

Nevada's Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS)

Overview of Key Entities

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A note to the reader...

Each entry in this document contains the following information:

Name of Entity

Overview: This information was generally taken from materials produced by the agency or organization.

Statutory Authority: This shows if the entity is created, empowered or funded by federal or state statute. This information can be helpful in determining if statutes may offer an opportunity for, or a barrier to, future change. There are links to many sources throughout the document.

Funding: There is a brief note about funding sources and links to the Nevada Executive Budget where relevant.

Oversight/Advisory Relationships: This helps to understand who might exercise authority or influence over the entity, or vice versa. These relationships may be levers for future change or improvement.

Required Coordination with Other Entities: It can be helpful to know if an entity is compelled to work with other people or organizations. Sometimes this coordination does not happen or it needs to be improved, or additional entities need to be added to the interaction.

Reporting: This item notes reports that may be required or regularly issued. These can be a source of insight about a program or can be used by advocates to help with accountability.

Authority to Issue Regulations: If an entity is empowered or required in statute to adopt regulations, this may be a vehicle for creating needed "laws" in the early childhood arena. Statutes can be challenging to pass through the legislature, but regulations have the same effect and can be adopted with a relatively straightforward administrative process if the regulating agency agrees with the need.

Website: Each entry includes a website link. In many cases, those websites contain helpful links to additional resources.

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PART I

Entities focused on early childhood services

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Office of Early Learning and Development – Nevada Department of Education

Overview: The goal of the Office of Early Learning and Development is to coordinate birth through 3rd-grade programs at the state level to improve the access and quality of early childhood education programs across various settings. The focus is building strong connections between learning experiences during these critical years and necessitates well-aligned educational standards, curricula, assessment, instruction and professional development across programs. The office oversees and coordinates quality improvement funds received through the federal Child Care Development Fund grant. Agencies and programs funded through the office include: The Children's Cabinet, Child Care Resource and Referral; Division of Child and Family Services, Early Childhood Mental Health Services; Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Nevada Early Intervention Services and Child Care Licensing; NevAEYC, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Nevada; University of Nevada, Family Care Contract Network; and Washoe County School District, Nevada Registry and Early Learning Guidelines. Also located within the office is the Head Start Collaboration Office.

Statutory Authority: [42 USC Ch. 105-I §9801](#) and [42 USC Ch. 105-IIB §§9858, et seq](#); [NRS 387.652 - 387.658](#); Nevada Executive Order [#2013-16](#).

Funding: Nevada Executive Budget account number [2709](#), K-12 Education.

Oversight/Advisory Relationships: Per Executive Order #2013-16, the office receives oversight from the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Board of Education. The Superintendent receives advisory support from the Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council.

Required Coordination with Other Entities: The office's central objective is coordinating state-level early childhood programs.

Reporting: See the reporting requirements below for the *Nevada Ready! State Pre-K* program.

Authority to Issue Regulations: See the corresponding section below for the *Nevada Ready! State Pre-K* program.

Website: https://doe.nv.gov/Early_Learning_Development/;
https://doe.nv.gov/Early_Learning_Development/Head_Start/

Nevada Head Start Association

Overview: Head Start and Early Head Start programs support families facing difficult circumstances and seek to mitigate obstacles to early learning. Programs are based in centers, schools or family child care homes. They take a comprehensive approach to meeting the needs of young children through four major components: Education—a variety of learning experiences are offered to help children grow intellectually, socially and emotionally; Health—early health problems are identified and immunizations, dental, medical, mental health and nutritional services are provided; Family involvement—parents are involved in the planning and implementation of activities while serving on policy councils and committees that make administrative decisions. They also participate in classes and workshops on child development and volunteer in the program; and Social services—family needs are identified and connections made to needed services.

Statutory Authority: [42 USC Ch. 105-II §§9831, et seq.](#)

Funding: The federal Office of Head Start (OHS) provides grants to operate both Head Start and Early Head Start programs directly to public and private agencies in Nevada.

Oversight/Advisory Relationships: Head Start programs receive oversight from the federal OHS. They receive advisory support from local committees made up of parents and stakeholders.

Required Coordination with Other Entities: Under federal law, program grantees must coordinate with parents and other early childhood system stakeholders.

Reporting: Grantees must submit various periodic reports to the OHS.

Authority to Issue Regulations: None.

Website: <https://nvhsa.org/>

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Nevada Ready! State Pre-K – Department of Education

Overview: The 2001 Nevada Legislature established a comprehensive early childhood education program across Nevada by authorizing the Nevada Department of Education (NDE) to offer competitive grants to school districts and community-based organizations to initiate or expand pre-Kindergarten education programs. In 2015, Nevada received a federal Preschool Development Grant to improve and expand the state pre-K program, including providing full-day services. This improved program became known as Nevada Ready! State Pre-K.

Statutory Authority: [NRS 387.652-658](#).

Funding: Nevada Executive Budget account number [2709](#), K-12 Education.

Oversight/Advisory Relationships: The program provides oversight to agencies and organizations to which it provides grant funding. It receives oversight from the Office of Early Learning and Development, the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Board of Education. It receives advisory support from the Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council.

Required Coordination with Other Entities: Program grant recipients must coordinate with parents and other early childhood system stakeholders.

Reporting: Per [NRS 387.658](#), by November 1 of each odd-numbered year, NDE must submit to the governor and the director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, for transmittal to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Education, a report concerning the effectiveness of pre-kindergarten programs supported by grants awarded under [NRS 387.652](#) during the immediately preceding biennium.

Authority to Issue Regulations: The State Board of Education is required to adopt regulations under [NRS 387.656](#). As of June 2023, none appear to have been adopted in [NAC 387](#) specifically for the Pre-K program. However, the NRS (linked above) and the program website (linked below) include program guidelines.

Website: https://doe.nv.gov/Early_Learning_Development/Nevada_Ready_State_Pre-K/

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Nevada Early Literacy Intervention Program

Overview: Nevada law calls for the creation of three regional professional development programs (RPDPs) for teachers and administrators. Within those programs, the Nevada Early Literacy Intervention Program (NELIP) trains teachers in grades K through 3 on methods for teaching fundamental reading skills.

Statutory Authority: [NRS 391A.100 et seq.](#)

Funding: Nevada Executive Budget account number [2618](#), K-12 Education.

Oversight/Advisory Relationships: Under [NRS 391A.150](#), each regional training program must have a governing body with members representing school districts and teachers in their region, higher education and the Nevada Department of Education (NDE). Additionally, per [NRS 391A.135](#), a Statewide Council for the Coordination of the Regional Training Programs serves in an advisory and oversight role to the three regional programs.

Required Coordination with Other Entities: State law requires coordination with school districts, teachers, higher education, NDE, the Teachers and Leaders Council and the Office of Parental Involvement and Family Engagement.

Reporting: [NRS 391A.190](#) requires the regional program governing bodies to evaluate and report on the outcomes of the program and the NELIP.

Authority to Issue Regulations: None.

Website: <https://www.rpdp.net/>; <https://www.nnrpdp.com/>; <https://www.nwrpdp.com/>

Early Childhood Advisory Council – Department of Education

Overview: The Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council is the state advisory council on early childhood education and care as required under federal law. Under state law, the council is tasked with strengthening state-level coordination and collaboration among the various sectors of early childhood education programs, including: conducting periodic statewide assessments; identifying opportunities for and barriers to coordination among early childhood education programs; and developing a wide variety of recommendations related to the early childhood system in Nevada.

The governor must appoint council members, including representatives of state agencies and private-sector early childhood stakeholders.

Statutory Authority: [42 USC Ch. 105-IIB §9837b\(b\)\(1\)\(A\)\(i\)](#); [NRS 432A.076](#); Nevada Executive Order [#2013-16](#)

Funding: There is no dedicated funding for the council. It has received some funding from the Child Care Development Fund through the Office of Early Learning and Development (OELD) to support strategic planning and a subscription to OnStrategy for reporting. The OELD also has two full-time positions to support the council through its Preschool Development B-5 Grant.

Oversight/Advisory Relationships: Although the council primarily works with the OELD, Executive Order #2013-16 requires the council to provide advisory support to the Superintendent of Public Instruction and work in coordination with the State Board of Education.

Required Coordination with Other Entities: Federal law requires the council to identify opportunities for, and barriers to, collaboration and coordination among federally-funded and state-funded child development, child care and early childhood education programs and services, including collaboration and coordination among state agencies responsible for administering such programs. State law requires the council to strengthen state-level coordination and cooperation between the various sectors and settings of early childhood education programs funded by federal, state or local government.

Reporting: Under federal law, the council must submit a statewide strategic report addressing certain activities to the state director of Head Start Collaboration and the governor. Per [NRS 432A.076](#), on or before December 1 of each year, the council must submit a report to the governor and the director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services and the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Education. The report must include a summary of council activities and recommendations for improvements to the early childhood system.

Authority to Issue Regulations: None.

Website: <http://nvecac.com/>

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Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program – Division of Public and Behavioral Health

Overview: The Nevada Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Program, within the Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH), ensures all children receive screenings for hearing loss at birth by hospitals or obstetric birthing centers. It also ensures timely and appropriate audiological, educational and medical interventions when needed. It promotes national EHDI goals and timelines developed by the Joint Committee on Infant Hearing, which are: before one month of age, every child receives a hearing screening; before three months, an audiologist conducts a hearing evaluation if the child did not pass the hearing screening; and before six months, early intervention services begin if the child is diagnosed with hearing loss. In addition to ensuring screening and intervention for children with hearing loss, the EHDI program advocates for children and families through partnerships with community programs that create awareness, ensure access to services and support families.

Statutory Authority: [42 USC Ch. 6A-2P §§280g et seq](#); [NRS 442.500 to 590](#).

Funding: Nevada Executive Budget account number [3222](#), DPBH.

Oversight/Advisory Relationships: The program receives oversight and advisory support from DPBH leadership, the State Board of Health and the federal Health Resources and Services Administration. The program gives nominal oversight to licensed hospitals and obstetric centers through an annual written report required by DPBH.

Required Coordination with Other Entities: Federal law requires three different federal agencies to coordinate with state and local agencies, families and other stakeholders in service delivery and public policy related to hearing screenings.

Reporting: [NRS 442.550](#) requires DPBH to annually submit a report to the governor on hearing tests for newborn children. The report must include: a summary of the results of screenings administered; an analysis of the effectiveness of NRS 442.500 to 442.590 in identifying hearing loss in newborn children; and any related recommendations for legislation.

Within state regulations, [NAC 442.850](#) requires an annual written report to DPBH by licensed hospitals and obstetric centers concerning the hearing screenings of newborn children they conduct.

Authority to Issue Regulations: [NRS 442](#) requires the State Board of Health to adopt regulations related to the EHDI program.

