



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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QRIS: Quality Rating Improvement System

Date of Update: 09/05/2024

- OELD has hired Michelle Peterlin as the QRIS Education & Information Officer in Carson City to support partnerships and collaborations in Northern Nevada and rural areas. As for the EIO position in the south, OELD is currently in the process of hiring for this role.
- QRIS is collaborating with the coaching team at The Children's Cabinet to launch a new pathway for 4- and 5-star programs. The Quality Excellence Pathway is designed to support high-quality programs through the QRIS process. Only programs rated 4 or 5 stars are eligible, granting them greater autonomy without requiring coaching. These programs can submit help tickets for specific support, such as QRIS documentation reviews, practice assessments, training, and more.
- Our OELD data team has been working closely with DBDriven to create an interactive QRIS dashboard as a component of the Nevada Department of Education's new Early Learning Data and Reporting System, funded through PDG B-5 (*Please see below*). This tool allows you to apply filters and explore various QRIS-related data. They have provided a public link to the QRIS dashboard, and we would love to hear your feedback on it. Please use the following link to access the dashboard and share your thoughts using this feedback form: <https://forms.gle/eHg72Q9Se7ZzyaKm7> . If you run into any issues accessing the dashboard, feel free to mention them in the feedback form instead of emailing me directly. This will help us track and address everything more efficiently. Also, just a quick tip: if you'd like to apply more than one filter at the same time, hold down the 'CTRL' button while selecting the filters. Thanks so much for your help!

Important: When accessing the dashboard, please use the login information provided below instead of your personal email:

Link:

<https://app.powerbi.com/Redirect?action=OpenApp&appId=f4e8a4a8-8156-4b43-b54c-697a0b0752b7&ctid=d712a634-b313-4d2b-b25f-0ab319ec0239>

Login: QRISTestReader@dbdriven.solutions

Password: ^QH6kT2Ab4bqRBDA

- Over the past six months, our QRIS providers have successfully completed a total of 943 LearnERS modules! This impressive accomplishment averages out to 157 modules per month. We were able to partner with the Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five (PDG B-5) team to provide workforce incentives available to providers participating in LearnERS by monitoring the number of modules completed and ensuring that intentional goals are being written. We have provided retroactive incentives dating back to the start of the pilot program in March 2024, and are providing three providers the opportunity to receive an incentive every month until the conclusion of the pilot program in March 2025.

Nevada Ready! Pre- K: (NR!PK)

9/10/24

- The NR!PK team is currently interviewing candidates for the Education Programs Professional (EPP) position. This role will support NR!PK districts.
- Steven Romero has been hired as an EPP for NR!PK. He is primarily supporting subgrantees that support or run community based organizations. Steven Romero is a TFA alumni, taught in CCSD, and previously worked for the non-profit Leaders in Training. Over the past year he has supported the NR!PK team with the ECILP grant.
- A pilot program is being launched to include Family Child Care (FCC) in NR!PK through the Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five (PDG B-5) funding. In this pilot, we will fund up to 50 child seats for family child care providers. The NR!PK team sees FCC as an important part of a mixed delivery system. It is anticipated that applications will open in October.

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

Date of update: 9/10/24

This work was made possible by the Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five (PDG B-5) Renewal, Grant Number 90TP099, from the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, awarded to the Nevada Department of Education Office of Early Learning and Development. Its contents are solely the responsibility of the authors and do not necessarily represent the official view of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families. See <https://bit.ly/nevadaPDGB-5> for details

- Requests for Proposals for the **Early Childhood Advisory Council Strategic Plan** are being reviewed. Stay tuned for an update on the vendor and how to join the ECAC's AdHoc committee.
- Supported Early Childhood Advisory Council ECAC, General and Subcommittee meetings through ECAC Systems Specialist and ECAC Administrative Coordinator roles.

