



Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council

NEVADA EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL (ECAC) PUBLIC MEETING JULY 19, 2023 • 9:00 AM

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MINUTES SUMMARY

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

- Tiffany Alston called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.
- Members in Attendance:
 - Latisha Brown- Seat A
 - Alberto Quintero- Seat B
 - Dr. Diane Nicolet- Seat D
 - Dr. Jenna Werglarz-Ward- Seat E
 - Tiffany Alston- Seat G
 - Patrice Gardner- Seat H



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- Brenda Morales-Solorzano- Seat I
- Julie Houchins- Seat J
- Marty Elquist- Seat K
- Tina Springmeyer- Seat M
- Dr. Linda Young- Seat M
- Karissa Loper Machado- Seat M
- Elysa Arroyo- Seat M

- **Members Not in Attendance:**

- Dr. Lori Ann Malina-Lovell- Seat C
- Carrie Paldi- Seat F
- Jocelyn Pereira- Seat M
- Margarita Salas Crespo- Seat M
- Jennifer Butler- Seat M

- Tiffany Alston introduced herself as the newly-elected chair of the ECAC. She shared that she has spent twenty years working at the Sunrise Children's Foundation, that she loves her family, and that she is excited to act as the new Chair.
- Tiffany Alston introduced Sabrina Jones, ECAC Systems Specialist, and John Giammona Wilber, ECAC Administrative Assistant, as two new full-time support staff.
- Sabrina Jones thanked Tiffany Alston for the welcome and expressed her excitement to learn more about the ECAC and its work in strengthening Nevada's comprehensive Early Childhood System. She shared that she has sixteen grandchildren, and that early childhood work is a personal and professional passion.
- Tiffany Alston thanked Anna Villatoro and Alyson Godfrey for their instrumental role in supporting the ECAC.

2. **Public Comment #1**

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- No Public comment given.

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.

Tiffany Alston, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Chair

Patrice Gardner, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Vice Chair

- Dr. Linda Young motioned to approve a flexible agenda.
- Dr. Diane Nicolet seconded the motion.
- All members voted in the affirmative; none opposed.
- The motion carried.

4. **Minutes from May 17, 2023**

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



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Materials: [May 17, 2023 Minutes](#)

- Tiffany Alston asked that all members take a few moments to review the May 17, 2023 minutes. She asked if anybody had edits or corrections.
- Karissa Loper Machado motioned to approve the minutes as presented.
- Patrice Gardner seconded the motion.
- All members voted in the affirmative; none opposed.
- The motion carried.

5. Presentation – Nevada Children’s Fiscal Mapping Project

(Information/Discussion/For Possible Action) Presentation and discussion on the Nevada Children’s Fiscal Mapping Project.

Denise Tanata, The Children’s Cabinet

Amelia Vaughn and Nat Mudd-Brooks, The Children’s Funding Project

- Denise Tanata explained that the ECAC had been working with the Children’s Funding Project on the fiscal mapping project for some time. She noted that the project was currently in Phase One, and that specific attention to the early childhood piece of the project is just beginning.
- Amelia Vaughn, co-director of research capacity at the Children’s funding project, introduced herself and Nat Mudd-Brooks, community data and research associate at the UMSL Community Innovation and Action Center.
- Amelia Vaughn explained that in spring 2022, the Children’s Funding Project began its endeavor to create for fifteen states. The goal was that each funding stream for each state would be coded the same way to produce comprehensive and workable results across projects, creating a national fiscal tool.
- Amelia Vaughn explained that a fiscal map is an analysis of funding streams in a specific location that go towards family and youth services. She explained that a fiscal map can include private and public funding, but for the purposes of these state maps, only federal funding was analyzed.
- Amelia Vaughn contended that the big question that fiscal mapping project is trying to answer is: WHO (which part of government) invested HOW MUCH in WHAT? She noted that the WHAT is the focus, meaning that the project was primarily analyzing where funding actually went.
- Amelia Vaughn summarized fiscal maps as tools used to understand current investments and identify new areas for attention, efficiency, and innovation. She said fiscal mapping would help align these areas to children’s and family’s needs in the state.
- Amelia Vaughn explained that the intention of the fiscal mapping project in Nevada would be understanding how federal relief funds were spent and how to make sure needs would still be met once federal relief funding ends.
- Amelia Vaughn noted that while the ECAC was obviously primarily interested in early childhood insights, the fiscal mapping project in Nevada analyzed how relief funds were impacting people from birth to age twenty-four. She explained that this analysis would be available to other Nevada state entities as well.
- Amelia Vaughn noted that the fiscal maps were open-source and publicly available to encourage collaboration between states. She explained that this also encourages collaboration between local and state governments.
- Amelia Vaughn explained that, within the context of the project’s timeline, the Children’s Funding Project was drafting data visualizations and collecting feedback to present and accurate story.
- Nat Mudd-Brooks presented the live draft of the Nevada Children & Youth Fiscal Map tool. She explained that this tool analyzed state funding levels, federal funding levels, and supplemental federal relief funding from the COVID-19 pandemic.