Website: <https://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/EHDI/EHDI-Home/>

Advisory Committee on Language Development for Children Who Are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Blind or Visually Impaired

Overview: The committee was established by state law in 2019 to recommend to the State Board of Education criteria for use by parents or guardians to evaluate the development of language and literacy skills by children under six years of age who are deaf, hard of hearing, blind or visually impaired, or both deaf and blind. The criteria must be appropriate for use to evaluate the development of language and literacy skills by children who communicate using primarily spoken or written English, with or without visual supplements, or American Sign Language, or who read using braille. The committee issued a report in December 2020 and has not continued to meet.

Statutory Authority: [NRS 388.518 et seq.](#)

NOTE: [NRS 427A.601 to 610](#) includes additional provisions related to children who are Deaf, hard of hearing, blind or visually impaired; these include: criteria for developing an individualized family service plan; a program to negotiate discounts and rebates for certain costs; and a program to obtain hearing aids at no charge.

Funding: The Department of Education (NDE) provided funding for the committee's functions.

Oversight/Advisory Relationships: Under state law, the committee must make recommendations to the State Board and, where appropriate, the Aging and Disability Services Division.

Required Coordination with Other Entities: The statute requires no specific coordination.

Reporting: Per [NRS 388.5195](#), on or before July 31 of each year, in collaboration with the Aging and Disabilities Services Division, NDE must compile and post on the Internet (see link below) a report of aggregated data comparing the development of language and literacy skills by children covered by the statute with the development of children who do not have a disability.

Authority to Issue Regulations: The committee has no authority to issue regulations, though the statute requires the State Board of Education to adopt regulations related to the committee's work. The State Board of Education adopted the committee's proposed criteria in January 2021.

Website: https://doe.nv.gov/Inclusive_Education/Early_Childhood/Language_and_Literacy_Skills/

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Program for Persons with Disabilities with Unique Needs – Department of Education

Overview: The Program for Persons with Disabilities with Unique Needs, within the Department of Education (NDE), enables the implementation of an individualized education program for a pupil with significant disabilities by enabling them to be transferred to a specialized facility or residence to receive more individualized support. Related to this program, the Account for State Special Education Services allows the state to reimburse school districts and charters schools for the extraordinary program expenses and related services which are not ordinarily available in the typical special education service delivery system at a public school and exceed the total funding for the pupil available to the school district or charter school.

Statutory Authority: [NRS 388.5223-5243](#).

Funding: Nevada Executive Budget account number [2619](#), NDE.

Oversight/Advisory Relationships: The program and the account receive direct oversight from the Superintendent of Public Instruction and indirect oversight from the State Board of Education.

Required Coordination with Other Entities: The process for meeting the educational needs of children in the program requires coordination between the local education agency, the facility serving the child, the Department of Education and the state superintendent.

Reporting: State law requires the Division of Child and Family Services, when monitoring children under its authority whom it has placed in foster homes and residential facilities outside of the state, to also monitor the well-being of pupils with disabilities who have been placed by the program and to report to the state superintendent concerning the condition of those pupils.

Authority to Issue Regulations: [NRS 388.5243](#) requires the State Board of Education to adopt regulations for the application, approval and disbursement of money from the Account for State Special Education Services.

Website: None.

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IDEA Part C Office – Department of Health and Human Services

Overview: The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part C office oversees the development and implementation of a statewide, family-centered, community-based, comprehensive, multidisciplinary, interagency service delivery system for infants and toddlers (birth through age two) who have disabilities and their families.

Statutory Authority: [20 USC Ch. 33 §§1400 et seq.](#)

Funding: Nevada Executive Budget account number [3276](#), DHHS – Director's Office.

Oversight/Advisory Relationships: Under federal law, the office receives advisory support and assistance from the Interagency Coordinating Council. The office oversees the state's Early Intervention Services under IDEA.

Required Coordination with Other Entities: The office's central function is coordinating and overseeing Early Intervention Services. Its federal grant requires the office to promote collaboration of Part C services with: personnel, providers, instructors, families and public stakeholders in attracting and retaining qualified personnel; Head Start and Early Head Start programs; and state and federal programs providing services for young children related to public awareness, service delivery, and identifying children needing assistance. The grant also requires the office to coordinate all available resources for early intervention services within Nevada, including those from federal, state, local and private sources.

Reporting: Under federal law, the office must submit annually to the Office of Special Education Programs: a grant application, a report and an update to its State Systems Improvement Plan.

Authority to Issue Regulations: None.

Website: <https://dhhs.nv.gov/Programs/IDEA/PartC/>

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Early Intervention Services – Department of Health and Human Services

Overview: Early Intervention Services (EIS) are provided to children from birth to three years of age who have known or suspected developmental delays in cognition, communication, physical development (including vision and hearing), social and emotional development or adaptive skills. These services are required under federal law by Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and may include: service coordination; occupational, physical and speech therapy; vision and hearing services; specialized instruction; parent support; assistive technology; pediatric diagnostic evaluations; nutritional services; and family training and counseling. Services are primarily provided in the home, child care and preschool settings, and Early Head Start programs. In collaboration with local hospitals, early intervention state programs provide follow-up developmental and pediatric services for hospital neonatal intensive care nurseries and follow-up hearing evaluations for the newborn hearing screening program. When feasible, the agency supports specialty clinics for children related to genetic and metabolic disorders and craniofacial anomalies. Services are provided throughout Nevada; regional offices are in Reno, Carson City, Winnemucca, Elko, Ely and Las Vegas.

Statutory Authority: [20 USC Ch. 33 §§1400 et seq](#); [NRS 427A.878](#); [NAC 427A.555](#).

Funding: Nevada Executive Budget account number [3208](#), DHHS-ADSD.

Oversight/Advisory Relationships: The agency and its programs must generally comply with the State Board of Health regulations for service delivery. It also receives oversight from the IDEA Part C Office and the Interagency Coordinating Council.

Required Coordination with Other Entities: Federal law requires EIS to coordinate with other agencies and providers serving their target population. They must also work with the pre-K through 12 education system to transition children from EIS to successfully begin their education.

Reporting: Under [NAC 427A.557](#), on or before August 31 of each year, the Division of Public and Behavioral Health must report to the Aging and Disability Services Division data concerning each person with autism spectrum disorder receiving services from the divisions or one of their contractors or grantees. Other reporting for EIS is generally handled by the IDEA Part C Office, including a performance report card for each EIS provider.

Authority to Issue Regulations: None.

Website: https://dhhs.nv.gov/Programs/IDEA/Early_Intervention_Programs/

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Interagency Coordinating Council – Department of Health and Human Services

Overview: Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires each state to have an Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC). The Nevada ICC was established by executive order in 1987. The council's primary mission is to advise and assist the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in developing and implementing a statewide system of early intervention services for children under age 3 with developmental delays or disabilities. Members represent providers and state agencies involved in early intervention services, the state Department of Education, Head Start, state legislators, higher education, child care services, parents of children with special needs and other members selected by the governor.

Statutory Authority: [20 USC Ch. 33 §§1400 et seq](#); Nevada Executive Order (1987)

Funding: Funding and fiscal support is provided to the council by the IDEA Part C Office from federal funds. [NOTE: Under federal law, subject to the approval of the governor, the council may prepare and approve a budget using federal funds to conduct hearings and forums, reimburse members for reasonable expenses for attending ICC meetings and performing council duties (including child care for parent representatives), compensate members if not employed or forfeiting wages when conducting official council business, hire staff, and obtain the services of professional, technical, and clerical personnel as may be necessary.]

Oversight/Advisory Relationships: The ICC's primary mission is to advise and assist DHHS in developing and implementing a statewide system of early intervention services. It receives advisory support from its Family Support Resource Subcommittee, comprised of parents of young children with special needs and other interested parties.

Required Coordination with Other Entities: The diverse membership of the ICC enables coordination between families, providers and policymakers.

Reporting: The ICC does not have statutory responsibility for any reports but provides input on early intervention reports submitted by others.

Authority to Issue Regulations: None.

Website: <https://dhhs.nv.gov/Programs/IDEA/ICC/Home/>

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Project ASSIST – Department of Health and Human Services

Overview: As federal law requires, Project ASSIST is Nevada's early intervention central information and referral resource directory for anyone seeking information about organizations, programs or agencies that provide services and supports for children with developmental delays or disabilities and their families. It is operated by the IDEA Part C Office and can be contacted by phone (1-800-522-0066) or email (ProjectAssist@dhhs.nv.gov).

Statutory Authority: [CFR §303.301](#).

Funding: Nevada Executive Budget account number [3276](#), DHHS – Director's Office.

Oversight/Advisory Relationships: Oversight is provided to Project ASSIST by the IDEA Part C Office. It does not provide oversight or advisory support to other entities.

Required Coordination with Other Entities: None.

Reporting: The IDEA Part C Office includes the activities of Project ASSIST in its annual report to the federal government.

Authority to Issue Regulations: None.

Website: <https://dhhs.nv.gov/Programs/IDEA/ProjectASSIST/>

The Nevada Registry

Overview: The Nevada Registry is a workforce data system that captures essential information about Nevada's Early Care and Education (ECE) workforce through career ladder placement, workforce support, training approval and data collection. It is a statewide effort geared toward reducing staff turnover, increasing wages, heightening professionalism and increasing advancement opportunities. It is also a recognition and professional development system to support the careers of ECE educators. Participation in the registry by ECE professionals is mandatory.

Statutory Authority: [NAC 432A](#).

Funding: The registry is funded through the federal Child Care and Development Fund's Quality Improvement dollars and administered by the Washoe County School District through a contract with the Nevada Department of Education.

Oversight/Advisory Relationships: The Nevada Registry Advisory Committee serves as a body to guide, advise and make recommendations to registry personnel related to Nevada's professional development and training approval systems. Committee members include representatives of public and private early childhood programs.

Required Coordination with Other Entities: Under state regulation, the registry is required to coordinate a comprehensive professional development system, including approving and tracking all informal training offered and providing a statewide clearinghouse of information for the field of early childhood care and education.

Reporting: The registry publishes a biennial membership and training approval system report as a snapshot of registry members and approved trainers. It has historically issued quarterly reports with frequently-requested program statistics; quarterly reports have been discontinued and are being replaced with a website tool to generate real-time reports on pre-determined data points.

Authority to Issue Regulations: None.

Website: <https://www.nevadaregistry.org/>

Quality Rating and Improvement System

Overview: The Silver State Stars Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) is a systemic approach to assess, improve and communicate the quality of early and school-age care and education programs. It works to equitably improve and sustain the early childhood system through quality coaching (provided by The Children’s Cabinet), accurate assessment, financial support, community engagement and advocacy for the early childhood community. The QRIS quality indicators include policies, procedures and administrative practices optimal for the workforce, families and children. This includes age-appropriate materials, suitable professional-to-child ratios, proper developmental assessments, individualized teaching and family engagement.