- To attend ECAC General Meetings and Subcommittee Meeting Checkout our ECAC meeting information Page. [Meeting Information – Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council \(nvecac.com\)](https://nvecac.com)
- To learn more about ECAC attend one of the scheduled ECAC New Membership Orientation meetings: [New Members, and Interested Parents are encouraged to attend.](#)
- **Information:**
 Topic: ECAC New Membership Orientation
 Time: Oct 16, 2024 11:00 AM to 12:30PM, Pacific Time (US and Canada)
 Contact: sabrina.jones@doe.nv.gov for the meeting invite.
 Topic: ECAC New Membership Orientation
 Time: Dec 18, 2024 11:00 AM to 12:30PM, Pacific Time (US and Canada)
 Contact: sabrina.jones@doe.nv.gov for the meeting invite.
- ECAC Membership seats vacancies:
Open Seats:
 Seat P) One member who representative of a tribal organization/given consideration to an enrolled member of a Nevada Indian Tribe
 (Seat q) Parent or guardian representative of a child less than 8 and has participated in a federal or state program. been enrolled in a government program.
 (Seat m) One member who represents a nonprofit organization located in Southern Nevada that provides early childhood programs.
 If you or you know someone who meets the following criteria and are interested in applying for membership the membership application link can be found here: [Advisory Council Membership – Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council \(nvecac.com\)](https://nvecac.com)

For additional information and assistance regarding the Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC) send emails to sabrina.jones@doe.nv.gov, and brandi.hearst@doe.nv.gov

- 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!
 - 2,036 engagements on the platform since its launch (147 new)
- Current Updates:
 - 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/1FAIpQLScmaS2qj49aba8wefz2nrhrJ5VHWKMInOg2xAXIs3mYBpnyoA/viewform>
 - Workshop held August 1, 2024 with a virtual continuation anticipated September 30, 2024.
 - Began Early Childhood Language Access Plan & Implementation Resources
 - Open Opportunity for Parent & Community Feedback: <https://bit.ly/nevadahomelanguage>
 - Developing request process for interpretation and translation services accessible through the PDG B-5 funding.
 - 3 active pilot groups for language access:

- Conducting translations for ECAC meeting agendas and minutes
 - Supported Children’s Advocacy Alliance with interpretation support for their Child Advocacy Ambassadors program
 - Supported Nevada Early Childhood Family Leadership Council to translate parent spotlights and parent meetings
 - Partnership with United Way of Southern Nevada to compliment statewide work led through UWSN
- 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.
 - The advisory committee is currently seeking feedback on updating the NV B-12 [Family Engagement Definition](#) and [toolkit outline](#)
 - Contact Nayesdi Badillo for information nayesdi.badillo@doe.nv.gov
- Nevada’s Preschool Development Grant Birth - 5 (PDG B-5) met with families, workforce, and community partners to discuss the incentives scale for family and workforce engagement opportunities. Soon, we will finalize the incentives scale and its respective protocols.
 - Sign up for Alerts <https://bit.ly/incentivesalerts>
 - Contact Nayesdi Badillo for family engagement incentives information nayesdi.badillo@doe.nv.gov and Jamie Mendez for workforce incentives information jamie.mendez@doe.nv.gov
- Launched Nevada Department of Education’s Early Learning Data and Reporting System (ELDRS) in partnership with DB Driven to
- 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 meeting will be September 26, 2024.
- Continued working on the EC Workforce Wellness Guidebook
- 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 3 (Year 2) Report
 - Statewide Coalition & Supports for Children Experiencing Homelessness
 - Early Head Start and Head Start expansion

- Family Led Group Mentorship & Networking
- Bilingual Family Literacy Program for Dual Language Preschoolers
- Seamless transition to Kindergarten Supports & 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
- Rural Innovation & Networking
- Workforce Compensation Modeling with NevAEYC

Office of Inclusive Education (OIE)

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Date of Update: 9/5/2024

- 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) and Child Care Services Centers (CCSC)

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Date of Update: September 9, 2024

Nevada Strong Start Child Care Services Centers (CCSC)

- CCSC team is currently working to enhance ECE support services available at the virtual hub <https://www.nevadaccsc.org>, including customized toolkits for both child care licensing and QRIS.
- Many ECE quality support services offered with covid relief dollars will be sunsetting as funding comes to an end on 9/30/24. Providers wanting to learn more about currently offered support services are encouraged to contact the CCSC. Reno Child Care Services Center - (775) 391-5727 / Las Vegas Child Care Services Center - Phone: (702) 915-6938 / Email: ccsc@dwss.nv.gov

Child Care and Development Program (CCDP)

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

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Date of Update: September 5, 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.

