



# Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council

**Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC)  
Public Meeting  
Wednesday, November 20, 2024  
9:00am-12:00pm**

*“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.”*

## **In Person Meeting Locations:**

**SOUTH-Las Vegas**  
Child Care Services Center  
1771 E. Flamingo Road, # 200B  
Las Vegas, NV 89119

**NORTH-Reno**  
Child Care Services Center  
961 Matley Lane, #110  
Reno, NV 89502

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### **For more information, contact us:**

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## AGENDA

### **1. Welcome, Call to Order and Roll Call 3 minutes**

*Tiffany Alston, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Chair*

*Patrice Gardner, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Vice Chair*

### **2. Language Access Technical Assistance (Information/Discussion) 20 Minutes**

The Council will hear a presentation regarding Language Access Technical Assistance.

*Rachel Stepina, Preschool Development Birth through Five Grant Manager (PDG B-5), Office of Early Learning and Development, Nevada Department of Education*

*Nayesdi Badillo, Early Childhood Family Engagement Specialist, Office of Early Learning and Development, Nevada Department of Education*

### **3. Public Comment #1 4 min**

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 two minutes. Public Comment #2 will provide an opportunity for public comment on any matter within the Council's jurisdiction, control or advisory power.

### **4. Approval of Flexible Agenda (Discussion for Possible Action) 3 min**

The Council to 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*

### **5. Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 18, 2024 (Discussion for Possible Action) 3 min**

The Council will discuss and approve September 18, 2024, meeting minutes.

*Tiffany Alston, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council, Chair*

*Patrice Gardner, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Vice Chair*

### **6. Open Meeting Law Training (Information/Discussion) 60 Minutes**

The Council will be informed of proper Open Meeting Law practices.

*Holly Welborn & Jake Matthews, Children's Advocacy Alliance*

### **7. Nevada Department of Education Statewide Improvement Plan (STIP) Overview (Information/Discussion) 10 Minutes**

The Council will hear an overview of Nevada Department of Education Statewide Improvement Plan

*Lisa Ford, Chief Strategy Officer, Nevada Department of Education*

### **8. Local ECAC Celebrations and Updates (Information Discussion) 3 minutes/each**

The Council will recognize and celebrate Local Early Childhood Advisory Councils. The Local ECAC'S will share their work and progress for the year 2024.

- Carson/Douglas ECAC – *Tiffany Olivas*
- Elko County ECAC – *Kelly Melendez*
- Southern Nevada ECAC – *Amanda Haboush-Deloye*
- Tri-Counties ECAC – *Ashleigh Baker*



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- Washoe County ECAC – *Kacey Edgington, Anna Severens*

### **9. Vulnerable and Underserved Population Definition** (*Discussion for Possible Action*) **7 min**

Council to review and approve the updated Vulnerable and Underserved Population Definition  
*Marty Elquist, Data and Evaluation Co-Chair*

### **10. Legislative Discussion** (*Discussion for Possible Action*) **12 minutes**

The Council to review, draft list of key recommendations for the ECAC to consider in relation to the Governor's Office of Early Childhood Systems  
*Denise Tanata, Policy and Finance Subcommittee Member*

### **11. First 5 Nevada Family Leadership Council Updates with Parent Spotlight** (*Information / Discussion*) **20 minutes**

The Council will hear a presentation from the First 5 Nevada Family Leadership Council and a guest parent Spotlight information. Parents are able to share their experiences with the Early Childhood System.

*Ashley Dines and Anna Villatoro, Parent Leadership Coordinators, The Children's Cabinet*  
*Antoinette Jacobs, Parent Presenter*

### **12. First 5 Nevada Family Leadership Academy Graduate Recognition** (*Information*) **5 minutes**

The Council will recognize graduates from First 5 Nevada Family Leadership Academy.

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

### **13. Subcommittee Updates and Workplan** (*Discussion for Possible Action*) **20 Minutes**

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

- Executive Leadership – *Tiffany Alston and Patrice Gardner, Co-Chairs*
  - Update: General ECAC 2025 Meeting Schedule - *Tiffany Alston*
  - Update: Strategic Plan - *Tiffany Alston /Rachel Stepina*
- Annual Report Update – *Sabrina Jones*
- Systems Alignment – *Tiffany Olivas and Abbey Bernhardt, Co-Chairs*
- Communications and Engagement – *Jennifer Butler and Jamelle Nance, Co-Chairs*
- Policy & Finance – *Elysa Arroyo and Brenda Morales-Solarzano, Co-Chairs*
- Data and Evaluation – *Marty Elquist and Amanda Haboush-Deloye, Co-Chairs*

### **14. 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 can have an opportunity to share a brief update verbally if a representative is present. Summary reports are provided in the Partner Summary Report document.

- Nevada Department of Education:
  - Office of Early Learning & Development – *Patti Oya*
  - Quality Rating Improvement System- *Sara Kharrat*
  - Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five- *Rachel Stepina*
  - Early Childhood Special Education-
  - Office of Student & School Supports-





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- Pre-Kindergarten-
- Department of Health and Human Services:
  - Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, Child Care Development Program VACANT
  - Division of Child and Family Services, Early Childhood Mental Health, Rhonda Lawrance
  - Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, Child Care Licensing, *Edith Farmer*
  - Department of Public and Behavioral Health, Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health, *Tami Conn*
- Director's Office, Aging and Disability Services, Part C, 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 and Annette Dawson-Owens*
  - HRSA Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Grant Update – *Tiffany Olivas*
  - ECE Workforce Plan – *Jamie Mendez*
  - First 5 Nevada Early Childhood Family Leadership Council – *Ashley Dines*
  - New or Potential Grants and Funding – All
  - Training & Professional Development Opportunities – All

### 15. Upcoming Meetings (Informational)

Next General ECAC Meeting is Wednesday, January 15, 2025 from 9:00am – 12:00pm

*Tiffany Alston, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council, Chair*

*Patrice Gardner, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council, Vice Chair*

#### • Remaining ECAC Meetings in 2024

- Data and Evaluation Subcommittee: November 21- 1:00pm to 3:00pm
- Systems Alignment Subcommittee: November 27- CANCELLED
- Executive Leadership Subcommittee: December 03- 11:00am – 12:30pm
- NEW DATE Systems Alignment Subcommittee: December 11- 11:00am - 12:30pm
- Policy and Finance Subcommittee: December 12- 1:00pm – 2:00pm
- Data and Evaluation Subcommittee: December 19- 1:00pm - 3:00pm

#### • ECAC New Member Orientation

- December 18th at 11:00am
- To register, email us at [Brandi.hearst@doe.nv.gov](mailto:Brandi.hearst@doe.nv.gov) and [Sabrina.jones@doe.nv.gov](mailto:Sabrina.jones@doe.nv.gov)

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

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### 17. Adjournment (Informational)

Thank members for attending and Adjourn meeting.

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