Statutory Authority: None. However, [NRS 422A.630](#) requires the state plan for Child Care and Development, pursuant to [42 USC Ch. 105, II-B §9858c](#), to include "measures to increase the availability of child care for children with a disability." This may include an enhanced rate of reimbursement by a provider that receives specific training or technical assistance, other economic incentives or the provision of supplemental services, which provide a basis for support for QRIS.

Funding: QRIS is funded through the federal Child Care and Development Fund's Quality Improvement dollars and administered by the Nevada Department of Education.

Oversight/Advisory Relationships: The QRIS Advisory Committee serves as a body to guide, advise and make recommendations to QRIS personnel. Committee members include representatives of public and private agencies and programs in the early childhood space.

Required Coordination with Other Entities: Participation in the program by child care providers is voluntary, though financial incentives are offered.

Reporting: QRIS voluntarily reports program information and data to Child Trends and its Quality Compendium website (see below).

Authority to Issue Regulations: None.

Website: https://doe.nv.gov/QRIS/Quality_Rating_and_Improvement_System/
(Additional program data at: <https://qualitycompendium.org/profile-report>)

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T.E.A.C.H Early Childhood Nevada

Overview: The national Teacher Education and Compensation Helps (T.E.A.C.H.) Early Childhood® Scholarship Program was created in 1990 to address the issues of under-education, poor compensation and high turnover within the early childhood workforce. In Nevada, it is operated by the Nevada Association for the Education of Young Children (NevAEYC). The program collaborates with child care programs to offer scholarships to the early childhood professionals they employ. This partnership with child care programs and scholarship recipients advances the education and skills of Nevada's early childhood workforce.

Statutory Authority: None.

Funding: Originally created under federal Race to the Top grants, the program is funded by the Office of Early Learning and Development's Child Care Development Fund.

Oversight/Advisory Relationships: The program receives oversight from NevAEYC and the Office of Early Learning and Development. It does not have formal oversight roles with other entities but exercises advisory influence in its work with child care providers and professionals.

Required Coordination with Other Entities: None are provided for in statute or regulation.

Reporting: As required by its funding agreement.

Authority to Issue Regulations: None.

Website: <https://nvteach.org/>

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Nevada Association for the Education of Young Children

Overview: The Nevada Association for the Education of Young Children (NevAEYC) is the state affiliate organization of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Founded in 1926, NAEYC has nearly 100,000 members and a national network of over 300 local, state and regional affiliates. NevAEYC promotes high-quality early learning for all children, from birth through age 8, by connecting practice, policy and research. It advances a diverse, dynamic early childhood profession and supports all who care for, educate and work on behalf of young children. It has over 600 individual members with chapters in the Reno and Las Vegas areas.

Statutory Authority: None.

Funding: The organization is supported through membership dues and grants or contracts.

Oversight/Advisory Relationships: The organization receives oversight from its board of directors and may have accountability relationships with funding sources.

Required Coordination with Other Entities: No coordination is required in statute or regulation.

Reporting: Reports may be made as required by the national organization or by a grant or contract.

Authority to Issue Regulations: None.

Website: <https://nevaeyc.org/>

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Home Visiting Program – Division of Public and Behavioral Health

Overview: The Maternal, Infant, Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program is federally funded through Nevada's Title V Maternal and Child Health Block Grant, which provides resources and support to community agencies serving women of childbearing age and infants. The program is housed within the Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH). MIECHV is a voluntary, home-based program supporting pregnant mothers and parents of children from birth until kindergarten entry by promoting infant and child health, fostering healthy child development, preventing child abuse and neglect, and improving school readiness and family self-sufficiency. Services are most often delivered by trained nurses, social workers or child development specialists.

Statutory Authority: [42 USC Ch. 7-V §§701 et seq.](#)

Funding: Nevada Executive Budget account number [3222](#), DPBH.

Oversight/Advisory Relationships: The program receives oversight and advisory support from DPBH leadership, the State Board of Health and the federal Maternal and Child Health Bureau of the Administration for Children and Families.

Required Coordination with Other Entities: Federal law requires the state to generally coordinate maternal and child health services in response to an annual needs assessment and state plan. More specifically, the state must coordinate activities with related federal grant programs such as supplemental food programs for mothers, infants, and children, related education programs, and other health, developmental disability and family planning programs.

Reporting: Section 706 of the federal law requires an annual report from DPBH to the secretary of Health and Human Services. Additionally, [NRS 439.180](#) requires a biennial report from DPBH to the state Department of Health and Human Services director detailing the general state of public health in Nevada and making recommendations for legislation, appropriations and other matters deemed necessary or desirable.

Authority to Issue Regulations: Though not specifically related to home visiting, [NRS 442](#) empowers or requires the State Board of Health to adopt regulations concerning various public health matters related to maternal and child health.

Website: [https://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/MIECHV/Nevada_Home_Visiting_\(MIECHV\)_-Home/](https://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/MIECHV/Nevada_Home_Visiting_(MIECHV)_-Home/)

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Maternal and Infant Health Program – Division of Public and Behavioral Health

Overview: The Maternal and Infant Health Program is federally funded through Nevada's Title V Maternal and Child Health Block Grant, which provides resources and support to community agencies serving women of childbearing age and infants. The program is housed within the Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH), and its mission is to improve the health and well-being of pregnant women and infants and decrease infant and maternal morbidity and mortality. The program promotes healthy pregnancies, positive birth outcomes and healthy infant growth and development.

Statutory Authority: [42 USC Ch. 7-V §§701 et seq](#); [NRS 442](#).

Funding: Nevada Executive Budget account number [3222](#), DPBH.

Oversight/Advisory Relationships: The program receives oversight and advisory support from DPBH leadership, the State Board of Health and the federal Maternal and Child Health Bureau of the Administration for Children and Families.

Required Coordination with Other Entities: Federal law requires the state to generally coordinate maternal and child health services in response to an annual needs assessment and state plan. More specifically, the state must also deliver "care coordination services" for children with special health care needs and coordinate activities with related federal grant programs such as supplemental food programs for mothers, infants, and children, related education programs, and other health, developmental disability and family planning programs.

Reporting: Section 706 of the federal law requires an annual report from DPBH to the secretary of Health and Human Services. Additionally, [NRS 439.180](#) requires a biennial report from DPBH to the state Department of Health and Human Services director detailing the general state of public health in Nevada and making recommendations for legislation, appropriations and other matters deemed necessary or desirable. [NRS 442](#) also requires DPBH to collect a variety of public health data reported by health providers in the state and to submit various reports to state policymakers.

Authority to Issue Regulations: [NRS 442](#) empowers or requires the State Board of Health to adopt regulations concerning various public health matters related to maternal and child health.

Website: <https://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/MIP/MIP-Home/>

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Women, Infants and Children Program – Division of Public and Behavioral Health

Overview: The Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC) is a special supplemental nutrition program that serves income-eligible pregnant, postpartum and breastfeeding women, infants and children up to their fifth birthday who are at nutrition risk. Services include food, nutrition education, breastfeeding support, health screening and community referrals.

Statutory Authority: [42 USC Ch. 13-A §§1786 et seq.](#)

Funding: Nevada Executive Budget account number [3214](#), DPBH.

Oversight/Advisory Relationships: The program receives oversight and advisory support from DPBH leadership, the State Board of Health and the United States Department of Agriculture.

Required Coordination with Other Entities: Federal law requires the DPBH to submit an annual state plan that must include plans to coordinate program operations with other services or programs that may benefit applicants and participants.

Reporting: Federal law requires submitting monthly financial reports and participation data. Nevada also posts monthly data through an [online dashboard](#). Not specifically related to WIC, [NRS 439.180](#) requires a biennial report from DPBH to the Department of Health and Human Services director detailing the general state of public health in Nevada and making recommendations for legislation, appropriations and other matters deemed necessary or desirable.

Authority to Issue Regulations: There is no regulatory authority specific to WIC, but [NRS 442](#) empowers or requires the State Board of Health to adopt regulations concerning various public health matters related to maternal and child health.

Website: [https://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/WIC/Women, Infants Children \(WIC\) - Home/](https://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/WIC/Women,_Infants_Children_(WIC)_-Home/);
<https://nevadawic.org/>

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Overview of Nevada's Key ECCS Entities

PART II

Entities intersecting with early childhood services
but also serving other populations

The Children's Cabinet

Overview: Established in December 1985 as a private nonprofit, the mission of The Children's Cabinet is to keep children safe and families together. They provide programs and services at no charge to children, youth and their families from six locations in Reno, Carson City, Las Vegas and Elko. Their programs include parenting classes, child care subsidy assistance, child care resource and referral, an onsite food pantry, an onsite high school, family counseling, wraparound case management, workforce development and crisis intervention.

Statutory Authority: None.

Funding: Funding is received through private-sector and governmental grants, contracts and contributions.

Oversight/Advisory Relationships: The organization receives oversight from its board of trustees. Other advisory and oversight relationships are primarily linked to funding received and given by the organization.

Required Coordination with Other Entities: Grants or contracts may require specific coordination or collaboration, but a core focus of the organization is coordinating child, youth and family services across all stakeholders and providers in Nevada.

Reporting: The organization issues an annual report, publishes audited financial statements and offers a variety of topical publications.

Authority to Issue Regulations: None, though the organization develops policies for its services.

Website: <https://www.childrenscabinet.org/> (also see: <https://www.nevadachildcare.org/> and <https://www.nevadachildcarefund.org/>)

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Children's Advocacy Alliance of Nevada

Overview: The Children's Advocacy Alliance is a community-based nonprofit organization that mobilizes people, resources and reason to ensure every child has a chance to thrive. The organization advocates for the well-being of Nevada's children by bringing people together to build consensus around priorities and to leverage collective strength toward fundamental changes in policy and practice. The alliance collects, analyzes and shares research and information with people who make decisions affecting Nevada's children and families. They believe in building public will through education, outreach and advocacy to solve expansive and chronic problems facing children and families.

Statutory Authority: None.

Funding: Funding is received through grants, contracts and contributions.

Oversight/Advisory Relationships: The organization receives oversight from its board of directors. Other advisory and oversight relationships may be linked to funding received by the organization.

Required Coordination with Other Entities: Grants or contracts may require specific coordination or collaboration, but a core focus of the organization is a coordinated advocacy effort to improve child, youth and family services throughout Nevada.

Reporting: In addition to legally required reports for nonprofits, during Nevada's legislative sessions, the organization provides detailed bill-tracking information on legislation affecting children, youth and families.

Authority to Issue Regulations: None.

