



Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council

NEVADA EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL (ECAC)

PUBLIC MEETING

WEDNESDAY, November 15, 2023 • 9:00 AM

“Nevada’s children will be safe, healthy, and thriving during the first eight years of life, and the system will support children and families in achieving their full potential.”

Office	Address	City	Meeting Room
Child Care Services Center	1771 E. Flamingo Road, Suite 200B, LV, 89119	Las Vegas	Training Room
Child Care Services Center	961 Matley Lane, Suite 110, Reno, 89502	Reno	Training Room
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AGENDA

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

Tiffany Alston, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Chair

Patrice Gardner, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Vice Chair

2. Public Comment #1

Public Comment will be taken during this agenda item regarding any item appearing on the agenda. No action may be taken on a matter discussed under this item until the matter is included on the agenda as an item on which action may be taken. The Council Chair of the Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council will impose a time limit of three minutes. Public Comment #2 will provide an opportunity for public comment on any matter within the Council’s jurisdiction, control or advisory power.



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3. Approval of Flexible Agenda

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

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4. Minutes from July 19, 2023

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

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Patrice Gardner, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Vice Chair

5. Parent Spotlight Mentorship Program for Nevada Early Childhood Family Leadership Council

(Information/Discussion)

Discussion and recruitment regarding the mentorship program.

Rosa Tamayo, The Children's Cabinet; Ashley Dines, The

Children's Cabinet

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

(Information/Discussion/For Possible Action) Presentation and discussion on recommendations from the NECAC Data and Evaluation Subcommittee to revise the definition “Underrepresented and Underserved Populations” for the Nevada ECAC.

Denise Tanata, Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Consultant

Materials: [Definition of “Vulnerable or Underserved Children”](#)

7. Presentation and Discussion- Annual Report Draft

(Presentation/Information/Discussion)

Discuss list of policy recommendations.

Sabrina Jones, ECAC Systems Specialist

8. Presentation of Nevada Pre-Kindergarten Standards, Revised 2023

(Information/Discussion/ For Possible Action)

Rachel Stepina, PDG B-5 Grant Manager, Nevada DOE, OELD, and Tina Springmeyer, ECE Program Director, WCSD

9. Discussion – Nevada Children’s Fiscal Mapping Project

(Information/Discussion/For Possible Action) Brief discussion on the Nevada Children’s Fiscal Mapping Project. Representatives from The Children’s Funding Project

Materials: [Draft Nevada Fiscal Mapping Tool](#)

Materials: Fiscal Mapping Roll-out Meeting Link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/9716933120545/WN_Gh3SS3wuSqGN_OffPMUu4w#/registration



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10. Discussion- Subsidy Alternative Cost Model

(Information/Discussion)

Discuss the alternative cost methodology needed for federal approval.

Marty Elquist, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Data & Evaluation Subcommittee Co-Chair

Karissa Loper Machado, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Data & Evaluation Subcommittee Co-Chair

11. HRSA ECCS Gap Analysis

(Information/Discussion/For Possible Action)

Denise Tanata, Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Consultant

12. Subcommittee Updates and Workplan Discussion

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

- *Leadership Subcommittee – Tiffany Alston and Patrice Gardner, Co-Chairs*
- *System Alignment Subcommittee – Julie Houchins and Dr. Jenna Weglarz-Ward, Co-Chairs*
- *Communications and Engagement Subcommittee – Jennifer Butler and Dr. Linda Young, Co-Chairs*
- *Finance and Policy Subcommittee – Julie Houchins and Elysa Arroyo, Co-Chairs*
- *Data and Evaluation Subcommittee – Marty Elquist and Karissa Loper Machado, Co-Chairs*

13. Local ECAC Updates

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

Materials: [September 2023 Local ECAC Summary Report](#)

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

14. State Agency and Partner Updates

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

Materials: [September 2023 ECAC Partner Summary Report](#)

- *Department of Education*
 - *Office of Early Learning & Development – Patti Oya*
 - *Early Childhood Special Education*
 - *Office of Student & School Supports – Alberto Quintero*
- *Department of Health and Human Services*
 - *Division of Child and Family Services, Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health – Rhonda Lawrence*
 - *Department of Public and Behavioral Health, Child Care Licensing – Latisha Brown*
 - *Department of Public and Behavioral Health, Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health – Vickie Ives*
 - *Director's Office, Aging and Disability Services, Part C and NEIS – Lori Ann Malina-Lovell*
 - *Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, Child Care Development Program – Karissa Loper Machado*



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- *Pyramid Model Update – Janice Lee*
- *Research and Needs Assessments – Amanda Haboush-Deloye*
- *NevAEYC Update – Carrie Paldi*
- *Nevada Child Care Provider Action Committee – Carrie Paldi*
- *Pritzker PN3 Initiative and Strong Start Update – Jamelle Nance/Annette Dawson-Owens*
- *HRSA Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Grant Update –Tiffany Olivas*
- *ECE Workforce Plan – Marty Elquist*
- *NV Early Childhood Family Leadership Council – Ashley Dines/Rosa Tamayo*
- *New or Potential Grants and Funding – All*
- *Training & Professional Development Opportunities - All*

15. Discuss Agenda Items for Next General ECAC Meeting

(Information/Discussion) Council will discuss recommendations for agenda items for the upcoming meeting.

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16. Public Comment #2

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17. Adjournment