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- Nat Mudd-Brooks demonstrated how the tool could be used to isolate and examine early childhood and education services.
- Nat Mudd-Brooks presented the tool's Equity Page, which analyzed funding streams by eligibility criteria. She also demonstrated how the tool could be used to analyze funding streams by age range, how it could be used to analyze change over time, and how it could be used to compare funding between states.
- Dr. Diane Nicolet asked if children birth through eight years old in foster care were included in the mapping.
- Nat Mudd-Brooks answered that there were a few parameters in the mapping that did specify foster care.
- Amelia Vaughn demonstrated how to find youth in foster care using the mapping tool.
- Dr. Diane Nicolet asked when ECAC members would have access to the final fiscal mapping product.
- Amelia Vaughn answered that the final version of the tool would be available soon, after incorporating feedback and building a specific early childhood page.
- Holly Welborn asked how to further specify data presented about early childhood services in pie charts the tool was generating.
- Amelia Vaughn suggested that further data insights could be garnered by following sources that are listed on the bottom of the fiscal mapping tool's webpage.
- Karissa Loper Machado commented that some of the Nevada-specific early care funding streams presented using the tool suggested separation of funding streams that were intricately tied together. She suggested that the tool be updated to clarify this.
- Nat Mudd-Brooks answered that she was happy to take specific feedback to clarify anything that members felt the tool was presenting confusingly.
- Denise Tanata clarified that current work specifying early childhood in the fiscal mapping tool was addressing some of the confusing items Karissa Loper Machado pointed out.
- Amelia Vaughn requested emails with any questions that had not already been addressed in this presentation.
- Tiffany Laston asked if the data presented in the tool could be disaggregated by county.
- Amelia Vaughn answered that that capability did not yet exist in the tool but that it could be potentially added in the future.
- Tiffany Alston asked if areas of the tool describing "other funding" could be more thoroughly inspected.
- Amelia Vaughn answered that the page lists sourcing that somebody could investigate if they were interested.
- Nat Mudd-Brooks clarified that the tool was looking at revenue as opposed to expenditures.
- Tiffany Alston asked what sustainability looked like for this project. She noted that the project was taken on by a cohort, and she inquired if the ECAC would need to collaborate with other stakeholders to continue to fund the project once current funding ended.
- Amelia Vaughn answered that the ideal scenario would be to identify a state or non-profit entity that would take on the project and keep the tool updated in perpetuity. She offered that the Children's Funding Project would provide coaching on the tool and help with decision making in finding an entity to house its maintenance based on other states' instituting of the project.
- Rachel Stepina asked about the timeline of the project in Nevada's current state and general fund.
- Amelia Vaughn answered that fiscal data past 2021 was not included in the Project's current partnership with the Children's Cabinet but that new data could be added by whatever entity is identified to take on the project.
- Denise Tanata clarified that the Children's Cabinet's current contract with the Children's Funding Project is set through March 2025. She reiterated that decisions about where this project would be housed after close of the current contract were still unanswered and very necessary to ensure sustainability.
- Tiffany Alston asked what the best way for the ECAC to organize its feedback to the Children's Funding Project would be.