Website: <https://www.caanv.org/>

Children's Advocacy Centers of Nevada

Overview: Children's Advocacy Centers of Nevada are government- or community-based organizations that help heal children who have been victims of sexual abuse and exploitation. Its strategies include community advocacy and supporting the work of agencies addressing these issues in Nevada. Services include counseling, family advocacy, forensic interviewing and medical examinations. The state organization is a chapter of the National Children's Alliance; it supports emerging and existing Children's Advocacy Centers and multidisciplinary teams throughout the state. Congress has identified Children's Advocacy Centers as the preferred model for pursuing justice and healing for child victims of human trafficking.

Statutory Authority: [NRS 432B.401 et seq.](#)

Funding: Centers may receive funding through grants, contracts and contributions. [NRS 432B.4019](#) also provides for an account in the State General Fund to support the centers, but the Executive Budget contains no specific earmarked funding.

Oversight/Advisory Relationships: State law requires each center to convene a multidisciplinary team to develop standards for accepting cases. Other advisory and oversight relationships may be linked to funding received by the centers.

Required Coordination with Other Entities: Multidisciplinary teams are a key component of advocacy centers and inherently involve the collaboration of personnel from various entities serving children.

Reporting: No specific general reporting is required.

Authority to Issue Regulations: None.

Website: <https://childrensadvocacycentersnv.org>

Family Resource Centers

Overview: Nevada's Family Resource Centers were established in state law in 1995 and operate as independent local entities with oversight and support provided by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). The state has 18 service areas designated by zip code; the center in each area provides information, referral and case management services to local residents. The centers collaborate with local and state agencies and organizations to help individuals and families access needed services and support.

Statutory Authority: [NRS 430A](#).

Funding: Centers receive basic support from the DHHS Grants Management Unit through Nevada Executive Budget account number [3195](#), DHHS. Additionally, centers may receive funding through gifts, grants, contracts and donations. [NRS 430A.100](#) also provides for an account in the State General Fund to support the centers with funds raised by the DHHS director.

Oversight/Advisory Relationships: State law provides for certain elements of oversight of the centers by the DHHS director and the department's Grants Management Advisory Committee; this includes the submission of an action plan for each center, as required by regulation under [NAC 430A.100](#). State law also requires each center to form a Family Resource Center council comprised of local community members. The councils must meet at least twice yearly and are subject to open meeting law.

Required Coordination with Other Entities: [NRS 430A.210](#) explicitly requires social service agencies in Nevada to cooperate with the centers.

Reporting: [NRS 430A.200](#) requires two reports. By August 1 of each year, each center must submit a report to the DHHS director summarizing its achievements and accounting for the expenditure of any money received from DHHS during the previous fiscal year. By September 30 of each year, the director must provide a written report to the legislature's Interim Finance Committee concerning the expenditure during the preceding fiscal year of all money received by the director for the centers.

Authority to Issue Regulations: [NRS 430A.120](#) requires the DHHS director to adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of NRS 430A.

Website: https://dhhs.nv.gov/Programs/Grants/Programs/FRC/Family_Resource_Center/

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Nevada Institute for Children's Research and Policy

Overview: The Nevada Institute for Children's Research and Policy (NICRP), located within the School of Public Health at the University of Nevada Las Vegas, is a nonprofit, non-partisan organization dedicated to improving the lives of children through research, advocacy and other specialized services. It is also Nevada's lead agency for Prevent Child Abuse America, the Nevada Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program and the Nevada After School Network.

Statutory Authority: None.

Funding: Funding is provided through the UNLV School of Public Health.

Oversight/Advisory Relationships: No such relationships are required by law, but many exist in the course of the institute's work.

Required Coordination with Other Entities: In addition to having an interdisciplinary research staff, NICRP also collaborates with university faculty from a variety of disciplines as well as community partners to ensure its research reflects the most current methods and has beneficial use.

Reporting: NICRP creates a variety of [reports and publications](#) related to children's issues.

Authority to Issue Regulations: None.

Website: <https://nic.unlv.edu/>

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Nevada PEP

Overview: Nevada PEP is a statewide organization serving families of children and youth with disabilities and behavioral health needs, from birth to age 26, and their service providers. Their services focus on empowering families to be life-long advocates for their children through education and skill building. Nevada PEP recognizes that parents are experts on their children but must learn about disabilities, intervention needs and how to develop a support system. It offers a variety of training workshops on special education, mental health care and disability-related topics. The organization's staff has personal experience with disabilities and pursues opportunities for community collaboration and policy advocacy.

Statutory Authority: [42 U.S.C. Ch. 6A-III A §290bb-32](#) (Statewide Family Network grant); [20 U.S.C. Ch. 33-IVC §1471](#) (Parent Training and Information Center grant).

Funding: The organization receives funding from a variety of government, foundation and private sources.

Oversight/Advisory Relationships: The organization receives oversight from its board of directors and funding sources.

Required Coordination with Other Entities: Under the National Center for Mental Health Services Nevada PEP operates as a Statewide Family Network, which are family-driven nonprofits in each state required to assist families in accessing appropriate care for their children. They also mentor families in coordinating the improvement of community services and reform of the state's system of care.

Parent Training and Information (PTI) Centers are non-profit organizations funded by the U.S. Department of Education under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. As a PTI Center, Nevada PEP coordinates its work with a national network of over 100 Parent Centers throughout the United States.

Reporting: In addition to publishing an [annual report](#) of organizational outcomes, Nevada PEP complies with any reporting requirements of its funders.

Authority to Issue Regulations: None.

Website: <https://nvpep.org>

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Child Care and Development Program – Division of Welfare and Supportive Services

Overview: The Child Care and Development Program (CCDP), within the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS), administers the federal Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF). The funding assists families who are income-eligible, receiving temporary public assistance, fostering children, or dealing with homelessness, as well as children involved with Child Protective Services or transitioning from public assistance. The program helps families find and pay for child care and funds activities to improve the quality of and access to child care. CCDP partners with the Division of Public and Behavioral Health, the Nevada Department of Education's Office of Early Learning and Development, The Children's Cabinet, the Las Vegas Urban League, and other community partners statewide to determine eligibility for child care subsidy assistance and to provide child care resources and referrals. General Fund appropriations pay for the state maintenance of effort required to receive federal funding. The CCDF was initially authorized under the federal Child Care and Development Block Grant Act enacted under the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990.

Statutory Authority: [42 USC Ch. 105-IIB §9858](#); [NRS 422A.055](#) and [422A.630](#).

Funding: Nevada Executive Budget account number [3267](#), DHHS – DWSS.

Oversight/Advisory Relationships: Apart from the federal and state agencies overseeing the program, no special oversight or advisory roles are prescribed by law.

Required Coordination with Other Entities: None is required in law.

Reporting: Federal law requires creating a state plan for the CCDP. Per [NRS 422A.630](#), the state plan must also include measures to increase the availability of child care for children with a disability and, when funding is available, some child care reimbursement to parents enrolled in a postsecondary educational or vocational program. Under these requirements, by April of each even-numbered year, the program must submit a report to the director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services and the Joint Interim Standing Committee on the Judiciary.

Authority to Issue Regulations: None.

Website: <https://dwss.nv.gov/Care/Childcare/>

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Child Care Licensing Office – Division of Public and Behavioral Health

Overview: The Child Care Licensing Office, within the Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH), ensures system health and safety along with the equitable and proper treatment of children receiving out-of-home care for compensation. The office licenses, permits, monitors and provides technical assistance to facilities caring for five or more children not licensed by local entities. A database containing all current state-licensed child care facilities is available at findchildcare.nv.gov. Facilities located in Washoe County are licensed by the Washoe County Department of Social Services (see below).

Statutory Authority: [NRS 432A](#).

Funding: Nevada Executive Budget account number [3149](#), DHHS – DWSS.

NOTE: [AB 463](#) of the 2023 Legislature proposes to transfer authority to license and regulate child care facilities from the Division of Public and Behavioral Health to the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services.

Oversight/Advisory Relationships: The office provides oversight to the facilities it licenses. It receives oversight from the State Board of Health and DPBH leadership, and advisory support from the Child Care Advisory Council.

Required Coordination with Other Entities: Under [NRS 432A.079](#), the State Board of Health must establish policies providing coordination among all interested public, private and commercial entities to strengthen child care, day care and preschool services. Therefore, the office must comply with these policies.

Reporting: Under [NRS 432A.178](#), the office receives reports from licensed entities; under [NRS 432A.180](#) and [NRS 432A.184](#), it conducts inspections and reports ratings of licensed facilities. It is required to make the related reports available to interested parties.

Authority to Issue Regulations: The State Board of Health is required to adopt regulations under [NRS 432A.077](#), [NRS 432A.184](#) and [NRS 432A.188](#) related to child care facilities.

Website: https://dpbh.nv.gov/Reg/ChildCare/Child_Care_Licensing_-_Home/

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Washoe County Child Care and Early Childhood Services

Overview: Washoe County Child Care and Early Childhood Services serves in a similar capacity to the state Child Care Licensing Office (see above). It licenses, permits, monitors, and provides technical assistance to facilities caring for five or more children in Washoe County.

Statutory Authority: [NRS 432A](#).

Funding: Washoe County.

Oversight/Advisory Relationships: The agency provides oversight to the facilities it licenses. It receives oversight from the Washoe County Human Services Agency and the Washoe County Commission. It receives advisory support from the [Washoe County Child Care Advisory Board](#).

Required Coordination with Other Entities: Under [NRS 432A.079](#), the State Board of Health has established policies providing for coordination among all interested public, private and commercial entities to strengthen child care, day care and preschool services. Therefore, the agency must comply with these policies.

Reporting: Under [NRS 432A.178](#), the office receives reports from licensed entities and must make the related reports available to interested parties.

Authority to Issue Regulations: The county is required to adopt regulations under [NRS 432A.131](#).

Website:

https://www.washoecounty.gov/hsa/childrens_services/child_care_and_early_childhood_services/index.php

Temporary Assistance to Needy Families – Division of Welfare and Supportive Services

Overview: Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) is a federal program administered by the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS). Program goals include assisting low-income families with children, reducing dependency by promoting job preparation, reducing out-of-wedlock pregnancies and encouraging the formation and maintenance of two-parent families. TANF is a needs-based program for families with children under age 18 (or under age 19 if the child is in high school) who need financial support because of: the death of a parent; a parent being absent from the home; a physical or mental incapacity; or underemployment/unemployment of a parent. Services include financial assistance, child care, transportation and other supports. There is a 60-month lifetime benefit limit.

Statutory Authority: [42 USC Ch. 7-IV §§601 et seq](#); [NRS 422A](#).

Funding: Nevada Executive Budget account number [3230](#), DWSS. The program is federally funded through a block grant, but federal law includes a provision for state-funded maintenance of effort.

Oversight/Advisory Relationships: The program receives oversight from the leadership of DWSS, as well as the federal Administration for Children and Families, Office of Family Assistance. No special oversight or advisory roles are prescribed by law.

