



Nevada Early Childhood
Advisory Council

PARTNER SUMMARY REPORT

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Department of Education (NDE)	
Office of Early Learning & Development (OELD)	Name of Primary Contact: Patti Oya Email of Primary Contact: poya@doe.nv.gov
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Preschool Development Grant Birth through 5 (PDG B-5): Our team has been busy completing our first implementation steps for the grant, including developing final scopes of work for projects, participating in cross-sector collaboration meetings, and onboarding new team members. Learn more about the grant and let us know what you are interested in by visiting bit.ly/nevadaPDGB-5 and fill out our Stay Informed survey. A few other exciting PDG B-5 updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Interlocal Agreements & Implementation Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Our first interlocal agreement went to the Board of Examiners on July 11th. In state systems lingo, that means our work will be able to begin for one of our contracts by the time this General ECAC meeting takes place. Stay tuned for specifics once we receive BOE approval. ■ Additional interlocal agreements will go to BOE in August and September. ○ Introducing new team members who work on PDG B-5 in our office: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Sabrina Jones: ECAC Systems Specialist ■ John Giammona Wilber: ECAC Administrative Assistant ■ Vivian Bolanos: Birth - 3rd Grade Specialist ■ Jamie Mendez: Early Childhood Workforce Specialist ■ Nayesdi Badillo: Early Childhood Family Engagement Specialist ■ Byron Dondoyano Jr.: Early Childhood Data Coordinator ○ Applications will be opening for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Early Childhood Quality Specialist 	
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Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)	
Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, Child Care and Development Program (DWSS, CCDP)	Name of Primary Contact: Karissa Loper Machado Email of Primary Contact:
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Division of Child and Family Services, Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (DCFS, IECMH)	Name of Primary Contact: Rhonda Lawrence Email of Primary Contact:
No update provided	
Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) – Child Care Licensing	Name of Primary Contact: Latisha Brown Email of Primary Contact:
No update provided	
Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) – Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health (MCAH)	Name of Primary Contact: Tami Conn Email of Primary Contact:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nevada Title V Maternal and Child Health Program is submitting the 2023 block grant application in July 2023. • Nevada Home Visiting (NHV) Program reauthorization increased funding and added the requirement of states to provide a state match. 	
Women, Infants & Children’s Program (WIC) Program	Name of Primary Contact: Blanca Ayala Email of Primary Contact: BlancaAyala@health.nv.gov
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The WIC Farmer’s Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) has started throughout Nevada. Each eligible WIC participant may receive \$30 to use at WIC authorized FMNP markets. Interested WIC families can call their local WIC clinics to obtain their coupons. • Nevada WIC is continuing to work with the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services to get referral for all children under the age of 5 who are already on SNAP. 	
Nevada State Immunization Program	Name of Primary Contact: Kristy Zigenis Email of Primary Contact: kzigenis@health.nv.gov
Back to School immunizations efforts are in full swing; please consider communicating on the need for catch up vaccinations for children. A tool for schools is here: Ways Schools Can Support Routine Vaccination Catch-Up Among School-Aged Children (phf.org) .	
Oral Health Program	Name of Primary Contact: Jannette Gomez Email of Primary Contact:
Home Visitor Training on oral health was provided at the Home Visitor Statewide meeting. Training included prevention of childhood caries, baby bottle caries, importance of oral health during pregnancy, importance of having first dental check up by 1 year of age, proper nutrition and oral hygiene tips. Oral hygiene supplies were	

provided to Nevada Home Visiting, including baby oral care kits, toddler toothbrushes and educational materials.

Early Childhood Partner Updates

ECE Workforce Plan

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Report completed! Will be distributed after DWSS initial review. Next steps will be to assess the fiscal note of each strategy, assign primary implementation partner(s), build advocacy toolkit, policy briefs, and prepare for '25 session.

HRSA Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS) Health Integration

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The HRSA ECCS Health Integration initiative is aligned with the goals and objectives of the ECAC 2022-2024 Strategic Plan. As such, much of the project activities are updated through the ECAC Subcommittee Workplan document.