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- Denise Tanata asked Rachel Stepina and Sabrina Jones to send a follow-up to members to collect feedback after the meeting.
- Rachel Stepina answered yes and that she'd connect with Sabrina Jones.
- Julie Houchins commented that discussion of the fiscal mapping project would be added to the Policy and Finance subcommittee agenda for the September 14, 2023 meeting.
- Dr. Linda Young commented that the Communications and Engagement Subcommittee would be working to synthesize the tool's data visualizations into more plain-language communications that could be disseminated to the wider community.

6. Presentation – NV Early Childhood Family Leadership Council (NECFLC) Parent Spotlight

(Information/Discussion/For Possible Action) Presentation and discussion on relevant issues from the NV Early Childhood Family Leadership Council.

*Ashley Dines and Rosa Tamayo, Parent Leadership Coordinators, The Children's Cabinet
Representative from the NV Early Childhood Family Leadership Council*

- Ashley Dines explained that Rosa Tamayo would not be present for the presentation, but that both of them had been involved in discussions around the mentorship program and bringing more parents to provide feedback
- Arielle Newell Rollins expressed that as a parent involved in parent leadership, parents' involvement and feedback in the early childhood space was paramount. She contended that parent involvement was critical in decision-making, and that more parents needed to be made aware of decision-making areas such as ECAC meetings.
- Patrice Gardner thanked Arielle Newell Rollins for her involvement, engagement, and participation in the mentor's program. She asked if Arielle Newell Rollins had any suggestions to further parent engagement with the ECAC.
- Arielle Newell Rollins requested that the information gathered in the fiscal map be clarified and able to be presented to parents in simple and comprehensive language.
- Alberto Quintero asked Arielle Newell Rollins to speak on barriers that are still present when state entities send invitations for decision-making involvement to parents.
- Arielle Newell Rollins answered that the primary obstacle for parent involvement was scheduling. She offered that scheduling around childcare and employment has been an obstacle for scheduling within the mentorship program.
- Dr. Diane Nicolet expressed that as the foremost experts on their children, parents remain critical resources for those working in the early childhood space. She asked for suggestions to specifically engage male parents and guardians in the early childhood space.
- Dr. Linda Young commented that formal ECAC meetings can be intimidating to parents. She expressed that terms, concepts, and other facets of communication need to be simplified and presented in an approachable way in order to incorporate outside voices. She noted the importance of in-person engagement outside of formal meetings.
- Rachel Stepina asked parents in attendance what motivated them to join the NECFLC. She also asked for tips in making presentations at these meetings more approachable for parents.
- Arielle Newell Rollins answered that she was made aware of the group by the director of her daughter's school and that she was made comfortable in the group by the presence of another knowledgeable parent, Ashley Dines.
- Latisha Brown commented that parent involvement is desperately needed in licensing. She requested a meeting with the NECFLC to specifically discuss licensing.
- Byron Dondoyano addressed the comment about men in the early childhood space by mentioning a barbershop program in Seattle to engage men of color in early childhood work. He expressed a want to connect with doctors Linda Young and Diane Nicolet to focus on men's engagement and involvement.
- Tiffany Alston spoke on the difference between parent involvement and family engagement. She said that, in considering a bacon and eggs breakfast, parent involvement is a chicken that gave its eggs for the outcome, whereas family



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engagement is the pig that gave its life. She expressed that engagement is a sustained active and maintained process that spans time.

7. Presentation and Discussion – 2023 Nevada Legislative Session Recap

(Information/Discussion/For Possible Action) Presentation and discussion on policies proposed for the 2023 NV Legislative Session impacting the early childhood population.

