



## Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council

### PARTNER SUMMARY REPORT

July 2024

#### Department of Education (NDE)

Office of Early Learning &  
Development (OELD)

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#### QRIS:

*Date of Update: 7/10/2024*

- Over the past four months, our QRIS providers have successfully completed a total of 572 LearnERS modules! This impressive accomplishment averages out to 143 modules per month.
- The QRIS team is hiring 2 Education and Information Officer positions.

#### Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five (PDG B-5)

*Date of update: 7/10/24*

- Request for Proposals for the **Early Childhood Advisory Council Strategic Plan** is open!! Share or view this opportunity here:
  - <https://nevadaepro.com/bsa/external/bidDetail.sdo?docId=30DOE-52882&external=true&parentUrl=close>
- Learn more about the grant and let us know you are interested by visiting <https://bit.ly/nevadaPDGB-5>. Don't forget to fill out our Stay Informed survey to let us know what you want to hear more about!
  - 1,889 engagements on the platform since its launch.
- Current Updates:
  - Year 1 Annual Performance Progress Report spotlight on the online platform.
  - Statewide Comprehensive Birth through 5 Needs Assessment update is underway, conducted by Nevada Institute for Children's Research and Policy.
    - Contact NICRP for more information and how you may participate in focus groups or in other ways!
  - Creating Nevada's Pathway to Universal Pre-Kindergarten through WestEd

- Join their interest list here:
          - <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScmaS2qj49aba8wefz2nrhrJ5VHWKMI n0g2xAXIs3mYBpnyoA/viewform>
  - Began Early Childhood Language Access Plan & Implementation Resources
    - Developing request process for interpretation and translation services accessible through the PDG B-5 funding.
  - Continued engaging families, administrators, and teachers to update the Birth through Grade 12 Family Engagement Framework with an early childhood lens through the Advisory Committee, which is offered bilingually in English and Spanish.
    - Contact Nayesdi Badillo for information [nayesdi.badillo@doe.nv.gov](mailto:nayesdi.badillo@doe.nv.gov)
  - Nevada's Preschool Development Grant Birth - 5 (PDG B-5) is looking to adopt an incentives scale for family and workforce engagement opportunities to share their voices and lived experiences.
    - Contact Nayesdi Badillo for family engagement incentives information [nayesdi.badillo@doe.nv.gov](mailto:nayesdi.badillo@doe.nv.gov) and Jamie Mendez for workforce incentives information [jamie.mendez@doe.nv.gov](mailto:jamie.mendez@doe.nv.gov)
  - Continued meeting with the Steering Committee for the State Pre-K in Family Child Care Pilot program to engage statewide partners in the planning process for this pilot.
    - Our upcoming Steering Committee meetings will be July 16, 2024 & August 26, 2024.
  - Continued working on the EC Workforce Wellness Guidebook
  - Hosted Preschool-3rd Grade Leadership Summer Retreat including early childhood partners and school district partners
- Additional ongoing contracts and work include:
  - EC Workforce Development through UNR Extension
    - CDA Preschool Program
    - Spiral Up Level 1 Program
  - Nevada Ready! Pre-Kindergarten Professional Development through UNR Extension
  - Home Visiting for incarcerated families through UNR Child and Family Research Center
  - Increasing Quality through Nevada's Early Learning Continuum, Birth through 3rd Grade and Developmentally Appropriate Practices in Action through Northwest Regional Professional Development Program
  - Quality Rating Improvement System Supports through Early Learning Insights
  - Nevada Department of Education - Early Learning Data and Reporting System through DB Driven
  - Early Childhood Workforce Dashboard through Nevada Registry
  - First5Nevada.org and primeros5nevada.org common eligibility portal and systems resources through The Children's Cabinet
  - Expanded Early Childhood Support Network through The Children's Cabinet
  - Rural, frontier, and tribal Pyramid Model Supports through The Children's Cabinet & UNR
- Coming Soon...
  - PDG B-5 Quarter 2 (Year 2) Report
  - Workforce & Family Voice Incentives policy & protocol
  - Statewide Coalition & Supports for Children Experiencing Homelessness
  - Family Led Group Mentorship & Networking
  - Bilingual Family Literacy Program for Dual Language Preschoolers
  - Seamless transition to Kindergarten Supports & Request for Proposals

- Infant and Toddler Early Learning Guidelines Revision, 2025 Request for Proposals
- Specialized Professional Development for Serving Priority Populations: Inclusion, Equity, Multilingual Learners, Rural
- Program Performance Evaluation Plan Request for Proposals
- ECCE Business Administration Development Programs

**Office of Inclusive Education (OIE)**

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*Date of Update: 7/3/2024*

- Nevada School Districts have completed the 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.
- OIE is preparing to transition and train Nevada School Districts on our new data collection system for Early Childhood Outcome Data in ACCESS NV
- Providing a variety of technical assistance and professional learning opportunities to district Special Education Directors and Early Childhood Special Education providers.