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

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Date of Update: 8/29/2024

- 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. Washoe County providers have been placed on provisional licenses during this transition time.
- As of July 31, 2024 there are a total of 651 licensed child care facilities throughout the State of Nevada.
 - Family Care homes: 122 total licensed facilities
 - Group Care homes: 59 total licensed facilities
 - Centers: 439 total licensed facilities
 - Special Needs: 1 total licensed facilities
 - Institutions: 1 total licensed facilities
 - Accommodations: 29 total licensed facilities
- As of August 29, 2024 Child Care Licensing has received a total of 677 complaints.
 - 291 were self-reported incidents by providers as required per NAC432A.378 (significant injuries or communicable disease reports)
 - 386 were complaints against licensed or unlicensed facilities
 - 63 were complaints of unlicensed facilities
 - 323 were complaints of licensed facilities

Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) – Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health (MCAH)

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Date of Update: 9/3/24

- MCAH staff are working on the beginning stage of the Title V 5-year needs assessment (pending contract execution)
- Nevada Medical Home Portal was closed down by the University of Utah in August 2024. Please remove the website from your resource lists.
 - Families needing resources for Children and Youth with Special Healthcare Needs can still get one-on-one family navigation support from the Family Navigation network at the University of Nevada, Reno <https://www.unr.edu/nced/projects/family-navigation-network>
- MCAH has swag items for most program available - email Tami at tconn@health.nv.gov if of interest

Women, Infants & Children’s Program (WIC) Program

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Date of Update: 9/5/2024

- 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
- Nevada WIC Farmers Market Program began July 1, 2024, providing \$50 for WIC participating women and children. Participants will be able to use their benefits through November 30, 2024.

Nevada State Immunization Program

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Date of Update: 9/5/24

- The 2024-2025 formulations of the COVID-19 vaccines from Novavax, Moderna, and Pfizer are now available. Those eligible are:
 - Novavax – available for those 12 years of age and older who are at least two months out from their last dose of COVID-19 vaccine.
 - Moderna – available for those 6 months of age and older who are at least two months out from their last dose of COVID-19 vaccine.
 - Pfizer – available for those 6 months of age and older who are at least two months out from their last dose of COVID-19 vaccine.
- 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 pregnant people and infants is available this respiratory virus season.
 - Abrysvo (Pfizer) – a protein-based vaccine, recommended for pregnant people **only from 32 through 36 weeks pregnant** during the RSV season (September through January).
 - Abrysvo (Pfizer) protects infants in utero if given at least two weeks before the infant is delivered. when given to the expectant parent, and in most cases does not require an additional RSV vaccine.
- Nirsevimab (Beyfortus)- an antibody immunization, recommended for infants younger than 8 months, during or entering their first RSV season, and SOME young children younger than 20 months. Infants younger than 8 months will not need to receive nirsevimab if they are born 14 or more days after their mother received RSV vaccine during pregnancy.
- If someone is eligible for all three vaccines, it is safe for COVID, Flu, and RSV to be administered at the same time.

Oral Health Program	Name of Primary Contact: Jannette Gomez Email of Primary Contact:
<p><i>Date of update: 3/7/2024</i></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
Early Childhood Partner Updates	
Nevada Early Care and Education Workforce Framework	Name of Primary Contact: Jamie Mendez Email of Primary Contact: jamie.mendez@doe.nv.gov
<p>Date of Update: 8/29/2024</p> <p>The Nevada Early Care and Education Workforce Framework was finalized and made available to the public August 2023. The framework is composed of five priority areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Professional Development & Pathways ● Livable Wage ● Supportive Workplace ● Data ● Advocacy <p>In January, March, and April 2024 we convened workgroups to identify action steps for all five priority areas. <i>Between all five priority areas we have a total of 112 action steps identified!</i></p> <p>You can access the full report here: https://www.nevadachildcare.org/data-reports/</p>	

You can view the five priority areas and identified action steps here:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/publish?EQBCT=79b7ed2c846e4ca88930f598596b5f6f>

To see how you can join a committee or support any priority area or action steps, please email Jamie Mendez at jamie.mendez@doe.nv.gov.

