



## NV ECAC PARTNER SUMMARY REPORT

November 2024

### Department of Education (NDE)

Office of Early Learning & Development (OELD)

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QRIS: Quality Rating Improvement System

*Date of Update: 11/04/2024*

- The Office of Early Learning and Development (OELD) has hired Meghan McQuillan as the QRIS Education & Information Officer in Las Vegas to strengthen partnerships and collaborations in Southern Nevada. Meghan supported both the QRIS and PDG teams over the past year as a contractor, and we're thrilled to have her move into the Education and Information Officer role full-time. Additionally, Mary Buchmann will be joining us for six months as a contractor to support specific QRIS projects during this period.
- Since March 2024, our QRIS providers have successfully completed a total of 1,492 Learners modules! This impressive accomplishment averages out to 186 modules per month. QRIS was 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.
- Our OELD data team has been working closely with DB Driven 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](mailto:QRISTestReader@dbdriven.solutions)

Password: ^QH6kT2Ab4bqRBDA

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

*Date: No Update Provided*

## **Preschool Development Grant, Birth – 5 (PDG B-5)**

**Date of update: 10/31/24**

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- 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 Ad Hoc Committee.
- Supported Early Childhood Advisory Council, 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://www.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: Dec 18, 2024 11:00 AM to 12:30PM, Pacific Time (US and Canada)  
Register: Email [brandi.hearst@doe.nv.gov](mailto:brandi.hearst@doe.nv.gov) and [sabrina.jones@doe.nv.gov](mailto:sabrina.jones@doe.nv.gov)  
Contact: [sabrina.jones@doe.nv.gov](mailto:sabrina.jones@doe.nv.gov) for the meeting invite.
  - ECAC Membership seats vacancies:  
**Open Seats:**  
**Seat P)** One member who is a representative 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 can be found here: [Advisory Council Membership](#)

For additional information or questions regarding the Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council (NV ECAC), email us at: [sabrina.jones@doe.nv.gov](mailto:sabrina.jones@doe.nv.gov), and [brandi.hearst@doe.nv.gov](mailto: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 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!
  - 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 [NV B-12 Family Engagement Framework Draft](#)
    - 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) 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>
    - Contacts:
      - Nayesdi Badillo-Family Engagement incentives information [nayesdi.badillo@doe.nv.gov](mailto:nayesdi.badillo@doe.nv.gov)
      - Jamie Mendez - Workforce incentives information

[jamie.mendez@doe.nv.gov](mailto:jamie.mendez@doe.nv.gov)

- Launched Nevada Department of Education's Early Learning Data and Reporting System (ELDRS) in partnership with DB Driven
- 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.
- 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: 11/5/2024

- OIE continues to work with the Department of Health and Human Services, IDEA Part C to strengthen service delivery for children and families in Nevada
- OIE continues to provide support and training to 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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Division of Child and Family Services, Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (DCFS, IECMH)

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Date of Update: November 15, 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, Kristin Fromhart at (775) 688-1600.
- The Early Childhood Day Treatment program at Northern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services in Reno has paused referrals due to temporary staffing issues. 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 areas served. Please contact intake coordination at (702) 486-0440 or email

[DCFSOutpatientIntake@dcsf.nv.gov](mailto:DCFSOutpatientIntake@dcsf.nv.gov).

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

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*Date of Update: 11/15/2024*

- The Child Care Licensing Program is moving into units, so you may see some changes as surveyors are reassigned to the Initials Unit, Active Unit, or Investigations Unit.
- As of November 15, 2024 there are a total of 656 licensed childcare facilities throughout the State of Nevada.
  - Family Care homes: 110 total licensed facilities
  - Group Care homes: 67 total licensed facilities
  - Centers: 447 total licensed facilities
  - Special Needs: 1 total licensed facilities
  - Institutions: 1 total licensed facilities
  - Accommodations: 30 total licensed facilities
- As of November 15, 2024 Child Care Licensing has received a total of 870 complaints.
  - 383 were self-reported incidents by providers as required per NAC432A.378 (significant injuries or communicable disease reports)
  - 487 complaints were against licensed or unlicensed facilities
    - 75 complaints of unlicensed facilities
    - 412 complaints of licensed facilities

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

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*Date of Update: No update provided*

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

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*Date of Update: 11/5/2024*

- 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 pregnancy 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: 11/15/24*

Childhood vaccines remain a crucial tool in limiting the spread of vaccine-preventable diseases in children of all ages. The Nevada State Immunization Program (NSIP) recently revamped its School + Childcare Immunizations webpage, which can be accessed here: [https://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/Immunization/School\\_and\\_Childcare/School\\_and\\_Child\\_Care\\_Immunizations/](https://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/Immunization/School_and_Childcare/School_and_Child_Care_Immunizations/).

