



Nevada Early Childhood
Advisory Council

PARTNER SUMMARY REPORT

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Department of Education (NDE)

**Office of Early Learning &
Development (OELD)**

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Date of Update: 5/8/24

Applications are being accepted for the FY25 Early Childhood Innovative Literacy Program (ECILP) grant.

This opportunity encourages innovative approaches to early childhood education and prioritizes projects that show success in improving literacy and readiness for children under six years of age, as well as those that serve areas with a higher proportion of children in need. Funds awarded through the competitive application process are meant to supplement existing funds, not replace them.

This opportunity is open to school districts, sponsors of charter schools, and nonprofit organizations.

For more information, please visit the website: <https://doe.nv.gov/grants/early-childhood-innovative-literacy-program-ecilp>

Deadline to submit an application is Thursday May 30 at 5 pm.

Join us on Zoom for a technical assistance call Friday May 10

<https://ndezoom.zoom.us/j/82689547173>

This call will be recorded and will be available on the website May 13.

Questions, please contact Steven at steven.romero@doe.nv.gov

QRIS:

Date of Update:

- In the latest monthly update, the OELD team hosted two webinars and has another scheduled for March to inform providers about the advantages and expectations of the 12-month LearnERS program. LearnERS is an online training program designed for self-paced learning, aligning the Environment Rating Scales (ERS) with best practices in Early Childhood Education (ECE), and offering teachers and coaches a wealth of ideas and resources to enhance their teaching. As of March 1st, 60% of the selected providers have signed the agreement, and 51% of

the available LearnERS licenses have been allocated to these providers. The rollout process is ongoing, and we anticipate more providers joining this month.

- Nevada's QRIS volunteered to participate in a pilot review/implementation of the Child Care and Development Fund Equity Assessment. The purpose of the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) program is to help families with low incomes gain access to high-quality child care so adults can work and their children can be supported to reach their full potential (CCDF Program Final Rule, 2016). Despite this aim, there remain groups of children and families in the U.S. who are systematically left behind, as evidenced by persistent gaps in child development, school readiness and family economic security. This toolkit provides resources for training and technical assistance (T/TA) providers in the Child Care Technical Assistance Network (CCTAN) to help State, Territory, and Tribal CCDF Lead Agencies take steps towards conducting equity assessments to inform policy design, planning, implementation, and monitoring efforts aiming to close those gaps.
- Nevada's QRIS plans to incorporate insights from the equity tool into its revision of the current model. This effort aims to support the early childhood education (ECE) landscape, prioritizing elements crucial to children's care. Approval has been granted for Nevada to receive technical assistance from the National Center on Early Childhood Quality Assurance (NCECQA) to navigate this review process.

Date of Update: 3/10/2024

- **Preschool Development Grant Birth through 5 (PDG B-5):**
 - Presented during Early Learning Institute to 520 educators
 - Learn more about the grant and let us know what you are interested in by visiting bit.ly/nevadaPDGB-5 and fill out our Stay Informed survey.
 - 1,563 total engagements since launch last March!
 - Began Continued Look Studies research for early childhood language access plan.
 - UPK Plan will review and revise the current project plan to amend scope of work and support the state preschool Family Child Care pilot and evaluate the expanded eligibility of AB400 preschool seats.
 - Early Childhood Advisory Council Systems Specialist and Administrative Assistant developed and established recruitment and application strategy for vacant seats, onboarding and orientation plan, and internal manuals.
 - Five new ECAC applicants submitted (one already approved), and more vacancies expected to be filled.
 - Communications established with two NV elementary school teachers interested in joining the ECAC.
 - Nevada Birth to Grade 12 Family Engagement Framework update with early childhood lens:
 - Held first two meetings bilingually in January and February
 - Next Meeting: March 28
 - 59 families and community participants accepted participation in the Update Family Engagement Framework Advisory Committee.
 - Launched development of EC Workforce Wellness Guidebook.
 - 305 engagements (clicks or QR scans); and, 34 engagements on Spanish survey
 - Supported the implementation of the P-3 Leadership Academy for preschool to 3rd grade administrators in the state.