Required Coordination with Other Entities: Federal law emphasizes the importance of collaboration and cooperation of the program with public assistance, social services and juvenile justice programs.

State law requires TANF to coordinate with diaper banks and similar nonprofit organizations that provide diapers and diapering supplies to ensure recipients of public assistance and other low-income families are aware of their existence, location and services provided.

Tangentially related to TANF, [NRS 422A.478](#) establishes a Statewide Council on Financial Independence under the purview of the State Treasurer that must coordinate with state public assistance and social services programs. Additionally, [NRS 422A.680](#) establishes a Housing Crisis Response System that must coordinate with social service agencies, local governments and nonprofit organizations to identify, assess, refer and connect persons in crisis to housing assistance and services.

Reporting: The federal law includes annual reporting requirements. State law requires DWSS to submit a general biennial report to the Department of Health and Human Services director related to the division's operations. It also outlines reporting requirements for TANF diaper assistance services and fiduciary organizations involved in welfare services.

Authority to Issue Regulations: The DWSS administrator is authorized to adopt regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of NRS 422A and is required to adopt regulations related to work requirements for participating heads of household and establishing a schedule of progressive penalties when a head of household fails to comply with the terms of their plan for personal responsibility.

Website: https://dwss.nv.gov/TANF/Financial_Help/

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Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – Division of Welfare and Supportive Services

Overview: The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly the Food Stamp Program, is federally funded and provides eligible low-income individuals and families with funds to purchase food. SNAP aims to alleviate food insecurity and improve nutrition among vulnerable populations. Eligibility is based on income, household size and expenses. Eligible individuals and families receive an Electronic Benefit Transfer card to purchase eligible food items at authorized retailers. In general, non-disabled adults aged 18 to 49 without dependents have work requirements for SNAP eligibility; these include participating in a work program, job training, or working for a specified number of hours per week.

Statutory Authority: [7 USC Ch. 51 §§2011 et seq](#); [NRS 422A](#).

Funding: Nevada Executive Budget account numbers [3228](#) and [3233](#), DWSS.

Oversight/Advisory Relationships: The program receives oversight from the leadership of DWSS, as well as the United States Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service. No special oversight or advisory roles are prescribed by law.

Required Coordination with Other Entities: Federal law emphasizes the importance of collaboration and cooperation of SNAP with public assistance programs, social service agencies, workforce and employment programs, and food policy and planning stakeholders. It also calls for federal-state cooperation in identifying and reducing fraud in the program.

State law only contains a few minor provisions related to SNAP and nothing about program coordination.

Reporting: The federal law includes annual reporting requirements. State law requires DWSS to submit a general biennial report to the Department of Health and Human Services director related to the division's operations.

Authority to Issue Regulations: The DWSS administrator is authorized to adopt regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of NRS 422A but has no regulatory authority or obligation specific to SNAP.

Website: <https://dwss.nv.gov/SNAP/Food/>

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Child and Adult Care Food Program – Department of Agriculture

Overview: The federal Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) supports or provides funding for healthy meals and snacks for children and adults receiving day care. It plays a vital role in improving the quality of care by making it more affordable for many low-income families. The program reimburses participating centers for their meal costs. The Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA), Food and Nutrition Division administers the program. In addition to other demographics, children aged 12 and younger can receive up to two meals and one snack each day.

Statutory Authority: [42 USC Ch. 13 §1766](#).

Funding: Nevada Executive Budget account numbers [2691](#) and [4554](#), AGRI.

Oversight/Advisory Relationships: The NDA provides programmatic oversight of the facilities it funds, including periodic site visits. It receives oversight from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Required Coordination with Other Entities: Federal law requires participating child care centers and sponsoring organizations to coordinate in identifying limited-English-proficient children and using appropriate obesity prevention strategies.

Reporting: NDA must provide periodic reports to the USDA.

Authority to Issue Regulations: None specifically related to this program, though the NDA has general regulatory authority.

Website: [https://nutrition.nv.gov/Programs/Child_and_Adult_Care_Food_Program_\(CACFP\)/](https://nutrition.nv.gov/Programs/Child_and_Adult_Care_Food_Program_(CACFP)/)

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Office of Inclusive Education – Department of Education

Overview: The Office of Inclusive Education (OIE), located within the Nevada Department of Education (NDE), is committed to ensuring that all students in Nevada are college- and career-ready upon exit from the public school system. By providing general supervision over implementing federal and state regulations, OIE builds upon collaborative efforts with state and local partners and stakeholders to raise expectations and improve the early childhood, educational and employment outcomes for all students with disabilities, their families and their communities.

Statutory Authority: The various programs within the office come with a variety of federal and state statutory authorities. Some of its larger programs include: Title I Part A basic aid; 21st Century Learning Centers; Title IV Part A student support and academic enrichment; and English language acquisition.

Funding: Nevada Executive Budget account number [2712](#), K-12 Education.

Oversight/Advisory Relationships: Varies by program within the office.

Required Coordination with Other Entities: Varies by program within the office.

Reporting: Varies by program within the office. However, the Nevada General Supervision System (NVGSS) is NDE's system for monitoring, documenting and enforcing accountability for implementing the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and state regulations within the Nevada Administrative Code. The NVGSS ensures continuous improvement, resulting in improved educational and functional outcomes for all students with disabilities ages 3 through 21, and that each Local Education Agency responsible for educating students with disabilities meets special education program requirements. (See various NVGSS links at the website linked below.)

Authority to Issue Regulations: Varies by program within the office.

Website: https://doe.nv.gov/Inclusive_Education/;
https://doe.nv.gov/Inclusive_Education/Early_Childhood/#content

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Child Support Enforcement Program – Division of Welfare and Supportive Services

Overview: The Child Support Enforcement program ensures families can achieve safe, stable and healthy lives by making child support a more reliable source of income. Services are available to either parent when the other parent lives outside the home. Services are offered automatically to families receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. The program ensures children have the financial and medical support of both parents, fosters responsible behavior towards children and emphasizes that children need both parents involved in their lives. The program is administered by the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS) and jointly operated with participating district attorneys' offices.

Statutory Authority: [NRS 31A](#) and [NRS 425](#).

Funding: Nevada Executive Budget account numbers [3238](#) and [3239](#), DWSS.

Oversight/Advisory Relationships: The program receives oversight from the leadership of DWSS. No special oversight or advisory roles are prescribed by law.

Required Coordination with Other Entities: The work of the division is coordinated in those jurisdictions where the district attorneys have chosen to participate. It also coordinates its enforcement work with financial institutions, employers and law enforcement agencies.

Reporting: No public reporting is required.

Authority to Issue Regulations: The DWSS administrator is authorized to adopt regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of NRS 425. Per [NRS 31A.130](#), the division is required to adopt regulations establishing procedures for enforcing authorities to document payments for support and the expeditious distribution of amounts withheld.

Website: https://dwss.nv.gov/Support/1_0_0-Support/

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Foster Care – Division of Child and Family Services; Clark and Washoe Counties

Overview: Foster care provides a family life experience in a licensed home for a child removed from their parents or other family members due to abuse and neglect. Foster parents are a critical part of the child welfare team. They support children in preparing for reunification with their birth parents or for adoption. The Clark County Department of Family Services and the Washoe County Department of Social Services coordinate foster services in their counties, and the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) operates in the balance of the state.

Statutory Authority: [NRS 424](#); [NRS 432](#); [NRS 388E](#) (education of children in foster care).

Funding: State services are funded in Nevada Executive Budget account numbers [3145](#), [3250](#) and [3267](#), DCFS; Clark County services in account number [3142](#), DCFS; and Washoe County services in account number [3141](#), DCFS.

Oversight/Advisory Relationships: Foster care programs receive oversight from their agency leadership. Under the law, they provide oversight to families involved in the system.

Required Coordination with Other Entities: [NRS 424.097](#) requires a licensed foster care agency to coordinate case and treatment plans with child welfare agencies or a juvenile court. [NRS 424.273](#) requires the coordinator of services for commercially sexually exploited children to collaborate with state and local agencies and other interested parties for the benefit of victims.

Under [NRS 432](#), a central purpose of DCFS is the coordination and provision of services to children and families. The chapter also requires the attorney general to establish a program to coordinate activities and information for missing or exploited children.

[NRS 388E](#) requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), local education agencies and child welfare agencies to designate a single point of contact for the coordination of supports for children in foster care.

Reporting: [NRS 424.041](#) requires each child welfare agency providing services to children placed in a specialized foster home to report all expenditures for the previous fiscal year. The report must be submitted by August 1 to DCFS and the Fiscal Analysis Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau. [NRS 424.180](#) requires foster care agencies to create an annual report concerning each program or service, including a description of each and their goals and information relating to any special populations of children served.

Under [NRS 432.033](#), in consultation with each child welfare agency, DCFS may prescribe reports and records to be maintained by the agencies and all persons subject to supervision by the division, or investigation pursuant to NRS 432.010 to 432.085.

[NRS 432.133](#) requires the director of DHHS to report to each regular session of the legislature regarding: the agencies, organizations or institutions that have been awarded money from the Children's Trust Account; the money credited to the account; any unexpended money in the account; and the general expenses of administering the account.

[NRS 388E.145](#) requires the State Board of Education to annually report on the academic progress of children in foster care who attend a public school, including the information prescribed by [20 USC Ch. 70-A1 §6311\(h\)\(1\)\(c\)\(i\)-\(iii\)](#), based upon reports received from each local education agency.

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Authority to Issue Regulations: [NRS 424](#) requires the division to issue specific regulations related to foster care homes and agencies. Some related regulations are called for in [NRS 432](#).

Website: https://dcfs.nv.gov/Programs/CWS/Foster_Care/FosterCare/; <https://ruralnvfostercare.com/>;
https://www.clarkcountynv.gov/residents/family_services/services/foster_home_licensing.php;
https://www.washoecounty.gov/hsa/childrens_services/foster_care/index.php

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Adoption supports – Division of Child and Family Services

Overview: State law governs adoption procedures and protects the best interests of adopted children and adults, birth parents, and persons who wish to adopt. State adoption programs aim to find safe and permanent homes for children whose birth parents cannot care for them. Therefore, prospective adoptive parents are a valuable resource. State and county child welfare agencies and licensed private agencies offer various adoption services, which vary from agency to agency. Very few infants without special needs are available for adoption through public agencies. The Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) licenses private adoption agencies in Nevada.

Statutory Authority: [NRS 127](#).

Funding: Nevada Executive Budget account numbers [3141](#), [3142](#) and [3143](#), DCFS.

Oversight/Advisory Relationships: Adoption services receive oversight from DCFS leadership. Under the law, they provide oversight to licensed agencies.

Required Coordination with Other Entities: Under [NRS 127.320 et seq](#), the state must coordinate certain activities of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children and the Interstate Compacts on Adoption and Medical Assistance.

