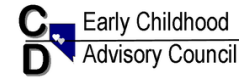


Local ECAC Summary Report – FY24

Reporting Period: March - May 2024

Carson Douglas ECAC-



<p>Goal: Professional Development for Early Childhood Educators</p> <p>Activity 1a: Annual local professional development conference fall of 2024</p> <p>Activity 1b: Targeted professional development training for the local workforce: Professionalism in Early Childhood, Parent Communication & Business Practices</p>	
<p>Deliverable: Participants of professional development opportunities will be exposed to new concepts in early childhood, current research & teaching strategies, and business practices, increasing the quality of care delivered to young children in Carson and Douglas counties.</p>	
Status:	No updates for time period.
<p>Objective: In collaboration with Nevada’s Employer Child Care Development Program at The Children’s Cabinet, the CD ECAC will organize an event to reach local Carson business leaders and elected officials on the importance of creating family friendly work-life balance policies for our local families and the effect of early childhood programming in local communities and economies.</p>	
<p>Deliverable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engaging the Carson City business owners and stakeholders in discussion related to work-force issues and work-life balance. Industry Executives and elected officials will discuss opportunities to support working families to build a stronger workforce and local economy 	
Status	Conducted meeting with Kim Cullen, Business Capacity Program Manager / The Children’s Cabinet March 2024. Next Steps and planning sub committee during bi-monthly meeting scheduled for May 14, 2024.
<p>Goal: Early Childhood Education “Touchpoint” meeting including school district prekindergarten, kindergarten and first grade educators</p>	
<p>Deliverable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin bridging the gap between Pre-K, K and 1st grade teachers and our early childhood community through shared opportunities for professional development and engagement. Feedback will inform focus of 2024 ECE Conference 	
Status:	No updates for time period.
<p>Goal: Support of the Career and Technical Education – Early Childhood Education program at Carson High School</p>	
<p>Deliverable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engagement with local Carson City families with CD ECAC resources at the Day of The Young Child (hosted by CTE ECE program) Strengthening our next generation early childhood workforce through collaboration and financial support of CTE ECE Program. 	
Status:	Day of The Young Child was May 11, 2024. Turnout was fantastic! CD ECAC representatives provided a Watercolor activity day of the event.

Next Steps:	Further discussion on how to support the ECE CTE program is ongoing. Possibly supporting Lab Fees associated for student participation. Shirts for students (remaining from Conference 2023) have been provided to support the professional attire of students in local child care programs.
Timeline:	
Goal: Sponsor CD ECAC participants to attend the 2024 NevAEYC Conference in Reno.	
Deliverable:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants of professional development opportunities will be exposed to new concepts in early childhood, current research, teaching strategies and increased skills by attending, improving provider quality. Sharing information from conference sessions, keynote, etc. to fellow council members during subsequent bi-monthly meeting. 	
Status:	Sent two representatives from Carson to attend the Conference. CD ECAC Tabled the event, provided swag to Carson and Douglas attendees. Email distribution list grew by approximately 25 additional Early Childhood Educators and professionals serving children on our communities.

Northeastern Nevada ECAC-



Objective: Trauma Informed Training	
Deliverable:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proved a trauma-informed event for families and educators to better prepare them for working with children who have been abused, neglected, maltreated, or traumatized during the August 2024 NevAEYC Elko Early Childhood Conference. 	
Status: What is the recent activity, upcoming meeting/planning sessions, and constraints?	Dr. John Medina is scheduled to present on the evening of August 15 th . This will be in conjunction with the NevAEYC Elko Early Childhood Conference. Childcare Providers, Teachers, Families and other community agencies will be invited to this event.
Next Steps: Tasks that need to be accomplished to move your project forward.	Work with NevAEYC Northeastern Representative and Great Basin College to plan the space needed for this event. Create fliers to invite the community. Make final payment to Dr. Medina.

Timeline: When next steps will be completed.	All tasks above should be completed by August 1, 2024.
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Objective: NevAEYC Elko Early Childhood Conference with Extended Training Supported by EECAC	
Deliverable:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organize a “Family Engagement” event to coincide with the NevAEYC Conference. Three additional family engagement sessions divided by age groups: birth to three, three to five, and five to eight presented by state-prepared speakers who are well-versed in family engagement. “Fireside Chat” for caregivers and educators addressing “Stepping Up” (addressing transitions to the next level of care, for children infant - K). 	
Status: What is the recent activity, upcoming meeting/planning sessions, and constraints?	Our committee discussed at our last meeting bringing in a keynote speaker/trainer to the NevAEYC Northeast Conference in August to talk about family engagement.
Next Steps: Tasks that need to be accomplished to move your project forward.	Reach out to various keynote speakers to determine which ones are available and the cost.
Timeline: When next steps will be completed.	June 2024