**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: July 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.
- The Early Childhood Day Treatment program at Northern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services in Reno is open and accepting referrals for both morning and afternoon sessions for children ages 3 through 6 years old. The program anticipates being able to provide transport in November/December 2024 through the purchase of fleet services vehicles. Please contact our offices at (775) 688-1600 for more information on the Early Childhood Day Treatment program and eligibility.
- The Early Childhood Day Treatment programs at Southern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services in North Las Vegas and Henderson are accepting referrals for both morning and afternoon sessions for children ages 3 through 6 years old. The program provides transportation, however, there are limitations on the geographic area served. Please contact intake coordination at (702) 486-0440 or email [DCFSOutpatientIntake@dcfs.nv.gov](mailto:DCFSOutpatientIntake@dcfs.nv.gov).

**Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS) – Child Care Licensing**

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*Date of Update: 7/15/2024*

- As of July 1, 2024, State of Nevada Child Care Licensing is now overseeing all licensed child care facilities located in Washoe County. Child Care Licensing is working with providers to assist them in coming into compliance with all NRS432A and NAC432A requirements.
- Child Care Licensing is hiring.
  - Surveyor/inspector positions in both the North (Carson City) and South (Las Vegas) offices.
- As of June 30, 2024 there are a total of 461 licensed child care facilities in Nevada (excluding Washoe County).
  - Family Care homes: 43 total licensed facilities
  - Group Care homes: 57 total licensed facilities
  - Centers: 328 total licensed facilities

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Special Needs: 1 total licensed facilities</li> <li>○ Institutions: 1 total licensed facilities</li> <li>○ Accommodations: 31 total licensed facilities</li> <li>● As of July 15, 2024 Child Care Licensing has received a total of 550 complaints. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 244 were self-reported incidents by facilities as required per NAC432A.378 (significant injuries or communicable disease reports)</li> <li>○ 306 were complaints against licensed or unlicensed facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 55 were complaints of unlicensed facilities</li> <li>■ 251 were complaints of licensed facilities</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) – Maternal, Child &amp; Adolescent Health (MCAH)</b>	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"> <li>● MCAH staff are working on the beginning stage of the Title V 5-year needs assessment.</li> <li>● The Title V Maternal and Child Health Program is working on their annual grant application</li> <li>● The NHV grant application was successfully submitted</li> <li>●</li> </ul>	
<b>Women, Infants &amp; Children’s Program (WIC) Program</b>	Name of Primary Contact: Blanca Ayala Email of Primary Contact: BlancaAyala@health.nv.gov
<p><i>Date of Update: 7/1/2024</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Nevada WIC will continue the higher Cash Value Benefits (CVB) amounts for Women and Children to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables. Amounts are the following: \$26 children, 47 for pregnant and postpartum, and 52 for fully and partially breastfeeding participants</li> <li>● Nevada WIC Farmers Market Program began July 1, 2024, providing \$50 for WIC participating women and children.</li> </ul>	
<b>Nevada State Immunization Program</b>	Name of Primary Contact: Kristy Zigenis Email of Primary Contact: kzigenis@health.nv.gov
<p><i>Date of Update:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The 2023-2024 formulations of the COVID-19 vaccines from Novavax, Moderna, and Pfizer are available. Those eligible are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Novavax – available for those 12 years of age and older who are at least two months out from their last COVID-19 vaccine</li> <li>○ Moderna – available for those 6 months of age and older who are at least two months out from their last COVID-19 vaccine</li> <li>○ Pfizer – available for those 6 months of age and older who are at least two months out from their last COVID-19 vaccine</li> <li>○ Visit <a href="https://www.vaccines.gov">vaccines.gov</a> for a location near you</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

- 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](mailto:jannettegomez@health.nv.gov) if you know of a school that may be interested in these free dental services.