Reporting: Unified Nevada Information Technology for Youth (UNITY) is a federally-mandated comprehensive information system for child welfare agencies nationwide and is managed by DCFS. Through UNITY, Nevada submits adoption and foster care information to the federal Administration for Children and Families.

Authority to Issue Regulations: [NRS 127](#) requires the division to adopt specific regulations related to adoption.

Website: <https://dcfs.nv.gov/Programs/CWS/Adoption/>

Child Protective Services – Division of Child and Family Services; Clark and Washoe Counties

Overview: Child Protective Services (CPS) is the first step in ensuring the safety and permanency of children who are reported as being abused or neglected. CPS focuses on protecting a child from harm or risk of harm and making it safe to live with a parent or caretaker. CPS agencies respond to reports of abuse or neglect of children under age eighteen. Abuse or neglect complaints are defined in statute and include mental or physical injury, sexual abuse and exploitation, negligent treatment or maltreatment, and excessive corporal punishment. Referrals are also made to community-based services to assist families in preventing entry into the child welfare system. The Clark County Department of Family Services receives 50 percent of the referrals to CPS agencies; the Washoe County Department of Social Services receives 32 percent; and Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) agencies receive the balance.

Statutory Authority: [NRS 432B](#).

Funding: State services are funded in Nevada Executive Budget account numbers [3145](#) and [3267](#), DCFS; Clark County services in account number [3142](#), DCFS; and Washoe County services in account number [3141](#), DCFS.

Oversight/Advisory Relationships: CPS programs receive oversight from their agency leadership. Under the law, they may provide oversight to families involved in the system.

Required Coordination with Other Entities: [NRS 432B](#) requires DCFS to coordinate its activities with and assist in the efforts of law enforcement, the courts, child welfare agencies and any public or private organization providing social services for the prevention, identification and treatment of abuse or neglect of children and for the permanent placement of children. The division must also coordinate with and assist child welfare agencies, foster care agencies and (under certain conditions) nonprofit or community-based organizations in screening, recruiting, licensing and training foster care providers. Additionally, child welfare agencies may organize teams for child protection to assist in evaluating and investigating reports of abuse or neglect and coordinate responsibilities.

Reporting: [NRS 432B.218](#) requires an annual report to the governor and legislature from DCFS concerning the achievement of specific performance targets by agencies providing child welfare services. [NRS 432B.327](#) requires DCFS to submit certain CPS budget reports to the governor and certain counties, as well as any reports required by the Legislative Commission. [NRS 432B.5919](#) requires DCFS to report to the legislature by September 1 of each year the number of participants in child welfare services and the costs of providing extended support services.

Authority to Issue Regulations: [NRS 432B](#) requires the division to issue specific regulations related to CPS.

Website: <https://dcfs.nv.gov/Programs/CWS/CPS/CPS/>;
https://www.clarkcountynv.gov/residents/family_services/services/child_protection.php;
https://www.washoecounty.gov/hsa/childrens_services/child_protective_services/index.php

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Central Registry for the Collection of Information Concerning the Abuse or Neglect of a Child – Division of Child and Family Services

Overview: The Central Registry for the Collection of Information Concerning the Abuse or Neglect of a Child, managed by the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS), contains information about substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect in Nevada. This information may be requested by certain parties in accordance with [NRS 432.100](#).

Statutory Authority: [NRS 432.097 to 130](#).

Funding: The registry is not mentioned in the Nevada Executive Budget.

Oversight/Advisory Relationships: The registry functions as a repository of information gathered from certain mandatory reporters. It receives oversight through the leadership of DCFS and does not exercise oversight with other entities.

Required Coordination with Other Entities: None.

Reporting: No reports are required under state law.

Authority to Issue Regulations: [NRS 432.120](#) requires the division to adopt certain regulations related to the registry.

Website: <https://dcfs.nv.gov/Forms/CentralRegistry/>

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Victim Services Unit – Division of Child and Family Services, Clark and Washoe Counties

Overview: The Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) Victim Services Unit was created to assist victims throughout the state. The Victim Services Unit includes the Nevada Victims of Crime Compensation program, the Grants Management Unit for Victim Services funding, and the Confidential Address Program. The unit identifies gaps in services to support victims when they need it most and works closely with community partners across the state to provide resources and coverage. Nevada also receives federal funding for the Victims Assistance Academy of Nevada and the Victims Liaison Grant to facilitate and provide for victims' needs in rural and tribal communities.

Statutory Authority: [NRS 217](#); various federal laws that provide funding in the state, such as the [Violence Against Women Act](#) and the [Victims of Crime Act](#).

Funding: Victim services are funded in Nevada Executive Budget account numbers [3145](#) and [4894](#), DCFS.

Oversight/Advisory Relationships: DCFS receives general advisory support for victims' services from the Commission on Behavioral Health and specific advice from the commission concerning the award of grants from the Account for Aid for Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence. [NRS 217.420](#) provides that applicants for grants from the account must be a nonprofit corporation governed by a board of trustees with at least one member who has been a victim of domestic or sexual violence.

Required Coordination with Other Entities: [NRS 217](#) requires DCFS to collaborate with persons and entities that advocate for the needs of victims in designating a statewide center to assist victims. The law also requires the State Plan for Services for Victims of Crime to ensure that agencies providing services and compensation to victims of crime coordinate their efforts and use the same data.

Reporting: [NRS 217.250](#) requires the Department of Health and Human Services to report biennially to the legislature about its victim compensation activities, including the amount of compensation awarded, the number of applicants, the number who were denied compensation, and the average length of time to award compensation. [NRS 217.460](#) requires organizations receiving grants for assistance to victims of domestic or sexual violence to provide quarterly and annual financial reports to DCFS.

Authority to Issue Regulations: [NRS 217.130](#) requires the State Plan for Services for Victims of Crime adopted under NRS 217.094 to include rules and regulations: establishing the eligibility requirements for receiving compensation under state and federal law; prescribing procedures for the filing of applications and other proceedings under NRS 217.010 to 217.270; and providing for administrative hearings to address appeals of decisions made in the program. [NRS 217.350](#) allows boards of county commissioners to adopt, rescind and amend regulations prescribing the procedures in performing its functions under NRS 217.280 to 217.350.

Website: <https://dcfs.nv.gov/VSC/VS/>

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Child Death Review Teams – Division of Child and Family Services

Overview: Child Death Review Teams (CDRT) are multidisciplinary teams in various locations in Nevada that conduct comprehensive reviews of child death cases. Their objective is to better understand how and why children under 18 die. There are eight teams in Nevada, determined by region or county. Clark and Washoe counties each have a team, and the rural area has six teams. They include representatives from various agencies, such as the coroner's office, law enforcement, school personnel, medical professionals, child protective services, district attorneys' offices and other agencies that can provide valuable input. The multidisciplinary approach brings subject matter experts together to analyze trends and make prevention recommendations to the state oversight team—the Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children. The executive committee is coordinated by the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) and is responsible for approving members of the county and regional teams.

Statutory Authority: [NRS 432B.403 to 4095](#).

Funding: Nevada Executive Budget account number [3251](#), DCFS.

Oversight/Advisory Relationships: The CRDTs receive oversight from the executive committee through report reviews and member approval. The executive committee receives oversight from the leadership of DCFS through the appointment of members and, more generally, from the Department of Health and Human Services.

Required Coordination with Other Entities: The nature of the multidisciplinary teams and the child death review process requires the cooperation and collaboration of many stakeholders from law enforcement, medical, school, child welfare and other entities.

Reporting: [NRS 432B.408](#) requires the executive committee to review reports and recommendations from regional and county multidisciplinary teams. The reports must be transmitted to the executive committee, which must review them and respond in writing to the CDRT within 90 days.

Authority to Issue Regulations: [NRS 432B.409](#) gives the executive committee authority to adopt regulations related to CDRTs and the review process.

Website: <https://dcfs.nv.gov/Programs/CWS/CPS/ChildFatalities/>;
<https://dcfs.nv.gov/Programs/CWS/CPS/CDR/>

Medicaid – Division of Health Care Financing and Policy

Overview: Nevada Medicaid, within the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP), provides health coverage to eligible individuals and families who have low income. Nevada Medicaid offers comprehensive healthcare services, including doctor visits, hospital care, prescription medications, preventive care, behavioral health services, maternity care and more. It also covers long-term care services, such as nursing home and home health services. Eligibility is based on income and varies depending on household size and whether the applicant is a child, pregnant woman, parent or adult without dependent children.

Statutory Authority: [42 USC Ch. 7-XIX §§1396 et seq](#); [NRS 422](#) and [NRS 439B](#).

Funding: Nevada Executive Budget account number [3243](#), DHCFP, and several others that can be found by searching for “Medicaid” at [this webpage](#).

Oversight/Advisory Relationships: Medicaid receives oversight and advisory input from DHCFP leadership and the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The division also receives advisory support from the Medical Care Advisory Committee, the Advisory Committee on Medicaid Innovation and the Reinvestment Advisory Committee, all of which are established in NRS 422. Additionally, NRS 439B establishes an advisory committee to make recommendations concerning the collection, analysis and reporting of data in Medicaid’s all-payer claims database.

Required Coordination with Other Entities: The size and complexity of Medicaid require a great deal of coordination, including with private health insurance that may cover beneficiaries, with other public and private agencies that have related activities or the same beneficiaries, and with other entities in the provision of community-based services as well as payments and rebates for prescription drugs.

Reporting: Federal and state laws require a complex array of reporting for Medicaid. Significant reports include the State Plan for Medicaid, which details the program’s services and benefits, and a biennial report from the division to the Department of Health and Human Services director required by [NRS 422.2358](#).

Authority to Issue Regulations: [NRS 422.2368](#) grants the DHCFP administrator general authority to adopt necessary regulations for the administration of that chapter of the statute. NRS 439B provides regulatory authority for various specific purposes.

Website: <https://www.medicaid.nv.gov/>

Nevada Check Up – Division of Health Care Financing and Policy

Overview: Nevada Check Up was established when the state initiated a Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 1998. Under Title XXI of the Social Security Act, a CHIP provides options for states to cover health care costs for low-income, uninsured children not eligible for Medicaid, whose family income is at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level. The program is stand-alone and not an entitlement program or part of Medicaid. However, the program delivers the basic Medicaid State Plan health benefits to enrollees, with some minor exceptions, and families are assessed quarterly premiums based on family size and income.

The Medicaid provider network and Medicaid-contracted HMOs provide covered services to eligible children. Enrollees are mandated to receive treatment under an HMO in the state's urban areas. DHCFP manages the program's health policy benefits, and the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services manages enrollment eligibility.

Statutory Authority: [42 USC Ch. 7-XXI §§1397aa et seq](#); [NRS 422](#) and [NRS 432A.300](#).