Goal: Community Concert and Teacher Training	
Deliverable:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organize a family concert and teacher training that will encourage "Child and Family Time Together” featuring <i>Don Monopoli and the Learning Station</i>. 	
Status: What is the recent activity, upcoming meeting/planning sessions, and constraints?	It was decided at our last meeting we would bring in Don Monopoly with The Learning Station for a family concert in September.
Next Steps: Tasks that need to be accomplished to move your project forward.	A contract was sent by The Learning Station for this event. EECAC and ECSD need to meet to discuss how this event will be split prior to signing the contract.
Timeline: When next steps will be completed.	May 2024



Objective: Coordinate Bi-Monthly SNECAC Meetings to streamline services and partnerships for children and families	
Deliverables:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a coordinated, comprehensive early childhood service delivery system in Southern NV with a concentration on children ages 0-8 • Provide community engagement activities targeted toward both providers and families 	
Status: What is the recent activity, upcoming meeting/planning sessions, and constraints?	SNECAC met on 4/17/24 for an in-person meeting, and the meeting was facilitated by NICRP staff. Participants received updates on the Strong Start activities, activities from the Strategic Planning meeting, Nevada ECAC, Nevada Early Childhood Obesity Prevention Plan, and the Nevada Afterschool Network. The group also had planning discussions for this year's Step Up for Kids Event (scheduled for 10/5/2024). Lastly, as resource sharing is a new component in the quarterly meetings, HopeLink of Southern Nevada resources were presented to the group. After the meeting, members were provided a tour of the Las Vegas City Hall's meeting spaces. The next SNECAC meeting will be on September 18th. We have notified members to contact us if they would like to host the next meeting.
Next Steps: Tasks that need to be accomplished to move your project forward.	SNECAC members were asked to continue to think about ideas for the Step Up for Kids event and send them to NICRP staff. It was also asked of members to provide any updates from their connections if they will be present for activities for the kids.
Timeline: When next steps will be completed.	We plan to have a Zoom meeting in August with the group to discuss the Step Up for Kids event and touch base. The next steps will be discussed and completed during the August meeting.
Measures: Include desired project outcomes and the information being collected to ensure project goals are met.	SNECAC is expanding collaborative relationships by recruiting and engaging stakeholders to increase SNECAC's capacity to connect families with the early childhood system continuum of care and community at large.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • # of participants in attendance for each meeting: 	13
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual report of overall activities (submitted with report, when complete) 	

Objective: Attend Statewide NECAC Meetings

Deliverable:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participation will help ensure that the activities done by the SNECAC are coordinated with the statewide council as well as other local counsels when appropriate and that the activities are consistent with the mission and strategies in the statewide plan 	
Status: What is the recent activity, upcoming meeting/planning sessions, and constraints?	<p>NICRP staff member Joyce Bumagat attended the ECAC general meeting held on March 20th and provided an update to the group about our last SNECAC meeting held in January. Joyce updated that the Library District presented its resources and provided a tour of the Windmill Library for the members. The members also discussed the 2024 Step Up for Kids event and will start planning in the next meeting. Lastly, Joyce updated the group about wanting to host a local children's day at a city government. NICRP staff planned in January and conducted outreach to the city governments in February. Two cities, North Las Vegas and Henderson reached back, and NICRP staff met with them separately to discuss potential ideas for the event. NICRP staff provided a date, June 5th, for the City of North Las Vegas.</p> <p>In addition, two staff members Amanda Haboush-Deloye and Smriti Neupane attended the Data and Evaluation subcommittee on April 18th. We have been assisting with creating a data set of the list of research priorities for the ECAC.</p>
Next Steps: Tasks that need to be accomplished to move your project forward.	NICRP staff member will attend the next Statewide NECAC Meeting that will be held on May 15th.
Timeline: When next steps will be completed.	This step will be completed during the next Statewide NECAC Meeting.
Measures: Include desired project outcomes and the information being collected to ensure project goals are met.	NICRP staff members will attend Statewide NECAC meetings to ensure SNECAC is a coordinated system and Early Childhood Leadership Infrastructure to support Nevada's young children and their families.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # of meeting participants 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # of strategies aligned with the state plan 	3 (All)

Goal: Step Up for Kids and Kid/Strong Start Mayor
Deliverable:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Event is focused on promoting the need for increased access to quality early childhood education. Southern Nevada has consistently held this event for families since 2007 and has incorporated the Kid Mayor election for the past 5 years which engages youth and families to understand the importance of community contribution, policy, and advocacy.

