Supports – Alberto Quintero*
- *Department of Health and Human Services*
 - *Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, Child Care Development Program – Karissa Loper*
 - *Division of Child and Family Services, Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health – Rhonda Lawrence*
 - *Department of Public and Behavioral Health, Child Care Licensing – Latisha Brown*
 - *Department of Public and Behavioral Health, Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health – Vickie Ives*
 - *Director’s Office, Aging and Disability Services, Part C and NEIS – Lori Ann Malina-Lovell*
- *Pyramid Model Update – Janice Lee*
- *Research and Needs Assessments – Amanda Haboush-Deloye*
- *NevAEYC Update – Carrie Paldi*
- *Nevada Child Care Provider Action Committee – Carrie Paldi*
- *Pritzker PN3 Initiative and Early Childhood Policy Update – Jamelle Nance*



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- *Strong Start Update – Annette Dawson-Owens*
- *HRSA Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Grant Update – Denise Tanata*
- *ECE Workforce Plan – Marty Elquist*
- *NV Early Childhood Family Leadership Council – Ashley Dines*
- *New or Potential Grants and Funding – All*
- *Training & Professional Development Opportunities - All*

15. Discuss Agenda Items for May 17, 2023 Meeting

(Information/Discussion) Council will discuss recommendations for agenda items and structure for the 2023 meeting schedule.

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Patrice Gardner, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Vice Chair

16. Public Comment #2

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17. Adjournment