Holly Welborn, Children's Advocacy Alliance

- Holly Welborn clarified that the list of early childhood bills she'd be presenting on wasn't exhaustive; instead, she'd be speaking on the work that Children's Advocacy Alliance (CAA) was most directly involved in.
- Holly Welborn explained that CAA receives funding from foundation grants and individual donors, but that it won't accept government funds.
- Holly Welborn described that organization's three pillars of work as: health, child welfare and equitable access, early childhood, and economic well-being.
- Holly Welborn explained that CAA's biggest campaign was the Strong Start Prenatal to 3 campaigns. She'd described the goal of the campaign as "expanding services to low-income infants, toddlers, and their families especially utilization among families and regions that have been historically underserved."
- Holly Welborn described some of the bills CAA worked on that passed at the last legislative session:
 - SB232: Expands Medicaid Coverage from 60 days to 12-months postpartum
 - Budget Line Item 3158-E67: Line item in Governor Lombardo's budget that expanded Medicaid eligibility to pregnant persons from 138% to 200% of the federal poverty level.
 - SB117: Permitted adding Reimbursement for Community Health Workers supervised by Certified Community Health Workers into the State Plan for Medicaid.
 - AB137: Changed the definition of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome to Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, which expands services for children experiencing the disorder.
 - AB283: Increased Medicaid FFS rate for Doula services to \$1200 per birth.
 - AB114: Expanded and Diversified the Early Childhood Advisory Council
 - AB400: Specifically, Sec. 93.5, established a Literacy and Readiness Account.
 - SB263: Appropriated a parcel of land in Sparks, Nevada to the Children's Cabinet.
 - SB429: Implemented a tax abatement for businesses that offer family and medical leave to employees.
 - SB341: Gave an appropriation to the Food Bank of Northern Nevada And Three Square.
 - AB376: Expanded paid family leave for state employees.
- Holly Welborn also described some of the bills CAA worked on that did not pass the last legislative session:
 - AB265: would have created a state-wide children's mental health consortium.
 - AB113: would have established the Governor's Office of Early Childhood Systems
 - SB278: would have created childcare tax credits against the Modified Business Tax
 - AB28: would have provided baby bonds to children enrolled under Medicaid.
 - AB340 & 335: would have ended summary evictions in Nevada.
- Karissa Loper Machado clarified that TANF funds can now be used to implement CCDF projects, which means more funds can be used to help a larger swath of the preschool population.
- Holly Welborn asked if given that childcare was already an authorized use of TANF dollars, are the changes primarily just addressing barriers to spending those dollars?
- Karissa Loper Machado answered yes.
- Holly Welborn asked if the changes "opened up a door" for more families to qualify?
- Karissa Loper Machado answered no, but that it would allow for the serving of about 11,000 more already-qualifying families.



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- Holly Welborn explained that CAA was the official coordinator for the 2023 Kid Count Report. She reported that Nevada ranked 47th overall: 48th in economic well-being, 46th in education, 38th in health, 44th in family and community.
- Holly Welborn invited those present to the CAA's Legislative Report and Virtual Event on August 8, 2023. She also extended an invitation to the Childcare Business Symposium on August 24, 2023, at the Grand Seirra Resort in Reno, Nevada.
- Holly Welborn concluded by assuring members that CAA would continue to monitor the implementation of bills and engage in Regulatory Advocacy.
- Tiffany Alston asked where the PowerPoint component of the CAA presentation could be accessed.
- Holly Welborn answered that she would share a link for posting.
- Rachel Stepina asked for a brief synopsis on the CAA's Children's Ambassadors program.
- Holly Welborn answered that there were plenty of opportunities to engage the Children's Ambassadors program during the last legislative session. She described the program as convening cohorts of parents to share their voices and opinions during the policy process. She described parent letter writing on the post-partum bill and the sharing of first-year experiences by new parents.
- Jamelle Nance reiterated that the Children's Advocacy Ambassador program is a highlight of CAA's work as it involves direct-to-parents engagement. She expressed that CAA would continue its communications to align its efforts with fellow early childhood entities.
- Jamelle Nance explained that involvement in the Children's ambassador program was a completely online opportunity and that parents were compensated as best CAA could with their funding. She shared that the latest cohort in this program had the opportunity to meet with legislators directly.
- Jamelle Nance commented that looking forward, the CAA wanted to figure out if their programs were successful. She said that ideally, this would mean measuring what parents define success as.

8. 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, Chair*

Materials: [2023 ECAC Workplans](#); [AB114 EN](#)

- Patrice Gardner reported that the last meeting of the Leadership subcommittee was on June sixth, with no meeting in July. She reported that the subcommittee received an update from the Guinn Center on the Early Childhood Systems Governance Project.
- Patrice Gardner explained that the project has created a list of comprehensive early childhood systems entities in Nevada, including each entity, their funding sources, administrative responsibilities, and overall purpose.
- Patrice Gardner explained that the purpose of the list was to be used to create a comprehensive grouping of recommendations to present before the next legislative session.
- Patrice Gardner reiterated that AB114, which added new members to the ECAC, would come into effect on October 1, 2023. She explained that the subcommittee was discussing how to recruit and orient new members.
- Patrice Gardner reminded those present that all final ECAC appointments remain at the discretion of the governor.