- Planning for Summer P-3 administrators retreat; to include community partners and school district collaboration/partnership.
 - Steering committee development and planning for state pre-K in Family Child Care settings.
 - Executed subaward or contracts with partners:
 - The Children’s Cabinet
 - Northern Nevada Regional Professional Development Program
 - Early Learning Insights
 - Related upcoming projects:
 - Early Learning Data and Reporting System
 - ECAC Strategic Plan support for 2025-2027
 - First5Nevada.org website common eligibility portal through partnership with partners
 - Expanding Early Childhood Support Network (ECSN)
 - Nevada Registry Workforce Dashboard
 - Quality Rating Improvement System Supports
 - Roll-Out for Nevada Revised Pre-K Standards
 - Nevada’s Early Learning Continuum, Birth through 3rd Grade – DAP in Action
 - Pyramid Model Supports - Rural, Frontier, Tribal
 - PDG B-5 Dissemination and Outreach Plan

Office of Inclusive Education (OIE)

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Date of Update:

- OIE has hired a new 619 Coordinator, Cate Guzy
- Nevada School Districts are in the process of closing out and submitting Early Childhood Outcome Data for students with disabilities who are exiting Early Childhood Special Education programs transitioning to kindergarten.
- OIE continues to work with the Department of Health and Human Services, IDEA Part C to revise the Cooperative Agreement.
- Providing a variety of technical assistance and professional learning opportunities to district Special Education Directors and Early Childhood Special Education providers.

Educator Development, Licensure, and Family Engagement (EdLife)

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Date of Update:

Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, Child Care and Development Program (DWSS, CCDP)

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Date of Update: March 19, 2024

Contracted Slot Programs

- Infant/Toddler Slots: 730+ slots awarded statewide out of allotted 800 slots; however, only half of the award slots have been filled.
- Children & Youth with Special Health Care Needs: Working with CCR&Rs to complete final 35 slots for Southern Nevada. Almost all slots for both programs have been awarded.
- Non-Traditional Hours: All 150 slots for Southern Nevada awarded as of mid-December.

CARE Nevada Housing Project

- Mission Driven Finance has purchased ten homes as of March 2024. Of the homes purchased, eight providers have completed the matching process. Six of the eight providers have entered leases and successfully moved in; including one who has completed the licensing process for Group Family Child Care.

CCDP Policy Changes: Wait List Implementation and Family Co-Payment Contribution Reinstatement

- Effective April 1, 2024, a wait list will be implemented for all new households seeking child care assistance and family co-payment contributions will resume. Applications from Priority Population households will be given precedence and processed in order of date received. All remaining applications will be processed in chronological order. Priority populations are defined as: New Employees of Nevada (NEON); foster/CPS; households experiencing homelessness; wraparound; and persons who are attending an approved substance use disorder (SUD) treatment or recovery program through the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health.
- The above-listed priority populations will remain exempt from the copay requirement. Households reapplying for benefits will not be subject to the waitlist, as long as they reapply prior to the end of their current certification period.

Division of Child and Family Services, Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (DCFS, IECMH)

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Date of Update: March 8, 2024

- DCFS Infant/Early Childhood Mental Health Services at Northern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services has immediate availability for dyadic, parent/child psychotherapy with children and their caregivers from birth to six years at our clinic in Reno, NV. Please contact our Intake Coordinator, Stacy Alaribe at (775) 688-1600.
- DCFS Infant/Early Childhood Mental Health Services at Northern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services in Reno, Nevada is eagerly anticipating opening our “Early Childhood Day Treatment Program” in late May/early June 2024 and is accepting referrals for our wait list. Please contact our Intake Coordinator Stacy Alaribe at (775) 288-1600 for more information on the program and eligibility.
- DCFS Infant/Early Childhood Mental Health Services is looking forward to IECMH clinicians beginning participation in the 4th Child Parent Psychotherapy Learning Collaborative beginning in April 2024. This training program is sponsored by the Nevada Association for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health and is inclusive of community-based IECMH clinicians in both Washoe and Clark Counties. Child Parent Psychotherapy is an evidence-based Infant/Early Childhood Mental Health treatment modality for children born to six years and their caregivers, especially families and children who have experienced trauma and/or “toxic stress”.

Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DWSS) – Child Care Licensing	Name of Primary Contact: Edith Farmer Email of Primary Contact:
<p><i>Date of Update: 5/7/2024</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● State of Nevada Child Care Licensing will be overseeing all licensed child care facilities located in Washoe County as of July 1, 2024. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Training sessions for Washoe County facilities to assist with the transition will be held in May and June via TEAMS. ● Child Care Licensing is hiring. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Supervisor position in the South (Las Vegas) office. ○ Supervisor position in the North (Carson City) office. ○ Surveyor/inspector position in the North (Carson City) office. ● As of March 31, 2024 there are a total of 463 licensed child care facilities in Nevada (excluding Washoe County). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Family Care homes: 44 total licensed facilities ○ Group Care homes: 60 total licensed facilities ○ Centers: 325 total licensed facilities ○ Special Needs: 1 total licensed facilities ○ Institutions: 1 total licensed facilities ○ Accommodations: 31 total licensed facilities ● As of May 7, 2024 Child Care Licensing has received a total of 405 complaints. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 183 were self-reported incidents by facilities as required per NAC432A.378 (significant injuries or communicable disease reports) ○ 222 were complaints against licensed or unlicensed facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 35 were complaints of unlicensed facilities ■ 187 were complaints of licensed facilities 	
Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) – Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health (MCAH)	Name of Primary Contact: Tami Conn Email of Primary Contact:
<p><i>Date of Update: 5/9/24</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MCAH staff are working on the beginning stage of the Title V 5-year needs assessment. ● Nevada Home Visiting (NHV) and Title V Maternal and Child Health Program is working on their annual grant application 	
Women, Infants & Children’s Program (WIC) Program	Name of Primary Contact: Blanca Ayala Email of Primary Contact: BlancaAyala@health.nv.gov
<p><i>Date of Update:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nevada WIC will continue the higher Cash Value Benefits (CVB) amounts for Women and Children to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables. ● Nevada WIC Farmers Market Program will begin in July, providing \$50 for WIC participating women and children. 	
Nevada State Immunization Program	Name of Primary Contact: Kristy Zigenis Email of Primary Contact: kzigenis@health.nv.gov

Date of Update:

- The 2023-2024 formulations of the COVID-19 vaccines from Novavax, Moderna, and Pfizer are available. Those eligible are:
 - Novavax – available for those 12 years of age and older who are at least two months out from their last COVID-19 vaccine
 - Moderna – available for those 6 months of age and older who are at least two months out from their last COVID-19 vaccine
 - Pfizer – available for those 6 months of age and older who are at least two months out from their last COVID-19 vaccine
 - Visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) for a location near you
- Flu vaccines are also available and safe to receive at the same time as your COVID-19 vaccine. Visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) for a location near you
- RSV protection for both pregnant people and infants has arrived.
 - Abrysvo (Pfizer) – Recommended for both pregnant people 32-36 weeks pregnant during RSV season. Abrysvo (Pfizer) protects infants in utero when given to the expectant parent at least two weeks before delivery; thus, in most cases, the infant does not require an additional RSV vaccine.
 - Nirsevimab (Beyfortus) – Recommended for all infants eight months or younger during or entering their first RSV season AND some young children. Infants younger than eight months of age will not need nirsevimab – an RSV preventative antibody - if born 14 or more days after their birthing parent received their (Abrysvo [Pfizer]) RSV vaccine while still pregnant, in most cases. As nirsevimab supplies are limited, providers are encouraged to recommend and provide prenatal RSV vaccination strongly. If the infant's birthing parent received Abrysvo 14+ days after giving birth, nirsevimab should not be administered. The protection offered by nirsevimab lasts for up to five months.

If one is eligible for all three, it is safe to receive the COVID-19, Flu and RSV vaccines at the same time.

Oral Health Program

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Date of update: 3/7/2024

Home Visitor Training on oral health was provided at the Home Visitor Statewide meeting. Training included prevention of childhood caries, baby bottle caries, importance of oral health during pregnancy, importance of having first dental check up by 1 year of age, proper nutrition and oral hygiene tips. Oral hygiene supplies were provided to Nevada Home Visiting, including baby oral care kits, toddler toothbrushes and educational materials.

The Oral Health Program is applying for the HRSA-24-039 Maternal and Child Health- Improving Oral Health Integration Demonstration Project. The purpose of the grant is to increase access to preventative oral health services for pregnant Nevada residents and children under the age of 1. Nevada will increase access to care for the target population by integrating preventative oral health care into primary care services along with addressing Nevada’s policy and practices that can impact access to preventive oral health care, providing

education and outreach to medical and dental providers and enhancing oral health surveillance to address social determinants of health.

