



Nevada Early Childhood
Advisory Council

LOCAL ECAC SUMMARY REPORT

July 2023

Carson Douglas ECAC

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- Plan discussed to "piggy back" on to The Children Cabinet Marketing Campaign materials for providers to reach under-supported Kith and Kin / Family Friend and Neighbor providers in Douglas and Carson Counties.
- Updated Deliverable: Provide Community Awareness on Early Childhood Supports for Families and Providers-
 - Develop partnership with Museums in Carson and Douglas. Contact has been made in Carson and Douglas County. CD ECAC will be purchasing Lakeshore materials for two AP Play areas for young children in both museums. Purchases being made July 2023.
 - Creation of a CD ECAC Brochure with detailed support available. Brochures will be accessible at partnerships sites (museums, etc.)
 - CD ECAC has updated the website to reflect current employment openings in local ECE programs, community resources, and ECE resources.
 - CD ECAC participated in Day of the Young Child in April at Carson High School. Over 150 attendees! Provided information and swag on the CD ECAC.
- CD ECAC local fall Conference is scheduled for Oct. 2023. New co-chairs have been assigned!
- Eight CD ECAC active members attending the 2023 Conference in LV! Representatives of the CD ECAC included ECE providers in Carson and Douglas, as well as a representative from local Home Visiting program serving Carson, Douglas, Storey and Lyon County.
 - The CD ECAC covered the cost of all fees and registration, including portion of flights, lodging, and per diem for the time they attended the conference.

Elko/Northeastern ECAC

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- Provided two social emotional events for families of children aged birth through 8 years old around the topic of emotional literacy. Families were able to participate in a story time, follow along with a PowerPoint around the importance of literacy and engage as a family in social emotional activities (sensory bottles, sensory balls, Color Monster painting, social

emotional memory game). Families were also able to take home the Color Monster book which was the story read during the event and a social emotional game of their choosing.

Southern Nevada ECAC

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- SNECAC met virtually on 6/21/23, and the meeting was facilitated by NICRP staff. Participants received updates on the Nevada ECAC, Nevada Early Childhood Obesity Prevention Plan, Strong Start activities, and the Nevada Afterschool Network. The group also had planning discussions for this year's Step Up for Kids Event (tentatively scheduled for 10/14/23). Finally the group had a discussion on next steps for the strategic planning process. There was large agreement on how to proceed and participants were excited to move forward.
- During May and June a strategic planning facilitator was hired and a process was established to survey existing members and identify new member to engage with the group. This work will begin in July.
- SNECAC members were encouraged to get involved in a new opportunity to serve on a new committee facilitated by the Nevada Afterschool Network to develop a statewide quality improvement system for school-age programs. This committee is seeking expertise from individuals who have experience participating in the current early childhood QRIS system. A current SNECAC member, Danielle Holmes, is leading this development committee.
- SNECAC members were asked to share some of their priorities on how SNECAC can better support them and the efforts in the community. That discussion will drive the next steps for SNECAC activities.
- Members discussed the 2023 Step Up for Kids event during the May meeting. A venue and time were selected and the participation survey has been distributed. More planning will occur at the next meeting.
- March 13th to March 16th, 2023, the Nevada Institute for Children's Research & Policy hosted the seventh biennial Children's Week at the Nevada Legislature. Each day of Children's Week had a designated theme related to the overall well-being of Nevada's children. Monday's theme was Children's Day/Education, Tuesday was Mental Wellness, Wednesday was Physical Wellness, and Thursday was Safety. Networking breakfasts and lunches were held throughout the week, with advocacy trainings being offered each day. Participants were invited to sit on the floor with their representatives during floor sessions. With over 400 participants throughout the week, Children's Week 2023 was a great success! Fully summary can be found at: [2023-Childrens-Week-Summary.pdf \(unlv.edu\)](#)

Tribal ECAC

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Tribal ECAC has decided NOT to take the Local ECAC grants, \$0 spend down of awarded grant. Funds will be redistributed to other local ECACs and NevECAC.

Washoe ECAC

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- We had our spring membership and sub-committee reports meeting on June 9th, 2023. During this meeting each sub-committee will share the work they've accomplished for the year with their \$1,500 budget. The DAP K sub-committee presented sensory bins. Three complete sensory bins were raffled off at the end of the event. The Communication sub-committee presented on their developed Ready for K document. The SEL sub-committee presented the SEL children's books and activities to promote social and emotional learning.
- We are working with WCSD and the Nevada Department of Education to create better web pages for incoming kindergarten families, providers, and community members.

- WUSD has updated many of their resources. NDE is currently working on their web page for transition to kindergarten.
- We anticipate a success P-3 Summer Retreat at the Granlibakken on July 20th-21st. These are our objectives:
 - Collaboration with others
 - Understanding and application of P-3 work in context of participant's current role
 - Relationship building/partnering (to increase retention and engagement long term)
 - Nevada connection to P-3
 - Beginning to plant seeds or develop ideas for action plans (inspiration)
- Our sessions include:
 - P-3 is a Priority at all levels
 - Prek-3rd Grade teacher/director panel
 - Early Literacy and the Science of Reading: Finding the Balance with Oral Language
 - Equity and Family Partnerships
 - Behavior and Developmentally Appropriate Practices

We anticipate 41 participants and 2 national consultants.