



## Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council

### LOCAL ECAC SUMMARY REPORT

September 2023

#### Carson/Douglas ECAC

- The CD ECAC is deep into the planning of our 2023 Fall PD Conference! The event will be held at Western Nevada College and include vendor tables, a key note session, and additional topical sessions related to basic ECE skills including Music and Movement, Nutrition, Circle Time, etc. The conference is scheduled for Saturday Oct. 21, 2023., the theme is **(Still) Better Together!**

Updated Deliverable: Provide Community Awareness on Early Childhood Supports for Families and Providers-

- We are purchasing developmentally appropriate early childhood materials to be utilized at the Douglas County Museum. The materials are farm themed and will be brought out during Family Days for young children. The CD ECAC also purchased an A-frame sign to be set out that allows families to access contact information on the CD ECAC website.
- CD ECAC provided \$2,000 to support the Educator Wellness Event to be held in Reno on Sat. 9/16. We were also able to send members of the Washoe Tribe Head Start (In Carson) to attend the event.

#### Elko/Northeastern Nevada ECAC

- *No report submitted.*

#### Southern Nevada ECAC

- *No report submitted.*

## Tribal ECAC

- *(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 Nevada ECAC.)*

## Nevada ECAC

*The Nevada ECAC utilities available fund (from tribal) for the following purchases related to submitted Goals and Activities:*

- Family Leaders participating in ECAC and ECAC subcommittees will be provided with incentives for participating, up to \$3,000 for the FY24 year.
- ECAC has sponsored 4 sessions of the Manifesto for Race Equity and Parent Leadership: VEGAS in Spanish 10/16, VEGAS in English 10/17, RENO in Spanish 11/8 & RENO in English 11/9. For more information on the MANIFESTO: [Parent-Manifesto-FINAL.pdf \(cssp.org\)](#) Registration link to share with Families: <https://manifestotrainingforparents.eventbrite.com>
- Swag and outreach materials, including postcards, pens, etc. with information on how to learn more about the ECAC was ordered. Reno and Vegas will be receiving the materials soon!

## Washoe ECAC

- The inaugural Nevada Preschool to 3rd Grade (P-3) Summer Leadership Retreat convened statewide early care and education leaders on July 20-21, 2023, to build administrator capacity and advance Nevada's Birth to 3rd Grade Approach in Action statewide. State Superintendent Jhone Ebert virtually set the Nevada P-3 context and Deputy Superintendent Ann Marie Dixon attended the retreat in person.
  - Dr. Kristie Kauerz, Executive Director of the National P-3 Center, visited from Colorado to kick off the event. She shared the critical importance of P-3 education systems that are intentionally designed to connect the dots between the science of learning and brain development, nurture children's development through both rigor and play, and invest in personal and professional growth to more effectively impact child and student outcomes by third grade.
  - **Nevada Voice:** The retreat featured Nevada voices through a panel of practitioners representing child care and PreK-3rd grade teachers, directors, and principals from across the state. Discussion centered around how the science of learning and development looks at the classroom and program level. Retreat sessions and presentations further explored P-3 connections, including the science of learning and child development, behavior and regulation in early childhood, the Science of Reading and early literacy development, equity and diversity in PK-12 education, and family engagement.

- **Participants:** More than 40 P-3 leaders attended the retreat, building their capacity to continue serving our state's youngest children through their roles as early childhood community providers, PK-3rd grade teachers, school principals, district administrators, and state education leadership. Participants developed relationships with statewide colleagues, received [resources](#) and [tools](#) to implement strategies and take action in their context, and generated a [Nevada P-3 Network Map](#) to connect with each other after the retreat.
- **Funding:** The event was collaboratively planned by P-3 leaders from the Nevada Department of Education, Office of Early Learning and Development, the Washoe County Early Childhood Advisory Council, The Children's Cabinet, and the University of Nevada, Reno. The event was fully funded by the Washoe County Early Childhood Advisory Council through grant funding.
- Nevada Department of Education Title IIA funds have sent three cohorts of Birth to 3rd Grade administrators through the 11-month National P-3 Leadership Program, coupled with additional cohort-style convenings to facilitate discussion and generate action plans to further P-3 work with Nevada-specific context.
- **Feedback:** Dr. Kristie Kauerz honored the important P-3 work being done at this retreat through direct communication with the State Superintendent, Jhone Ebert.