Funding: Nevada Executive Budget account number [3178](#), DHCFP.

Oversight/Advisory Relationships: Nevada Check Up receives oversight from DHCFP leadership and the federal Department of Health and Human Services. The division also receives advisory support from the Medical Care Advisory Committee, the Advisory Committee on Medicaid Innovation and the Reinvestment Advisory Committee, all of which are established in NRS 422.

Required Coordination with Other Entities: The size and complexity of Nevada Check Up and Medicaid require a great deal of coordination, including with other public and private agencies that have related activities or the same beneficiaries and with other entities in the provision of community-based services as well as payments and rebates for prescription drugs.

Reporting: Federal law requires an annual program report by January 1 each year to the federal Department of Health and Human Services secretary. [NRS 422.2358](#) requires a biennial report to the state Department of Health and Human Services director on the condition, operation and functioning of the division.

Authority to Issue Regulations: [NRS 422.2368](#) grants the DHCFP administrator general authority to adopt necessary regulations for the administration of that chapter of the statute.

Website: <https://dwss.nv.gov/Medical/NCUMAIN/>

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Vaccines for Children Program – Division of Public and Behavioral Health

Overview: The Vaccines for Children Program (VFC) is a federally-funded program providing no-cost vaccines to children who lack health insurance or otherwise cannot afford the cost of a vaccine. The VFC was created in 1993 and is a required entitlement in each state's Medicaid plan. In Nevada, the program is managed by the Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH). The division also manages the state's School and Child Care Facility immunization program (resource website linked below).

Statutory Authority: [42 USC Ch. 7-XIX §§1396s](#); [NRS 439](#) and [NRS 441A](#).

Funding: Nevada Executive Budget account number [3213](#), DPBH.

Oversight/Advisory Relationships: The VFC receives oversight and advisory support from DPBH leadership, the State Board of Health and the federal Centers for Disease Control.

Required Coordination with Other Entities: The state Immunization Information System requires coordination between DPBH and providers of immunizations. State law requires coordination generally between DPBH and local boards of health.

Reporting: No specific reporting is required in the federal law. [NRS 439.180](#) requires a biennial report from DPBH to the Department of Health and Human Services director detailing the general state of public health in Nevada and making recommendations for legislation, appropriations and other matters deemed necessary or desirable. [NRS 439.265](#) requires a state Immunization Information System; providers of immunizations must report all vaccines administered to the system. Similarly, [NRS 441A.120](#) requires a system for reporting cases of communicable diseases.

Authority to Issue Regulations: [NRS 439](#) and [NRS 441A](#) provide general authority for the State Board of Health to issue regulations related to immunizations and other public health matters. Local boards of health may also adopt regulations.

Website: <https://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/VFC/VFC - Home/>;
https://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/SIP/dta/School_Requirements/School_Requirements/

Children's Mental Health Services – Division of Child and Family Services

Overview: The children's mental health services provided through the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) include community-based outpatient and residential care in the Reno and Las Vegas areas. The division serves children with significant emotional or behavioral problems. Services use a strengths-based approach that respects family decision-making for their child and honors the family's cultural values and practices. Services are individualized for each child and their family. These services may be alternatively referred to as the Northern or Southern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services (NNCAS and SNCAS).

Statutory Authority: [NRS 433B](#).

Funding: Nevada Executive Budget account numbers [3281](#) and [3646](#), DCFS.

Oversight/Advisory Relationships: Under [NRS 433B.120](#), the division administrator oversees children's mental health facilities.

Required Coordination with Other Entities: State law requires a variety of coordination in children's mental health services. The division administrator must coordinate with the Division of Public and Behavioral Health, particularly related to the Interstate Compact on Mental Health under [NRS 433.4543](#). The division's treatment facilities for children must coordinate with public and private children's services and health care agencies. The division must also collaborate with school districts and child welfare services in comprehensive service delivery for children in treatment. County-based mental health consortia established under [NRS 433B.333](#) are required to avoid duplicating or contradicting the efforts of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in providing mental health services to children with emotional disturbance and their families.

Reporting: [NRS 433B.3398](#) requires each agency providing child welfare services to report to DHHS regarding children relinquished to, or voluntarily placed with, the agency during the preceding year for services related to a mental illness or emotional disturbance. In turn, the department must submit an expanded report to the director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

Authority to Issue Regulations: [NRS 433B](#) requires the division to issue specific regulations related to children's mental health services.

Website: <https://dcfs.nv.gov/Programs/CMH/>

Rural Clinics and Community Health Services – Division of Public and Behavioral Health

Overview: Children's mental health services outside the Reno and Las Vegas areas are provided through 16 Rural Clinics of the Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH). The clinics help adults and children with mental illness through outpatient psychiatric and behavioral health treatment and community-based support services. The goal is to support personal recovery, self-empowerment, community integration and an enhanced quality of life.

Statutory Authority: [NRS 433](#), [NRS 433A](#), [NRS 433C](#).

Funding: Nevada Executive Budget account number [3648](#), DPBH.

Oversight/Advisory Relationships: Rural Clinics have complex oversight and advisory relationships with their regional behavioral health policy boards, DPBH, the Commission on Behavioral Health and the State Board of Health.

Required Coordination with Other Entities: [NRS 433.314](#) requires the commission to coordinate with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) regarding any recommendations from the regional behavioral health policy boards in its annual report (see below) to the governor and legislature. Under [NRS 433.316](#), the commission may create a plan to coordinate treatment services.

[NRS 433.4295](#) requires the regional behavioral health policy boards to coordinate with one another and exchange information to make unified recommendations to DHHS, DPBH and the commission regarding behavioral health services. The boards must also coordinate with other entities in their behavioral health region and the state.

[NRS 433C.350](#) requires DPBH to create and serve on the Nevada Conference of County Community Mental Health Programs. The conference must coordinate county and state mental health services.

Reporting: [NRS 433.314](#) requires the commission to report each year to the governor and, in odd-numbered years, to the legislature. The report must include: information concerning care quality and treatment; recommendations from the regional behavioral health policy boards; certain behavioral health data; health priorities for each behavioral health region; and recommendations concerning regulations submitted to the commission.

In addition to reports related to specific clinical practices and incidence, [NRS 433A.713](#) requires public or private mental health facilities and hospitals to report quarterly to DPBH the number of persons placed on a mental health crisis hold pursuant to [NRS 433A.160](#), and any other information prescribed by regulation of the State Board of Health.

Under [NRS 433C.190](#), county directors of community mental health facilities must submit an annual report to their local governing body regarding all program activities, including a financial accounting of expenditures and a forecast of anticipated needs for the coming year.

Authority to Issue Regulations: [NRS 433.324](#) and various subsections of [NRS 433A](#) require the State Board of Health to adopt regulations for the operation of DPBH programs. [NRS 433C.140](#) requires the division to administer NRS chapter 433 under the commission's supervision. The commission must adopt guidelines and regulations for county programs after consultation with and approval of the county director of each program. These regulations must support and maximize local responsibility and control of county programs.

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https://dph.nv.gov/Programs/ClinicalBehavioralServ/locations/Rural_Community_Health_Services/

Commission on Behavioral Health's Subcommittee on the Mental Health of Children

Overview: The Commission on Behavioral Health's Subcommittee on the Mental Health of Children was established to address children's mental health issues in Nevada. The Commission on Behavioral Health is responsible for providing policy guidance on behavioral health issues in the state. The role of the subcommittee is to: examine the needs of children and youth with mental health and substance use disorders; identify gaps in the state's mental health system and make recommendations for improvements; develop policies and initiatives to improve access to and quality of services; advocate for the needs of children and youth at the state and national levels; educate stakeholders, including families, providers and policymakers, about issues affecting children and youth; and monitor and evaluate the implementation of policies and programs related to the mental health of children and youth. The commission and subcommittee are under the purview of the Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH).

Statutory Authority: [NRS 433.317](#).

Funding: Nevada Executive Budget account numbers [3223](#), DPBH.

Oversight/Advisory Relationships: The subcommittee receives oversight from the commission. The commission has broad authority to monitor the delivery of mental health services and to recommend legislation, though it does not have express oversight over specific entities.

Required Coordination with Other Entities: [NRS 433](#) requires the subcommittee to coordinate with mental health consortia throughout the state (see below under "Reporting"). The commission is empowered to create a plan to coordinate services for the treatment of persons with mental illness, intellectual disabilities, developmental disabilities, substance use disorders or co-occurring disorders.

Reporting: [NRS 433B.333](#) establishes mental health consortia throughout the state that are required to prepare and submit to the director of the Department of Health and Human Services a long-term strategic plan for providing mental health services to children with emotional disturbance in the jurisdiction of the consortium. Each plan is valid for 10 years and must be updated after expiration. The subcommittee, in turn, must review the findings and recommendations from each consortium and create a statewide plan for children's mental health services.

Authority to Issue Regulations: [NRS 433.324](#) requires the State Board of Health to issue regulations related to mental health services.

Website: https://dpbh.nv.gov/Boards/CBH/Commission_on_Behavioral_Health_-_home/

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Nevada Technical Assistance Center on Social-Emotional Intervention

Overview: The Nevada Technical Assistance Center on Social-Emotional Intervention (TACSEI) is a statewide initiative designed to promote social-emotional development in young children using the Pyramid Model, a foundational framework for early learning. It is a tiered prevention and intervention model designed to address children's challenging behaviors.

Statutory Authority: None.

Funding: Funding and other support is provided through a variety of [public and private entities](#).

Oversight/Advisory Relationships: Policy, budgetary and other oversight is provided by TACSEI's state leadership team.

Required Coordination with Other Entities: As part of its operational model, TACSEI necessarily coordinates with a variety of entities involved in early childhood care and education.

Reporting: Other than those required by funding sources, no reports are required for external audiences.

Authority to Issue Regulations: None.

Website: <http://nvtacsei.com>

Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs – Division of Public and Behavioral Health

Overview: Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) is a federally funded program through Nevada's Title V Maternal and Child Health Block Grant, which requires at least 30 percent of the funds to be allocated for CYSHCN. The federal definition of CYSHCN is "those who have or are at increased risk for a chronic physical, development, behavioral or emotional condition and who also require health and related services of a type or amount beyond those required by children generally." Nevada's CYSHCN program, housed within the Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) provides resources and support to community agencies serving children from birth to age 21. It funds various community programs that bridge service gaps by linking families to appropriate resources.

Statutory Authority: [42 USC Ch. 7-V §§701 et seq](#); [NRS 442](#).

Funding: Nevada Executive Budget account number [3222](#), DPBH.

Oversight/Advisory Relationships: The program receives oversight and advisory support from DPBH leadership, the State Board of Health and the federal Maternal and Child Health Bureau of the Administration for Children and Families.