<b>Early Childhood Partner Updates</b>	
<b>ECE Workforce Plan</b>	Name of Primary Contact: Jamie Mendez & Rachel Email of Primary Contact: Stepina jamie.mendez@doe.nv.gov
<p><b>Date of Update: 3/10/2024</b></p> <p>Report available to the public: <a href="https://www.nevadachildcare.org/data-reports/">https://www.nevadachildcare.org/data-reports/</a></p> <p>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:  <a href="https://app.smartsheet.com/b/publish?EQBCT=79b7ed2c846e4ca88930f598596b5f6f">https://app.smartsheet.com/b/publish?EQBCT=79b7ed2c846e4ca88930f598596b5f6f</a></p> <p><i>April 8th and April 10th we will be reconvening workgroups to identity action steps for the final two priority areas.</i></p>	
<b>HRSA Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS) Health Integration</b>	Name of Primary Contact: Tiffany Olivas tolivas@childrenscabinet.org
<p><b>Date of Update: 7/10/24</b></p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p>Additional ECCS Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Nevada’s Prenatal to Age Three Health Integration ECCS Strategic Plan</b> is accessible here: <a href="#">ECCS-Strategic-Plan-FINAL_12.2023-2-2.pdf (childrenscabinet.org)</a></li> <li>● The schedule for the 2024 <b>ECCS Leadership</b> meeting has been set, please contact Tiffany Olivas for more information if you are interested in participating. We are looking for additional representatives from Pediatric and direct health care professionals, welfare, and any representatives of material and child health programs.</li> <li>● For Nevada Early Childhood Family Leadership updates, see <b>NECFLC</b> updates below.</li> <li>● The Early Childhood Community Health Work (<b>EC CHW</b>) Program continues to provide support to child care programs and young families throughout most of Nevada. Currently, the EC CHW program is serving over 250 child care programs, including licensed child care, Family Friend &amp; Neighbor providers, and Nevada Ready! Pre-K classrooms in Clark County.</li> <li>● The <b>First 5 Nevada</b> website launched in April: <a href="#">First 5 Nevada</a>. 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</li> </ul>	

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. F5N includes a “Contact Us” page for individuals seeking referral assistance, partnership, program inclusion requests, and media requests. In the month of June, 17 referral assistance requests were received and responded to (Clark – 13, Washoe – 3, Lyon – 1). Nearly all were specifically looking for child care or early education resources. There now is a First 5 Nevada Spanish website, including a new logo (Primeros Cinco) and a Spanish-language newsletter which will launch in July. An Advisory Committee and system has been established to review F5N program inclusion requests for the Eligibility Portal and Resources. This process will ensure that all requests are reviewed on a monthly basis, and determinations made to programs within 45 days of submission.

- **Fiscal Mapping Project** – Children’s Funding Project –The early childhood fiscal map was added to the ECAC website. The Gap Analysis project is in process and should be complete by the end of July. The CFP team will provide a presentation to the ECAC on July 17<sup>th</sup>. The Revenue Plan portion of the project is underway and 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 First 5 Nevada Leadership Academy (**F5NLA**) has continued to conduct weekly presentations and monthly cohort meetings with very strong attendance/participation among cohort members. The FNLA has started Module 3 – Health, Mental Health & Nutrition.

**Nevada Association for the Education of Young Children (NevAEYC)**

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***Date of Update: 7/8/2024***

- The 2024 NevAEYC Early Childhood Conference will be held in Las Vegas. NevAEYC is working on confirming a venue and dates.
- NevAEYC is accepting college scholarship applications to begin with the Fall 2024 semester. To complete an application, visit [nvteach.org](http://nvteach.org) or to request an application, please call 775-327-0680 or email at [teachnevada@gmail.com](mailto:teachnevada@gmail.com).
- The 2024 Early Childhood Staff Stipends application closed on June 30, 2024. NevAEYC will accept supporting documents through July 31, 2024. In August, NevAEYC can provide an update on the number of applications and stipends awarded.
- NevAEYC is working on its Public Policy Imperatives for the 2025-2026 legislative cycle. The imperatives will be posted on the NevAEYC website by September.



- The application will open in June to join the NevAEYC Board of Directors. NevAEYC is seeking individuals to join the Board of Directors for the following positions: Secretary, VP of Education Development, Board Development Chair, and DEIB Chair (new position).

**Nevada Child Care Provider  
Action Committee (CCPAC)**

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*Date of Update: 7/10/2024*

- 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@childrencabinet.org](mailto:Larney@childrencabinet.org). Thank you!