Nevada Department of Health Care Financing and Policy, Medicaid Dental Services Program's effort to reduce the prevalence of tooth decay among Nevada's children and youth, through partnerships with schools statewide to deliver dental sealants and fluoride varnish using school-based oral health prevention programs. Please reach out to jannettegomez@health.nv.gov if you know of a school that may be interested in these free dental services.

Early Childhood Partner Updates

ECE Workforce Plan

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Date of Update: 3/10/2024

Report available to the public: <https://www.nevadachildcare.org/data-reports/>

January 18th statewide meeting was held convening over 25 of our early care and education critical community partners to meet and identify action steps for our priority areas in our Nevada Early Care and Education Workforce Framework. We identified a total of 81 action steps for 3 of 5 priority areas. You can view them here: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/publish?EQBCT=79b7ed2c846e4ca88930f598596b5f6f>

April 8th and April 10th we will be reconvening workgroups to identify action steps for the final two priority areas.

HRSA Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS) Health Integration

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Date of Update: 5/8/24

The HRSA ECCS Health Integration initiative is aligned with the goals and objectives of the ECAC 2022- 2024 Strategic Plan. As such, much of the project activities are updated through the ECAC Subcommittee Work Plan document.

Additional ECCS Updates:

- **Nevada's Prenatal to Age Three Health Integration ECCS Strategic Plan** is complete! View here: [ECCS-Strategic-Plan-FINAL_12.2023-2-2.pdf \(childrenscabinet.org\)](#)
- The schedule for the 2024 **ECCS Leadership** meeting has been set, please contact Tiffany Olivas for more information if you are interested in participating.
- For Nevada Early Childhood Family Leadership updates, see **NECFLC** updates below.
- The **First 5 Nevada** website launched in April: [First 5 Nevada](#). First 5 Nevada connects families to Nevada's entire Early Childhood System by providing information (milestones, topical blog, newsletter) and resources through its innovative Eligibility Portal. Parents are provided with connections, both in person and by creating individualized reports to relevant ECE, Health & Safety, Early Intervention, Food & Nutrition and Parenting community supports based on family needs. First 5 Nevada also provides information on how parents can get involved in shaping and enhancing Nevada's Early Childhood System. Initial analytics show 506 eligibility screens were conducted through April by 444 unique users.

- The Children’s Funding Project continues to build **Nevada’s Early Childhood Fiscal Map**. The early childhood fiscal map will be finalized by the first week of May. The EC Fiscal Map includes ~145 funding streams, indicating approximately 5% of total spending allocated to programs for the 0-8 population (FY19-FY21). The Gap Analysis project is near completion and will be presented at the May ECAC meeting. The Revenue Plan portion of the project has started. A meeting with CFP and the NV Revenue Coalition was held on 4/29 to discuss existing efforts and key priorities. The Revenue Plan will include an analysis of potential new state level funding streams, as well as opportunities to maximize federal funding. The complete report, including analysis of revenue sources, will be complete by December 2024.
- **Access Community Capital** is on track to complete a cost modeling report for child care facility development. They are currently conducting meetings with key stakeholders to gather necessary data for the analysis.
- The **Coordinated Intake and Referral System (CIRS)** Workgroup met in March. Currently soliciting information on the top 10-20 referrals participating organizations make to clients. This information will help inform who we need to engage in the development of a CIRS (or a plan to develop/implement a CIRS).
- **First 5 Nevada’s Leadership Academy** met for the first time in Reno on April 24. A total of 16 distinguished participants representing multiple early childhood core sectors have been selected to join the cohort. The initial cohort meeting included a 3 hour training on *Dare to Lead*, as well as presentations on the EC System and EC Brain Development. The first virtual presentation took place on April 30 on Equity & Culturally Responsive Systems Change, and was presented by Amanda Haboush Deloye (NICRP). On Tuesday May 7, the second virtual presentation on Nevada’s System Building Initiatives, was presented by Jamelle Nance (Pritzker Children’s Initiative), Rachel Stepina (PDG B-5) and Tiffany Olivas (HRSA ECCS).
- **The Early Childhood Community Health Worker Program** continues to serve child care programs and their families throughout Nevada. Community Resource Fairs in Las Vegas in April was a success, as was the first Fair in Fallon early May. The northern EC CHW team is planning the final Resource Fair of 2024 in Reno for October.