**HRSA Early Childhood
Comprehensive Systems (ECCS)
Health Integration**

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Date of Update: 9/10/24

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:

- Next meeting of the **ECCS Leadership** meeting is scheduled for November 7. We will be discussing the GUINN report, Fiscal Map Gap analysis and the new First 5 Nevada “find a provider” option. We continue looking for additional representatives from Pediatric and direct health care professionals, welfare, and any representatives of material and child health programs. Please contact Tiffany Olivas, tolivas@childrenscabinet.org if you are interested!
- Tiffany provided an overview of the Nevada Early Childhood Comprehensive System, Prenatal - Age 3 [Strategic Plan](#) at the August NV MCH Advisory Board. If you would like an overview of the P-3 ECCS SP, please contact her to set up.
- For Nevada Early Childhood Family Leadership updates, see **NECFLC** updates below.
- The **Guinn Center for Policy Priorities** has completed their initial draft of their report after a comprehensive study regarding early childhood. The final report should be out by October.
- The Early Childhood Community Health Work (**EC CHW**) 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 & Neighbor providers, and Nevada Ready! Pre-K classrooms in Clark County. For more information on the EC CHW Program, please contact Jennifer Hines, EC CHW Manager: jhines@childrenscabinet.org
- [First 5 Nevada](#) - Website continues to grow, resource and inclusion requests are reviewed by an Advisory Committee on a monthly basis. Fourteen referrals were provided to users in the month of August, most regarding child care and early learning. Parent spotlights are now a feature of the website with two established NECFLC Family Leaders participating for September and October. Potential partnerships with Health and Wellness programs are in the planning stages.

- **Fiscal Mapping Project** – Children’s Funding Project is currently completing the Fiscal Map Gap Analysis and Revenue Plan. The complete report, including analysis of revenue sources, will be complete by December 2024.
- 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 final cohort meeting will be in person in Las Vegas on October 22.

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 or to request an application, please call 775-327-0680 or email at 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@childrenscabinet.org. Thank you!

Nevada Early Childhood Family Leadership Council (NECFLC)

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Date of Update: 9/5/24

NECFLC has a few outreach events for the month of September. The southern council is currently accepting new members and is looking for alignment opportunities within our parent groups and parents to continue to assemble families at the table. Please contact our Southern Parent Leadership Coordinator, Ashley Dines at ADines@ChildrensCabinet.org

- NECFLC members have concluded a training on *Advanced NV Open Meeting Law*, where members were able to showcase their understanding of what they learned previously in *Introduction to NV Open Meeting Law*. Members were able to apply their understanding by looking for and revising public body agendas to ensure that NV Open Meeting Law requirements were in place. In the South, members were able to navigate through different scenarios to understand and apply NV Open Meeting Law requirements.
- Northern Nevada family leaders will be hosting a Spanish Facebook Live session on September 12th at 11a to share their stories and encourage Family Leadership participation.
- An Informational Session will be hosted online on September 9th at 10a to share out what NECFLC does and how it supports a more cohesive EC system.
- One of the Family Leaders in the Northern council, Ana Saucedo, will be sharing her story for the general ECAC meeting in Spanish on Sept. 18th, where interpretation and translation will be provided.
- 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
- Antionette Jacobs from the Southern NV NECFLC Council will be participating in a First 5 Fox 5 media opportunity.
- 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](#))
- 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	Name of Primary Contact: Janice Lee Email of Primary Contact: janicelee@unr.edu
<p>Date of Update: 9/12/24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Program/school years off to a roaring start. Program-wide Implementation continuing statewide. ● Multiple Pyramid Model training and coaching supports scheduled for September and October. ● Practice-Based Coaching (PBC) Community of Practice starting in October, meeting monthly. ● 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 currently being planned, focusing on services and support to families with young children prior to kindergarten entry and/or those who support young children. ● Family Child Care Cohort for high fidelity program-wide implementation will resume this year. 	
Research and Needs Assessments (NICRP)	Name of Primary Contact: Dr. Amanda Haboush-Deloye Email of Primary Contact: amanda.haboush@unlv.edu
<p>Date of Update: 9/05/24</p> <p>44 new resources were added to the tracker this past quarter (since 7/10/24). If anyone has updated strategic plans or needs assessment they are aware of please let us know.</p>	
Nevada Association for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health	Name of Primary Contact: Jacquelyn Kleinedler Email Of Primary Contact: jkleinedler@nvaiecmh.org
<p>Date of Update: 9/6/24</p> <p>The Nevada Association for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health celebrates the milestone of 300+ members (and counting) across Nevada. We have been granted our non profit status with the IRS. 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 by sending an email to Jacquelyn!</p>	
Strong Start/Pritzker PN-3 (Children’s Advocacy Alliance)	Name of Primary Contact: Jamelle Nance or Annette Dawson-Owens Email of Primary Contact: jamelle.nance@caanv.org
<p>Date of Update: 9/10/24</p>	