Additional updates include:

- Denise Tanata has moved to a consultant role effective July 1, 2023. She will be consulting on ECCS and related work for Nevada.
- Core Sector Meetings (Early Childhood Education, Maternal & Child Health, Family Support & Leadership) have been very successful in creating the foundation for work leading to our strategic plan. Core Sector meetings will continue through 2023, with additional all sector ECCS convenings offered virtually in August and December.
- Priorities were determined through Leadership feedback and include:
 1. Maternal and Child Health: Medicaid Coverage for Women and Children / Increasing Health Services for Rural Communities
 2. Workforce: Recruitment of Qualified Staff for the EC Profession (all) / Increase funding to provide competitive wages for EC Professions
 3. ECE: Increase the Capacity of ECE and Access for Every Family / Targeted Support for Quality ECE Programming and Access
 4. DEI: All Families have Access to Social Services / Cultural and Community Representation in All Decision Making and Focus on Health Disparities for Medically Underserved Communities.

Nevada Association for the Education of Young Children (NevAEYC)

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No update provided

Nevada Child Care Provider Action Committee (CCPAC)

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No update provided

Nevada Early Childhood Family Leadership Council (NECFLC)

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NECFLC is accepting new members and looking for alignment opportunities within our parent groups and parents to continue to assemble families at the table. Please contact our Parent Leadership Coordinators for additional information.

The NECFLC council is composing the training menu for the council members for the foreseeable future and continue to ask our ECAC members to pass along information when applicable.	
Pyramid Model	Name of Primary Contact: Janice Lee Email of Primary Contact: janicelee@unr.edu
No update provided	
Research and Needs Assessments (NICRP)	Name of Primary Contact: Dr. Amanda Haboush-Deloye Email of Primary Contact: amanda.haboush@unlv.edu
One assessment was added to the recent tab: 2022 Community Health Implementation Strategy - Dignity Health and one assessment was added to the old tab 2018-2020 Washoe County Community Health Needs Assessment.	
Strong Start/Pritzker PN-3 (Children's Advocacy Alliance)	Name of Primary Contact: Jamelle Nance or Annette Dawson-Owens Email of Primary Contact:
<p>Children's Advocacy Alliance hosted the Kids Count Data Release webinar Thursday Jul 29, 2023. 2023 Kids Count Data has a strong focus on childcare. Webinar is available to view and hard copies of the Kids Count Report is available upon request.</p> <p>Parent Voice: CAA/Strong Start PN-3 has leveraged parent voice in our advocacy efforts for the 2023 legislative session. We continue to hold our monthly Child Advocacy Ambassador meetings and are currently in the process of coordinating with partners on the process for parents participation in the ECAC and Strong Start Coalition. Our goal is to empower family leaders to actively participate in decision making that impacts their children and communities.</p> <p>Pritzker Interim report is due August 15th. Special thank you to all of our partners who contributed data. August 17th from 9:00am to 3:00pm we will have our Pritzker site visit. The primary purpose for the visit is to have in-depth conversations with the Strong Start PN-3 leadership team about the next phase of our strategy and to gain a better understanding of what we hope to achieve and how PCI can support. The visit will be held at the Orleans in Las Vegas. If you are interested in attending please contact Jamelle Nance at jamelle.nance@caanv.org.</p> <p>Children's Advocacy Alliance will host a legislative wrap-up webinar Aug 2, 2023 at 6:00pm. We will continue building cross sector/non-traditional Early Childhood Champions with a focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Office of Early Childhood Systems in the Governor's Office ● Affordable housing ● Eliminating policy the impacts in-home child care licensing due to HOAs/landlord regulations ● Livable wages for childcare workers ● Increased funding support for Home Visiting 	
Funding and Grant Opportunities	
<p>Early Childhood Innovative Literacy Program - Nevada Department of Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● \$70 million for two funding opportunities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Expand access to high quality preschool for new and existing Nevada Ready! PreK providers ○ Establish innovative new program or expand existing early literacy program that supports children less than the age of six, their families and early childhood professionals ● Eligible Applicants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ School Districts ○ Sponsor of Charter Schools ○ Non-profit Organizations 	

For more information: <https://doe.nv.gov/Grants/Home/>

Meetings, Trainings, Events & Conferences Professional Development/Outreach Opportunities

Business Symposium. August 24, 2023. Venue: GSR Reno. Target Audience: Business Executives (75%) and Elected Officials (25%). More information: <https://www.childrencabinet.org/2023-nevada-business-symposium/>

Nevada Afterschool Network Best Practice Webinar 8/3 11:30am PST

Is your OST Program interested in increasing its efforts and effectiveness when providing community support? Emma Vibber's training will seek to dissect current family engagement strategies, develop a model of evaluation, and craft a systematic strategy for Family Engagement.

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nevada-afterschool-network-best-practice-webinars-tickets-647568343347>