Nevada Association for the Education of Young Children (NevAEYC)

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Date of Update: 2/21/2024

- The 2024 NevAEYC Early Childhood Conference will be held April 25-27, 2024 at The Nugget Casino Resort in Sparks, NV. Registration is open - visit <https://nevaeyc.org/events/state-conference/> for registration information, schedule, lodging, etc.
- Keynote speaker is Tabatha Rosproy, 2020 Teacher of the Year.
- NevAEYC is accepting college scholarship applications to begin with the Summer and Fall 2024 semesters. To complete an application, visit nvteach.org or to request an application, please call 775-327-0680 or email at teachnevada@gmail.com.
- The 2024 Early Childhood Staff Stipends applications are open until June 2024. To apply, log into your Nevada Registry online portal..

Nevada Child Care Provider Action Committee (CCPAC)

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<i>Date of Update:</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With the new school year starting, the CCPAC took the month of August off to focus on our child care programs. However, in early August Senator Cortez-Masto's staff reached out to request a tour of some Northern Nevada child care programs. We took them to tour Under the Magic Pine Tree in Reno and talked about the background process and made a recommendation for the Administration of Children and Families (ACF) to ensure all states have an up-to-date list of the out-of-state process for requesting child care background checks for early childhood educators who recently moved to Nevada. We also visited Nancy Konopucki's licensed home-based child care program in Reno. We discussed how the stabilization grants made a positive impact in the programs who received the money and what we expect now that there are no more stabilization grants available, which is an increase in tuition rates for children in licensed child care. If you have stories you would like to share about the impact the stabilization grants made in your program, please email Larney@childrenscabinet.org. Thank you! 	
Nevada Early Childhood Family Leadership Council (NECFLC)	Name of Primary Contact: Ashley Dines (South) or Rosa Tamayo (North) Email of Primary Contact: adines@childrenscabinet.org or rtamayo@childrenscabinet.org
<i>Date of Update: 5/7/24</i>	
NECFLC is currently accepting new members in the South and is looking for alignment opportunities within our parent groups and parents to continue to assemble families at the table. Please contact out Parent Leadership Coordinators Rosa & Ashley <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NECFLC North & South have council members attending the Parent Advisory Committee through the Nevada Department of Education and PDGB5 NECFLC North & South will be participating in a Focus Group with NICRP NECFLC will be hosting a Facebook live on May 14th and 17th NECFLC South is doing outreach for new council members 	
Pyramid Model	Name of Primary Contact: Janice Lee Email of Primary Contact: janicelee@unr.edu
<i>Date of Update:</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School/Program year began - lots of pre-service and in-service training, professional development, and planning activities occurred in August and early September Renewed and several new commitments to high fidelity program-wide implementation of Pyramid Model practices - 3 new programs and 3 school district early childhood programs starting this year Family Child Care Cohort for high fidelity program-wide implementation started Home visiting to support young children with social, emotional, and behavioral delays and their families going well - offered through The Children's Cabinet Continuing and expanding Pyramid Model implementation to tribal/rural/frontier programs and families, with PDG B-5 funds, including support to prevent and address challenging behavior 	
Research and Needs Assessments (NICRP)	Name of Primary Contact: Dr. Amanda Haboush-Deloye Email of Primary Contact: amanda.haboush@unlv.edu
<i>Date of Update: 5/13/24</i>	

65 new resources were added to the tracker this past quarter. If anyone has updated strategic plans or needs assessment they are aware of please let us know.

Nevada Association for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health

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Date of Update: 5/7/24

The Nevada Association for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health celebrates the milestone of 250 members (and counting) across Nevada. We continue to attend events, meetings, and conferences to listen to the ongoing work of others and learn how we can align, support, and potentially collaborate with others. On May 4th, the Association provided more than 100 Coregulation Backpacks to Early Childhood and K-3 educators in Northern Nevada who completed a 3 part learning series on Early Relational Health. The Association has multiple trainings and workshops listed on our Community Events calendar that help participants round out their Core Competencies in Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health, including an ECHO series on IECMH principles and practices.