Children’s Advocacy Alliance-CAA is working collaboratively with various coalitions and policymakers throughout Nevada to educate and strategically identify the path forward in pursuing identified policy priorities. To raise awareness around policy priorities and the importance of voting, CAA will be launching the NV Votes for Kids campaign in alignment with National Voters Registration Day. The NV Votes for Kids Campaign is a culmination of virtual activities to include social media posts, webinars, and informational tools to get Nevadans excited about the power of their vote to improve the lives of children. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

Parent Voice: CAA continues collaborating 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 6:00 pm. The October meeting will be the final meeting for the current cohort and will be an opportunity for story collection and connecting ambassadors with other opportunities to continue their advocacy efforts. If you are looking for parent leaders with advocacy training please contact Jamelle Nance or Annette Dawson Ownes. We are currently developing a transition and recruiting plan in alignment with the PDG-B5 Family Engagement Coordinator. The next Child Advocacy Ambassador Cohort is set to begin January 2025. If you know of parents, caregivers, or early childhood champions who would like advocacy training please reach out. We are looking to specifically target those with children 0-3 however we do include interested participants who may not have children in that age range.

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 October 24, 2024, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. 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 be convening with CAA around an upcoming strategic planning process to identify targeted universal goals that will guide the work of the coalition moving forward. The Strong Start Leadership Team will be involved in the planning process as well as any other interested community partners to ensure all goals are in alignment with Nevada’s early childhood systems initiatives. PCI emphasizes the use of an equity-centered approach and the importance of Family and Parent Leadership in decision-making. School House Connections will be continuing to partner with PCI to amplify efforts around identifying young children experiencing homelessness and ensuring families are connected with quality early childhood 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: 9/10/24

Nevada Afterschool Network Best Practice Webinar

OST Program Quality Made Easy 9/5/24 11:30am PST

Continuous Quality Improvement doesn't have to be arduous or intimidating. This session will cover the Nevada OST Program Quality Self Assessment Tool - a free benefit for NAN Members. We'll show you how you and your team can use the toolkit to assess your program's quality in 4 different categories, and how easy it is for you to create an action plan for quality improvement. You'll get to hear from NAN's technical support staff about how the tool is already helping programs capitalize on opportunities for quality improvement and how the Network can support your program in its quality improvement efforts.

Register here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2024-nevada-afterschool-network-best-practice-webinar-series-tickets-972444677207?aff=oddttdtcreator>

Taking Action! Power of OST Delegates Panel 10/3/24 11:30am PST

During this panel-style webinar, our esteemed Power of OST Delegates will discuss their experiences as Delegates, share effective advocacy strategies, talk about relevant OST-related topics, and answer your questions. Delegates have spent the last few months honing their skills as advocates by attending monthly trainings with expert guest speakers, working on plans to Take Action, and participating in the Afterschool for All Challenge in DC. Hear directly from your fellow OST professionals about their successful advocacy journeys and connect with peers in the field to gain valuable knowledge to enhance your advocacy efforts.

Speakers: Power of OST Delegates: Monika Bharti, Cristan Underwood, Kate McLaughlin, Dr. Linda Johnson-McClinton, Lisa Tovar, Tammy Haddad (Facilitated by Kendra Gipson and Taylor Zimney)

Register here:

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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/>