<p>Status: What is the recent activity, upcoming meeting/planning sessions, and constraints?</p>	<p>The members discussed the 2024 Step Up for Kids event to be held on October 5, 2024 from 9am – 12pm at the Boy Scouts of America. NICRP will schedule a meeting with the scout leaders to discuss details for the event. Also, a Zoom meeting is planned with the group to touch base in August.</p> <p>We are also working with the youth mayor on a list of activities he and his council can attend throughout the year. The youth mayor and youth council members will work with students at UNLV in the film department to create a public service announcement regarding the importance of STEM in school. The filming date is planned for June 8th, and the film students will receive a reward for helping us with filming. In addition, experiences for the youth council persons to shadow a council member will be set up soon.</p>
<p>Next Steps: Tasks that need to be accomplished to move your project forward.</p>	<p>SNECAC members were asked to continue to think about ideas for the Step Up for Kids event and send them to NICRP staff. It was also asked of members to provide any updates from the members’ connections if they will be present for activities for the kids.</p> <p>We are working to outline the script for the public service announcement and set up a meeting with the youth mayor. NICRP staff will also meet with the youth mayor and youth council members as a whole to talk about the script and finalize the script.</p>
<p>Timeline: When next steps will be completed.</p>	<p>We plan to have a Zoom meeting with the group to discuss the Step Up for Kids events and touch base in August. The next steps for Step Up for Kids will be discussed and completed during the August meeting.</p> <p>NICRP staff will plan to meet with the youth mayor and the council and complete this step in May.</p>
<p>Measures: Include desired project outcomes and the information being collected to ensure project goals are met.</p>	<p>SNECAC will organize and facilitate this event to achieve another successful year that engages, connects, and supports community partners and families. This event increases awareness of issues children face, such as access to early care and learning programs, access to after-school programs, poverty, child abuse and neglect, and health care.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • # of attendees to Step up for Kids event: 	<p>Has Not Occurred Yet</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • # of post-event feedback surveys after Youth Mayor event: 	<p>Has Not Occurred Yet</p>

<p>Goal: Children’s Week at the Legislature</p>
<p>Deliverable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agencies and organizations in both the public and private sectors from across the State join together to show support for Nevada's families and improve our communities. During this week, we provided educational information to legislators

and staff on different issues affecting Nevada’s families each day including health, child welfare, and early childhood education.	
Status: What is the recent activity, upcoming meeting/planning sessions, and constraints?	In our strategic planning meeting, we determined we wanted to host a local children's day at a city government. We planned in January and conducted outreach to the city governments in February. Two cities, North Las Vegas and Henderson reached back, and NICRP staff met with them separately to discuss potential ideas for the event. The City of North Las Vegas was on board, and the date we have decided is Wednesday, June 5th. From the discussion during the April SNECAC meeting, ideas of crafting the message to emphasize the introduction of certain functions of the city, such as City Clerk, City Attorney, or Utilities, and providing the clear purpose of wanting kids to learn at an early age about the government and how each agency/department serves a purpose to the people was provided.
Next Steps: Tasks that need to be accomplished to move your project forward.	NICRP staff will reach out to the City of North Las Vegas to touch base. In addition, NICRP staff will reach out to the City of Henderson to potentially discuss creating an event for next year.
Timeline: When next steps will be completed.	NICRP staff will have this step completed in May.
Measures: Include desired project outcomes and the information being collected to ensure project goals are met.	SNECAC will organize and facilitate this event to represent Nevada’s Children and help strengthen families at the local level. This event is a two-way communication where youth and their families can learn how the city government works, highlighting policy and advocacy. In addition, the city council and government workers can learn about the concerns and issues of youth and families.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Policy Recommendations (in summary or submitted with report) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • # of advocacy training events: 	0
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • # of satisfaction surveys for each training session: 	0

Washoe County ECAC-



Objective: Hire two program facilitators (one K-3 teacher leader and one child care or PreK teacher) to continue the work of the Washoe County ECAC and work directly with the WCECAC leadership team

Deliverables:

- **Facilitate 1 fall recruiting and membership event per year with PreK and kindergarten stakeholders to identify and work toward a shared vision, goals, and outcome and local subcommittee work.**
- **Facilitate 2 professional learning events to build capacity around transitions, developmentally appropriate practice, family engagement, early literacy, early numeracy, and/or cultural competency.**