Strong Start/Pritzker PN-3 (Children’s Advocacy Alliance)

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Date of Update: 5/8/24

Children’s Advocacy Alliance-CAA continues to work with a number of community partners to develop collaborative strategies around identified policy priorities. CAA has identified and begun working on mental health priorities. Dr. Raines, CAA Deputy Director launched the Mental Health Action Workgroup, which includes cross-sector stakeholders, to develop tangible policy goals at the state and local levels. CAA hosted the Ballmer Institute from the University of Oregon in a meeting with the presidents and provosts from UNLV, UNR, and Nevada State University to discuss workforce options for prevention-oriented child mental health care. We have continued dialogue with grassroots parent groups and Intermountain Health to refine the policy around expanding mental and physical health services for children in our state. Carissa Pearce, CAA Health Policy Manager, is facilitating advocacy training for pediatric residents at the UNLV Medical School.

April St. James, CAA Child Welfare Policy Director, is working in partnership with a number of community partners to host the Foster Youth Graduation on June 12, 2024 from 10:00am-4:00pm at the Discovery Children’s Museum.

Parent Voice: CAA is continuing to collaborate with the Nevada Early Childhood Family Leadership Council (NECFLC) to share resources and training opportunities to unite and strengthen our advocacy efforts. The Children’s Advocacy Ambassadors continue to meet monthly on the last Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm. Ambassadors will have a new opportunity to apply to serve on the National Family and Parently Leadership Advisory Board. CAA partners with the Children’s Cabinet to participate in the National Family and Parent Leadership Cohort as a capacity building resource to enhance our family leadership initiatives. One of our most recent training opportunities include “Engaging Fathers” and “Equitable Interventions” to address barriers to families participating in a leadership capacity. Resources are available to share with other interested partners working with parents.

The Strong Start Prenatal to Three (PN-3) coalition will continue to meet quarterly to best serve partners in connecting around early childhood policy. The next meeting will be held July 24, 2024 from 10:00am to

12:00pm. We will be providing partners updates on the Early Childhood Policy Priorities and identifying opportunities for alignment. In addition, we will focus on expanding the reach of the coalition to include parents and community based organizations serving marginalized communities. If you would like to participate or have information you would like to share aligned with the coalition's mission please reach out to Jamelle Nance.

The Pritzker Children's Initiative: PCI will enter a new phase of work to continue moving the needle on early childhood policies in Nevada. CAA was offered the opportunity to continue working with PCI as the backbone organization to focus on expanding the work of the Strong Start Coalition by incorporating an equity-centered approach and an increased emphasis on Family and Parent Leadership through 2025. On Monday May 13th at 10:00am, CAA will host a "Day Without Child Care" virtual press conference. The event will highlight the barriers providers face and the continued need for critical investments in child care to ensure all children have access to quality affordable care.

Funding and Grant Opportunities

Date of Update:

Early Childhood Innovative Literacy Program - Nevada Department of Education

- \$70 million for two funding opportunities:
 - Expand access to high quality preschool for new and existing Nevada Ready! PreK providers
 - Establish innovative new program or expand existing early literacy program that supports children less than the age of six, their families and early childhood professionals
- Eligible Applicants:
 - School Districts
 - Sponsor of Charter Schools
 - Non-profit Organizations

For more information: <https://doe.nv.gov/Grants/Home/>

Meetings, Trainings, Events & Conferences – Professional Development/Outreach Opportunities

Date of Update: 5/13/24

Nevada Afterschool Network Best Practice Webinar 06/05 11:30am PST
Creating Equitable STEM Learning Opportunities in Afterschool

Join us for an exciting webinar featuring Brenda Britsch and Katarina Lucas from the National Girls Collaborative Project to learn about creating equitable STEM learning opportunities in afterschool programs. The webinar will focus on how afterschool programs can effectively integrate STEM into their programming in accessible and meaningful ways, particularly for young women and youth from historically excluded backgrounds. Take advantage of this opportunity to engage in an interactive discussion on countering persistent stereotypes about STEM, STEM careers, and STEM professionals. Register now to secure your spot in the webinar!

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nevada-afterschool-network-best-practice-webinars-2024-tickets-795608505457?aff=oddtcreator>