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- Patrice Gardner reiterated a need for plain language in order to be most effective in engagement, and she discouraged the use of acronyms and jargon.
- Julie Houchins shared that the focus of the last Systems Alignment meeting involved updating and looking forward in the workplan.
- Dr. Linda Young invited those present to the next Communications and Engagement subcommittee meeting on August 8, 2023, where she said workplan updates would be discussed.
- Dr. Linda Young shared that a priority for the Communications and Engagement subcommittee was to “get out into the community” and make sure that the ECAC have a physical presence at community events.
- Dr. Linda Young expressed a need for funding for communications and engagement efforts “if they are to be done professionally.”
- Dr. Linda Young commented on the need for a one-pager ECAC informational handout and ECAC-branded swag to raise awareness of the council.
- Tiffany Alston encouraged collaboration between the communications and engagement subcommittee and the NECFLC.
- Tiffany Olivas added that funding is available from a local ECAC that had to drop out from receiving funds that could be used for some of Dr. Young’s ideas.
- Rachel Stepina commented that having real funds remains integral to achieving the workplan goals.
- Dr. Linda Young expressed the need for “meet-and-greet” type events to broaden general awareness of the ECAC in the state.
- Julie Houchins shared that the Policy and Finance subcommittee had discussed the Childcare Policy Report, along with survey results and recommendations from the Governor’s Office Workforce Innovation.
- Julie Houchins explained that some of the findings from the report included a need to strengthen the infrastructure and workforce for childhood programs, along with updating auditing processes.
- Tiffany Alston commented that the Policy and Finance subcommittee had correctly highlighted how to engage the business community.
- Julie Houchins shared a need for awareness of the Early Childhood System Eligibility Portal and, more broadly, getting more families involved. She invited those present to the next Policy and Finance subcommittee meeting on August 10, 2023.
- Tiffany Alston thanked Elysa Arroyo for volunteering to be the new co-chair of the Policy and Finance subcommittee. She commented that the Data and Evaluation subcommittee was looking for a new co-chair.
- Marty Elquist shared that most of the data that the Data and Evaluation subcommittee is collecting concerns access, but, looking forward, the subcommittee wants to focus on data related to equity.
- Marty Elquist explained that a priority for collecting equity data would be establishing a vulnerable populations definition. She invited those present to the next Data and Evaluation subcommittee meeting on July 20, 2023.
- Karissa Loper Machado volunteered for the open Data and Evaluation co-chair seat.
- Tiffany Alston appointed Karissa Loper Machado to co-chair the Data and Evaluation subcommittee.
- Karissa Loper Machado accepted the appointment.

9. 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: [JULY 2023 Local ECAC Summary Report](#)

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



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- Tiffany Alston explained that local ECAC updates had been provided with the meeting materials (linked at the top of this agenda item.)
- All local ECAC primary contacts declined to provide updates beyond what was submitted in the Summary Report.
- Tiffany Alston asked if the local ECAC's were subject to the same Open Meeting Law restrictions as the general ECAC.
- Denise Tanata answered that since the local ECAC's are not officially affiliated with the state ECAC, they are not subject to Open Meeting Law.

10. 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: [JULY 2023 NECAC Partner Summary Report](#)