<p>Status: What is the recent activity, upcoming meeting/planning sessions, and constraints?</p>	<p>On Saturdays, April 6th and May 4th the WCECAC hosted our second and third (final) Early Learning Series “Connection Requires Regulation” and “Being Human with Little Humans” with over 100 educators across Washoe County. We had participants from licensed child care, Head Start, and district PreK-3rd grade teachers in attendance and learning together. The second series was kicked off by WCSD Trustee Dr. Diane Nicolet and facilitated by Dr. Melissa Burnham and Dr. Janice Lee. All participants received resources and breathing boards and well as amazon gift cards. The third and final series was kicked off by Dr. Paul LaMarca and facilitated by Rhonda Lawrence, Dr. Burnham and Dr. Janice Lee. All participants received maternal and child health co-regulation backpacks and amazon gift cards. Session evaluations were conducted, and we can provide survey results in our next report. The third session had standing room only, and we had to bring in additional tables to accommodate the demand. The series was a great collaboration between WCSD, WCECAC, Children’s Cabinet, and DCFS and all three were extremely well attended and high engagement for spending 3 Saturday mornings together.</p>
<p>Next Steps: Tasks that need to be accomplished to move your project forward.</p>	<p>All Early Learning Series are complete (see attached flyer). Review final survey results from the last two sessions and make plans for potential future series in the fall pending continued funding.</p>
<p>Timeline: When next steps will be completed.</p>	<p>The team of presenters: Rhonda Lawrence, Dr. Janice Lee, Dr. Melissa Burnham, and Trish Shaffer planned, coordinated, and facilitated all 3 professional learning series and all were a huge success.</p>
<p>Measures: Include desired project outcomes and the information being collected to ensure project goals are met.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • # of attendees at March professional development event 	104
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • # of received post evaluation surveys including information on content gained from attending. 	70
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • # of attendees at April professional development event 	Over 100 (can compile final counts in our next report)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # of received post evaluation surveys including information on content gained from attending. 	Will include in our next report
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # of attendees at May professional development event 	Well over 100 (can compile final counts in our next report)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # of received post evaluation surveys including information on content gained from attending. 	Will include in our next report

Objective: P-3 Summer Retreat in 2024	
Deliverable:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Five ECAC Members attend the P-3 Summer Retreat in 2024 to collaborate and learn from other Nevada leaders participating in the P-3 Leadership Certificate Program. 	
Status: What is the recent activity, upcoming meeting/planning sessions, and constraints?	Planning is under way and the location is set. Currently we have RSVPs from over 40 past and current cohort members as well as state and national leaders. Keynotes and national presenters that will be attending include Dr. Kristie Kauertz, Dr. Adam Holland, Dr. Sharon Ritchie, and Eva Phillips. WECAC funds will be used to support some of our national presenters and/or additional WECAC participation.
Next Steps: Tasks that need to be accomplished to move your project forward.	Finalize agenda; Email registered participants; Draft travel stipends; Purchase any additional materials.
Timeline: When next steps will be completed.	Retreat will be held at Lake Tahoe, June 20-21, 2024. See attached save the date.

Goal: Build an Elevating Educator Video Library project as aligned with the district’s P-3 plan, initiatives and goals and/or supporting and building “Kindergarten as the Sturdy Bridge” state priority.	
Deliverable:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WECAC members will travel and learn from Boston Public Schools to study their P-3 System, and aid in the development of an Elevating Educator Video Library project for Washoe County. 	
Status: What is the recent activity, upcoming meeting/planning sessions, and constraints?	This project has been delayed until Fall 2025 due to other funding delays, so WCECAC requested permission to repurpose these funds to provide 71 scholarships to attend the NevAEYC State Early Childhood Conference held April 26-27, 2024 for PreK and Kindergarten teachers in Washoe and surrounding areas. (see attached flyer)

	WCECAC provided 12 conference registrations to existing members, and 59 conference registrations and membership to non-members.	
Next Steps: Tasks that need to be accomplished to move your project forward.	NevAEYC will be submitting respective invoice for payment no later than May 31, 2024.	
Timeline: When next steps will be completed.	Conference complete.	
Measures: Include desired project outcomes and the information being collected to ensure project goals are met.	To increase the number of K-3 teachers, EC students and PreK teachers attending NevAEYC and provide memberships for non-members. This goal was met and surpassed.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • # of scholarships provided by position and setting: • Infant/Toddler • PreK- District and Child Care • Kindergarten • K-3 • Student 	<p>71</p> <p>8</p> <p>24</p> <p>15</p> <p>14</p> <p>10</p>	