Required Coordination with Other Entities: Federal law requires the state to generally coordinate maternal and child health services in response to an annual needs assessment and state plan. More specifically, the state must also deliver "care coordination services" for children with special health care needs and coordinate activities with related federal grant programs such as supplemental food programs for mothers, infants and children, related education programs, and other health, developmental disability and family planning programs.

Reporting: Section 706 of the federal law requires an annual report from DPBH to the secretary of Health and Human Services. Additionally, [NRS 439.180](#) requires a biennial report from DPBH to the director of the Department of Health and Human Services detailing the general state of public health in Nevada and making recommendations for legislation, appropriations and other matters deemed necessary or desirable. [NRS 442](#) also requires DPBH to collect a variety of public health data reported by health providers in the state and to submit various reports to state policymakers.

Authority to Issue Regulations: [NRS 442](#) empowers or requires the State Board of Health to adopt regulations concerning various public health matters related to maternal and child health.

Website: <https://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/CYSHCN/CYSHCN-Home/>

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Autism Treatment Assistance Program – Aging and Disability Services Division

Overview: The Autism Treatment Assistance Program (ATAP) offered by the Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD) assists parents and caregivers with the expensive cost of providing Autism-specific treatments to their child with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). ATAP is a statewide program that provides temporary assistance and funding to pay for evidence-based treatment for children who are under the age of 20 and diagnosed with ASD.

ATAP provides monthly funding to providers for ongoing treatment, supervision and limited weekly intervention hours based on a child's individualized treatment plan, age and family income. ATAP only funds treatments proven by research to be evidence-based, including Applied Behavioral Analysis, Verbal Behavioral, and Pivotal Response Treatment to bring about meaningful behavior change. ATAP may also fund speech, occupational and physical therapy when other resources do not provide coverage.

Statutory Authority: [NRS 427A.871 to 8803](#).

Funding: Nevada Executive Budget account number [3209](#), ADSD.

Oversight/Advisory Relationships: Under [NRS 427A.8802](#) the Nevada Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders provides advisory support to the governor regarding the needs of persons with ASD and the availability, delivery and coordination of services. It must also exercise oversight by monitoring programs operated by state and local agencies that serve persons with ASD.

Required Coordination with Other Entities: State law requires ATAP to coordinate with other entities in serving persons with ASD; ATAP must also provide and use a standardized assessment for children through the age of 19.

Reporting: [NRS 427A.8803](#) requires ADSD to submit, when requested by the commission, a report of the number of persons receiving early intervention and ATAP services from the division, the outcomes of the services and the related expenditures. [NRS 427A.872](#) requires the division to prepare an annual summary of the reports submitted under [NRS 388.451](#) and [NRS 615.205](#) and make it publicly available. [NRS 427A.8802](#) requires the commission to submit an annual report to the governor regarding its activities.

[NAC 427A.557](#) and [427A.558](#) require the Division of Public and Behavioral Health and the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation to report to the ADSD data about persons with ASD receiving services from or through those agencies.

Authority to Issue Regulations: [NRS 427A.872](#) requires ADSD, in cooperation with the Department of Education, school districts and the commission, to prescribe by regulation a statewide standard for measuring outcomes and assessing and evaluating persons with ASD through the age of 21 years who receive services through Nevada government agencies.

Website: <https://adsd.nv.gov/Programs/Autism/ATAP/ATAP/>

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Governor's Office of Workforce Innovation

Overview: The Governor's Office of Workforce Innovation (GOWINN) was initially established by Executive Order [#2016-08](#) to coordinate alignment within the workforce ecosystem and create a seamless system to help job seekers access employment, education, training and other supportive services. Senate Bill 516 of the 2017 legislature codified GOWINN into law. Related to early childhood services, the office maintains and oversees the Nevada P-20 to Workforce Research (NPWR) statewide longitudinal system that links data relating to early childhood education programs and K-12 public education with postsecondary education and workforce data in Nevada.

Statutory Authority: [NRS 232.965 to 232.980](#).

Funding: Nevada Executive Budget account number [1004](#), DETR.

Oversight/Advisory Relationships: Per NRS, the director of the office must provide support to the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR), the Governor's Workforce Investment Board (GWIB) created by [NRS 232.935](#), and the industry sector councils established by the board on matters relating to workforce development. The director receives support and advice from the P-20W Research Data System Advisory Committee created by [NRS 400.027](#) regarding maintaining and overseeing NPWR.

Required Coordination with Other Entities: NRS requires the director of the office to work in coordination with the Governor's Office of Economic Development to establish criteria and goals for workforce development and diversification. The office must also review the status and structure of local workforce investment areas in the state in coordination with the governor and the GWIB.

Agencies required to submit educational and workforce data for inclusion in NPWR include: DETR; the Department of Education; the Nevada System of Higher Education; the Department of Motor Vehicles; and any other public agency the governor directs to submit such data.

Reporting: Per [NRS 232](#), the director or the office must: present statistical details relating to workforce development in biennial reports to the governor and the legislature; report periodically to the GWIB concerning the administration of the policies and programs of the office; on or before March 31 of each year, submit to the governor a complete report of the activities, discussions, findings and recommendations; and on or before January 1 of each year, collect and analyze data, including the most current data and reports produced by NPWR, and report to the director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

Authority to Issue Regulations: None.

Website: <https://gowinn.nv.gov/>

P-20W Research Data System Advisory Committee

Overview: The committee—also known as the Nevada P-20 to Workforce Research (NPWR) data system advisory committee—was established by Senate Bill 239 of the 2017 Legislature. Related to early childhood services, the committee assists and advises the Governor's Office of Workforce Innovation (GOWINN) in maintaining and overseeing the statewide longitudinal data system. This system links data relating to early childhood education programs and K-12 public education with postsecondary education and workforce data in Nevada.

The Chancellor of the System of Higher Education, the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the director of the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR) or their designees serve as ex officio committee members.

Statutory Authority: [NRS 400](#).

Funding: Nevada Executive Budget account number [1004](#), DETR. (NOTE: the committee does not have its own budget but, per NRS, is required to receive administrative support from GOWINN to carry out its duties.)

Oversight/Advisory Relationships: Under state law, the committee provides support and advice to the director of GOWINN regarding the maintenance and oversight of the NPWR data system. The committee also advises and assists the System of Higher Education, the Department of Education, GOWINN, and DETR in the following activities related to NPWR and the work of the committee: applying for and obtaining grants; budgeting; proposing legislation; and matters relating to contracts for any necessary services.

Required Coordination with Other Entities: The committee was created to assist in coordinating and managing the NPWR data system administered by GOWINN under [NRS 232.975\(4\)\(e\)](#).

Reporting: Per [NRS 400](#), on or before June 30 of each even-numbered year, the committee must prepare and post a written report of its activities and any recommendations on the Internet website maintained by GOWINN and submit a copy of the written report to the governor and the director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the next regular session of the legislature.

Authority to Issue Regulations: None.

Website: https://owinn.nv.gov/OWINN/NPWR/2023_Meetings/2023_Meetings/

Other Related Resources

Nevada has approved and published a list of **Pre-K education standards** that describe what most children should know and be able to do before they enter kindergarten.

<https://dwss.nv.gov/Care/Early-Care-and-Education-Office-3-Pre-K/>

The **Contingency Account for Special Education Services** allows the state to reimburse school districts and charters schools for extraordinary program expenses and related services which are: not ordinarily present in the typical special education service system at a public school; are associated with the implementation of an individualized education program of a pupil with significant disabilities; and the costs of which exceed the total funding available to the school district or charter school for the pupil.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/82nd2023/Budget/8264/Overview>

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Division/Legal/LawLibrary/NRS/NRS-388.html#NRS388Sec5223>

State law contains a variety of programs and requirements primarily directed to school districts for the benefit or protection of **students needing additional support**, including early intervening services, early literacy screening and evaluation for Autism. It also enables the Clark County School District to establish its own early intervening services program.

[NRS 388.429 to 453](#)

State law requires school districts and charter schools to prepare a plan to **improve the literacy of pupils** enrolled in elementary school. The Department of Education must also adopt regulations prescribing procedures for assessing the development across early learning domains of pupils enrolled in kindergarten within the first 45 days of a school year. Public elementary schools must also employ a licensed teacher as a literacy specialist.

[NRS 388.157 to 159](#)

Chapter 391 of the Nevada Administrative Code contains many requirements for the **licensure of early education teachers**. These requirements may act as policy levers to affect outcomes in early childhood education.

[NAC 391](#)

This Department of Education website includes several **reports related to early childhood education**:

[PDG Needs Assessment](#)

[Nevada Early Childhood Care and Education Fiscal Feasibility Study](#)

[Nevada Ready! B-5 Alignment Workforce Standards Report](#)

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The Federal Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) requires states to annually collect and report data on a variety of **education indicators**. The Department of Education website contains information on three of the indicators related to early childhood.

Indicator B6 relates to educational environments data for all children aged 3-5 with an Individualized Education Program (IEP)

https://doe.nv.gov/Inclusive_Education/Early_Childhood/IDEA_Indicator_B6/

Indicator B7 relates to the extent to which preschool children with IEPs make progress on 3 outcomes:

https://doe.nv.gov/Inclusive_Education/Early_Childhood/IDEA_Indicator_B7/

Indicator B12 relates to the percentage of children transitioning from Part C (Early Intervention Services) to Part B 619 (Preschool Special Education Services) with an IEP developed and implemented by their 3rd birthday.

https://doe.nv.gov/Inclusive_Education/Early_Childhood/IDEA_Indicator_B12/

This national interactive tool allows users to create and customize county-level **maps on maternal and infant health** and explore the geographic relationships between maternal and infant health indicators, health resources and demographics.

<https://data.hrsa.gov/maps/mchb/>

The Nevada Statewide Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Coalition offers membership, resources and support in Northern and Southern Nevada. Both coalitions nurture and **enhance the knowledge and capacity of the healthcare community to better meet the needs of families**. The coalition receives support from the Division of Public and Behavioral Health.

<https://nvmch.org/>

Strong Start Nevada is a **community outreach campaign** to mobilize parents, educators, advocates and community and business leaders to **prioritize quality early childhood education**. The campaign is supported by many state and national partners, each with its unique policy agenda. As such, the campaign does not endorse or oppose any current or proposed legislation.

<http://strongstartnevada.org/>

UNLV Child Research & Policy Consortium fosters **collaborative research across and within disciplines** relevant to infants, children and families who are culturally, linguistically and ability diverse. The research involves community partners, faculty and graduate and undergraduate students to support their professional development. The work is used to inform issues relevant to infant, child and family policies at the local, state or federal level.

<https://www.unlv.edu/psychology/consortium>

Immunize Nevada is a statewide 501(c)3 nonprofit coalition of individuals, businesses and organizations that partner to connect people with **information and resources for vaccinations**.

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<https://www.immunizenevada.org/>