- *Department of Education*
 - o *Office of Early Learning & Development – Patti Oya*
 - o *Early Childhood Special Education*
 - o *Office of Student & School Supports – Alberto Quintero*
 - *Department of Health and Human Services*
 - o *Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, Child Care Development Program – Karissa Loper*
 - o *Division of Child and Family Services, Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health – Rhonda Lawrence*
 - o *Department of Public and Behavioral Health, Child Care Licensing – Latisha Brown*
 - o *Department of Public and Behavioral Health, Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health – Vickie Ives*
 - o *Director's Office, Aging and Disability Services, Part C and NEIS – Lori Ann Malina-Lovell*
 - *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*
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- Patti Oya commented that the Notice of Funding Award relating to AB400 and the Early Childhood Innovative Literacy Program is live on the Nevada Department of Education's website. She explained that this funding would amount to \$70 million per year (\$140 million over the biennium.)
 - Patti Oya described this award as being divided into two opportunities:
 - o Opportunity one would expand Nevada Ready! 's pre-K seats, including expansion of eligibility up to 250% of the federal poverty rate and an expansion to include three-year-olds.
 - o Opportunity two would broadly support Nevada children under the age of six to prepare for kindergarten.
 - Patti Oya clarified that this opportunity is limited to school districts, sponsors of charter schools, and non-profits. She said that though applicants could account for a two-year award cycle, they would still be required to apply annually.
 - Alberto Quintero explained that a statewide Family Engagement Recognition Award is in development. He said that invitations were open to those who would care to be a part of the process of developing the award.
 - Karissa Loper Machado shared that although fiscal year 2023 was ending and fiscal year 2024 beginning, there were no major relevant changes in funding streams to report.



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- Latisha Brown commented that Child Care Licensing had no updates to report.
- Marty Elquist explained that the ECE Workforce Plan report would be released shortly after final review.
- Ashley Dines commented that the Nevada Early Childhood Family Leadership Council had no further updates beyond what was shared in the Summary Report.
- Janice Lee shared that on June 16, 2023 Pyramid Model held their end of year celebration and data review, where state-aggregated data collected throughout the year was shared. She added that an annual report would soon be available for ECAC review.
- Brooke Conway Clemen commented, on behalf of Dr. Amanda Haboush-Deloye, that Research and Needs Assessments (NICRP) had no further updates beyond what was included in the Summary Report.
- Jamelle Nance commented that Children's Advocacy Alliance had no further updates beyond what was included in the Summary Report.

11. Discuss Agenda Items for September 20, 2023 Meeting

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

Tiffany Alston, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Chair

Patrice Gardner, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Vice Chair

- Tiffany Alston suggested an agenda item following up on the definition for vulnerable and underserved children at the next meeting.
- Tiffany Alston suggested an agenda item for the Finance and Policy subcommittee to report on on policy recommendations for the 2024 interim and 2025 legislative sessions. She explained that these recommendations could also be included in the annual report to the governor (due December first.)
- Tiffany Alston suggested an agenda item for the HRSA ECCS Gap Analysis presentation.
- Tiffany Alston suggested an agenda item for the Nevada Childcare Provider Action Committee presentation on licensing issues impacting childcare providers.
- Tiffany Alston an agenda item for the Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Association presentation, with Marty Elquist as the point of contact.
- Marty Elquist commented that Silvia Henry had left the position of director for the Nevada Early Childhood Mental Health Association, and so there was a search for a new director underway. She added that in a director's absence, the president of the founding board would most likely give the presentation at the next ECAC meeting.
- Tiffany Alston asked the ECAC members if anybody had any further suggestions for September 20, 2023 agenda items.

12. Public Comment #2

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- Abbey Doe expressed interest in joining the ECAC or the Behavioral Health Commission. She shared that she was in training to become a Youth Peer Recovery Support Specialist at the National Alliance on Mental Illness. She shared that the experience of being a child with a mental health condition made her want to help children in similar situations. She shared that the National Alliance on Mental Illness would be hosting Nanny Walks in Nevada on October 7, 2023, and a Nanny Conference at the Tuscany Suites in Las Vegas on November 1-2, 2023.
- Denise Tanata, who is not a member of the Nevada ECAC and therefore could respond to public comment, shared a link for ECAC applications with Abbey Doe. She encouraged connecting with Tiffany Alston or Sabrina Jones for more information on the ECAC.



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13. Adjournment

- Tiffany Alston adjourned the meeting at 12:18 PM.

One Sentence Summary:

- The ECAC heard updates about the fiscal mapping project, firsthand accounts of family engagement facilitated through the NV Early Childhood Family Leadership Council, updates on the 2023 legislative session, and partner and local ECAC updates.

Selected Action Items:

- Update partner summary report
- Provide and incorporate feedback into the Fiscal Mapping Project
- Prepare policy recommendations and plan interim policy strategies