**Nevada Early Childhood Family  
Leadership Council (NECFLC)**

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*Date of Update: 7/9/24*

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

- Northern Nevada NECFLC recently hosted a training on Open Meeting Law to help build capacity and involve more parents in decision making roles. They will meet again 7/25 (Spanish) and 7/24 (English) to participate in a Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) training, inviting various family leadership groups to also participate.
- Northern Nevada family leaders will be meeting to help develop the NV First 5 Ambassadorship program.
- We are currently working on creating a Spanish Facebook Live session (led by Rosa) where Spanish-speaking Family Leaders can engage in conversations about advocacy work and opportunities in the NECFLC.
- Current Family Leaders in NECFLC will be working on establishing advocacy projects and taking the lead on more advanced advocacy work.
- NECFLC of Southern Nevada is doing outreach for new council members

- We have started following up with the co-chairs to send their scoring using the Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Facilitation Scoring Rubric. The co-chairs have reviewed their scoring and provided positive feedback.
- Nevada has joined the Storytelling event with Annie Neimand! The shared resources and examples were very useful. ([Equity & Inclusion - The Management Center](#), [Science of Story Building – Medium](#))
- The Nevada Early Childhood Family Leadership Council (NECFLC) will host two Informational Sessions for families and caregivers interested in joining as family leaders. They will get an overview of the council and what to expect if they join. They will be provided in both English and Spanish
- We have been connecting with community partners like [Make It Work Nevada](#), [Children’s Advocacy Alliance](#), and [Dad’s Inc.](#)
- Nevada was able to participate in the ECCS Sharing Power with Families Podcast.
- NECFLC is continuing to look for support with identifying partners that can help with training.

**Pyramid Model**

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***Date of Update: 7/10/24***

- End of Year Celebration and Data Review occurred on June 14, 2024 to present statewide data on Pyramid Model implementation and training, and hear successes and highlights from Implementation Sites. 51 people attended the hybrid event either at an in-person location in Las Vegas, Reno, or Elko, or online via Zoom.
- Multiple Pyramid Model training events scheduled for July and August in preparation for the new program/school year.
- Home visiting to support young children with social-emotional delays, and their families, going well - offered through The Children’s Cabinet in Las Vegas and Reno.
- Continuing and expanding Pyramid Model implementation to tribal/rural/frontier communities, programs, and/or families, with PDG B-5 funds, including social-emotional support to prevent and address challenging behavior. Partnerships continue for program-wide implementation with Nye County, Churchill County, and Carson City School Districts. Partnership resuming with Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada Head Start. Awareness and outreach activities to rural communities will begin in August.
- Family Child Care Cohort for high fidelity program-wide implementation will resume this year.

**Research and Needs Assessments (NICRP)**

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***Date of Update: 7/10/24***

14 new resources were added to the tracker this past quarter (since 5/13/24). If anyone has updated strategic plans or needs assessment they are aware of please let us know.

<b>Nevada Association for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health</b>	Name of Primary Contact: Jacquelyn Kleinedler Email Of Primary Contact: jkleinedler@nvaiecmh.org
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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.

We are recruiting for new Board Members to expand beyond our Founding Board. If you or someone you know values early relational health and would like to work with us to promote understanding and promotion of practices that support young children, families, and other service providers, come join us!

<b>Strong Start/Pritzker PN-3 (Children’s Advocacy Alliance)</b>	Name of Primary Contact: Jamelle Nance or Annette Dawson-Owens Email of Primary Contact: jamelle.nance@caanv.org
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**Date of Update: 7/10/24**

**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. Participants from the IECMH Association are represented in the coalition . CAA will be hosting the 2024 Kids Count Databook Launch Breakfast event July 18th, 2024 in Reno, Nevada.

**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. In September, we will begin recruiting for the 2024-25 cohort. Please reach out if you would like to refer families to participate.

**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 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. School House Connections will be continuing to partner with the Pritzker Children’s Initiative to amplify efforts around identifying young children experiencing homelessness and ensuring families are connected with resources.

## 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: 7/10/24***

**Nevada Afterschool Network Best Practice Webinar 08/01/24 11:30am PST**

Crisis Planning & Emergency Preparation: Enhancing Your OST Program's Safety Protocols

Join us for our upcoming webinar about keeping your OST program safe! Our highly engaging and resourceful guest speakers - Shane Meserve and Charlotte Hendricks - will share their tips on emergency response training and trauma-informed approaches to post-incident support. You'll learn how to spot potential risks for violence, create effective emergency response plans, and handle real-time emergencies in your programs. Join us for a lively workshop to help Nevada OST programs boost their response capabilities and keep their facilities and the kids they serve safe. Take advantage of this opportunity and reserve your spot today!

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

**October 5, 2024: 17th Annual Step Up for Kids Las Vegas NV 9am-12pm - Las Vegas Area Council, Scouting America**

Each year Step Up for Kids brings together people to show widespread support for investments in children and families. Participants include child advocates, politicians, parents and kids. Events held across the country raise awareness among voters and political candidates regarding the issues American children face, such as access to early care and learning, after-school programs, poverty, child abuse and neglect, and health care.

<https://nic.unlv.edu/step-up-for-kids/>

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