



**Nevada Early Childhood
Advisory Council**

**NEVADA EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL (ECAC)
PUBLIC MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, September 18, 2024
9am-12pm**

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

Meeting Locations:

Las Vegas

Child Care Services Center – Training Room
1771 E. Flamingo Road, Suite 200B
Las Vegas, NV 89119

Reno

Child Care Services Center – Training Room
961 Matley Lane, Suite 110
Reno, 89502

Virtual

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AGENDA

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

Tiffany Alston, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Chair

Patrice Gardner, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Vice Chair

2. Public Comment #1

Public Comment will be taken during this agenda item regarding any item appearing on the agenda. No action may be taken on a matter discussed under this item until the matter is included on the agenda as an item on which action may be taken.

The Council Chair of the Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council will impose a time limit of three minutes. Public Comment #2 will provide an opportunity for public comment on any matter within the Council's jurisdiction, control or advisory power.

3. Approval of Flexible Agenda (Discussion for Possible Action)

The Council will approve a flexible agenda. The Council 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.

Tiffany Alston, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Chair

Patrice Gardner, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Vice Chair

4. Minutes from July 17, 2024 (Discussion, For Possible Action) The Council will discuss and approve July 17, 2024 minutes.

Tiffany Alston, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council, Chair

Patrice Gardner, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Vice Chair

5. Guinn Center Report, Early Childhood Governance Structure (Information/Discussion)

The Council will hear a presentation

Denise Tanata, Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Consultant, The Children's Cabinet

6. Nevada Early Childhood Family Leadership Council Updates (Information/Discussion)

The Council will hear from the Nevada Early Childhood Family Leadership Council regarding Parent Spotlight.

Parent will share their experience as a mother in the Early Childhood System

Ashley Dines, Parent Leadership Coordinator (South), The Children's Cabinet

Rosa Tamayo, Parent Leadership Coordinator (North), The Children's Cabinet

Ana Saucedo, Parent

7. Strategic Plan and Ad Hoc Committee Updates (Discussion for Possible Action)

The Council will discuss mini trainings around the Strategic Plan and Ad Hoc Committee updates and possible schedule.

Discuss planning for Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Trainings ideas

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Patrice Gardner, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Vice Chair

8. Subcommittee Updates and Workplan (Information/Discussion)

Discuss updates, recommendations and workplan progress from ECAC Subcommittees and priorities for 2024.

- *Executive Leadership Subcommittee – Tiffany Alston and Patrice Gardner, Co-Chairs*
- *System Alignment Subcommittee – Tiffany Olivas, Abbey Bernhardt, Co-Chairs*
- *Communications and Engagement Subcommittee – Jennifer Butler, Co-Chair*



- *Finance and Policy Subcommittee – Elysa Arroyo, and Brenda Morales-Chairs*
- *Data and Evaluation Subcommittee – Marty Elquist and Karissa Loper Machado, Co-Chairs*

9. Local ECAC Updates (Information Discussion)

Discuss updates from Local ECACs.

- *Carson/Douglas ECAC – Tiffany Olivas*
- *Elko County ECAC – Kelly Melendez*
- *Southern Nevada ECAC – Amanda Haboush-Deloye*
- *Tri-counties ECAC – Ashleigh Baker*
- *Washoe County ECAC – Kacey Edgington, Anna Severens*

10. State Agency and Partner Report Summary Updates (Information/Discussion)

Relevant informational items from state agencies and departments on programs, services, initiatives and/or issues relevant to the ECAC Strategic Plan and work of the Council. Partners submit their reports in advance. When no update is provided in advance, listed partners will be given the opportunity to share a brief update verbally if a representative is present. Summary reports are provided in the Partner Summary Report document.

- *Department of Education*
 - *Office of Early Learning & Development – Patti Oya*
 - *Quality Rating Improvement System- Sara Kharrat*
 - *Preschool Development Grant Birth thru Five- Rachel Stepina*
 - *Early Childhood Special Education*
 - *Office of Student & School Supports*
 - *Pre-Kindergarten*
- *Department of Health and Human Services*
 - *Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, Child Care Development Program – Karissa Loper Machado*
 - *Division of Child and Family Services, Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health – Rhonda Lawerance*
 - *Department of Public and Behavioral Health, Childcare Licensing – Edith Farmer*
 - *Department of Public and Behavioral Health, Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health – Tammi Conn Director’s Office, Aging and Disability Services, Part C and NEIS – Lori Ann Malina-Lovell*
- *Pyramid Model Update – Janice Lee*
- *Research and Needs Assessments (NICRP) – 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 – Jamie Mendez*
- *Nevada Early Childhood Family Leadership Council – Ashley Dines/Rosa Tamayo-Rodriguez*
- *New or Potential Grants and Funding – All*
- *Training & Professional Development Opportunities – All*

11. Upcoming Meetings Schedule (Information)

September 2024

Meeting September 3rd, 11am - 12:30pm - Executive Leadership Subcommittee

Meeting September 10th, 9am - 10:30am - Communication & Engagement Subcommittee

Meeting September 12th, 1pm - 2pm - Finance and Policy Subcommittee

Meeting September 18th, 9am - 12pm - General ECAC Meeting

Meeting September 19th, 1pm - 3pm - Data and Evaluation Subcommittee



Meeting September 25th, 1pm - 2:30pm - Systems Alignment Subcommittee

October 2024

Meeting October 1st, 11am -12:30pm - Executive Leadership Subcommittee

Meeting October 10th, 1pm - 2pm - Finance and Policy Subcommittee

Meeting October 17th, 1pm - 3pm - Data and Evaluation Subcommittee

Meeting October 22nd, 1pm - 2:30pm - System Alignment Subcommittee

A Look Ahead

Next General ECAC Meeting, September 18th at 9am

ECAC New Member Orientation October 16th at 11am

ECAC New Member Orientation December 18th at 11am

12. Public Comment #2 (Discussion for Possible Action)

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13. Adjournment