Childcare providers and parents of children in childcare facilities can visit this webpage and find information related to:

- Nevada childcare immunization requirements and links to NRS language
- CDC childhood immunization schedule
- Childcare Immunization Resources - for parents
- Child Care / Accommodation Facility Rate Reporting Surveys + Instructions for Annual Reporting - for childcare providers

As a gentle reminder for childcare providers, NSIP requires that all childcare / accommodation facilities report immunization rates for children enrolled in their facility by December 31, 2024. All rate reporting information can be accessed at the link above.

[Oral Health Program](#)

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*Date of update: 11/17/2024*

Nevada was awarded the CDC Oral Health Grant. This grant has a focus on school-based evidence-based preventive dental service programs. CDC currently funds 15 states through the State Promotion of Strategies to Advance Oral Health (CDC-RFA-DP24-0048). This 3-year cooperative agreement provides recipients with about \$380,800 per year to:

- Increase access to evidence-based preventive dental services.
- Provide technical assistance for community water fluoridation activities.
- Improve oral health and chronic disease surveillance using secondary data sources to describe oral health trends.
- Increase awareness of infection prevention and control guidelines

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.

**Early Childhood Partner Updates**

<p>Nevada Early Care and Education Workforce Framework</p>	<p>Name of Primary Contact: Jamie Mendez          Email of Primary Contact: jamie.mendez@doe.nv.gov</p>
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Date of Update: No Update Provided

<p>HRSA Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS) Health Integration</p>	<p>Name of Primary Contact: Tiffany Olivas          tolivas@childrenscabinet.org</p>
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Date of Update: 11/10/24  
 The HRSA ECCS Health Integration initiative is aligned with the goals and objectives of the ECAC 2022- 2024 Strategic Plan. As such, many of the project activities are updated through the ECAC Subcommittee Work Plan document.

Additional ECCS Updates:

- The Guinn Center for Policy Priorities released their report on Nevada's early childhood systems. *From Crowded to Coordinated: Examining the Governance of Nevada's Early Childhood System* is available for viewing [here](#). The report includes strategies to streamline ECS governance based on their research, a proposed phased implementation framework, an inventory of key EC entities and their regulator roles, and best practices from other states to improve Nevada's ECS governance. An on-demand webinar can also be viewed [here](#).
- For First 5 Nevada Family Leadership updates, see (F5N FLC) updates below.
- The First 5 Nevada Leadership Academy's (F5NLA) first cohort class graduated Oct. 22. A celebration event, sponsored by HRSA ECCS Nevada, was held in Las Vegas to recognize the Academy's dedication and accomplishments. Participants presented their early childhood system projects to an audience including Nevada system leaders and community partners. Discussion on the next iteration of the First 5 Nevada Leadership Academy will begin December 2024.
- [First 5 Nevada](#) - Website continues to grow, resource and inclusion requests are reviewed by an Advisory Committee on a monthly basis. All functions, including the eligibility portal, are available in [Spanish](#) as well. First 5 Nevada is now officially aligned with The Children's Cabinet family leadership efforts(formerly known as Nevada Early Childhood Family Leadership Council) and is now the [First 5 Nevada Family Leadership Council](#). Family leaders will receive the same support as before, with additional opportunities to participate in outreach about F5N within their communities.
- 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 Coordinated Intake and Referral System (CIRS) workgroup continues to meet. Collaboration on an executive summary of the recommendations and resource will be available soon.



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*Date of Update: 11/15/2024*

- The Child Care Provider Action Committee is excited to announce extended funding from Homegrown to support contracted services with the Children's Advocacy Alliance (CAA). CAA will help identify the most pressing needs of childcare providers in Nevada and convene meetings, training and listening sessions with legislators that empower providers to advocate for the critical needs of this industry. If you are a provider and would like to be included in this work, you can email Lela Gonzales at [LGonzales@childrencabinet.org](mailto:LGonzales@childrencabinet.org). Thank you!
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<p>First Five Early Childhood Family Leadership Council (NECFLC)</p>	<p>Name of Primary Contact: Ashley Dines (South) or Anna Villatoro (North)          Email of Primary Contact: <a href="mailto:adines@childrencabinet.org">adines@childrencabinet.org</a> and <a href="mailto:AVillatoro@childrencabinet.org">AVillatoro@childrencabinet.org</a></p>
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*Date of Update: 11/2024*

- The Nevada Early Childhood Family Leadership Council has been rebranded to [First 5 Nevada Leadership Council](#).
- Anna Villatoro will be leading the family leadership council in Northern Nevada.
- Anna Villatoro participated in an in-person meeting with the Children's Advocacy Alliance in October to support the Northern Nevada Child Advocacy Ambassador program.
- Antoinette Jacobs will be the Nevada ECAC Parent Spotlight speaker.
- Our First 5 Nevada Parent Spotlight for November is [Ana Elizabeth Saucedo Gutierrez](#).
- Arielle Rollins has officially joined the Nevada ECAC as a family representative member.
- Family leaders are participating in the Nevada Birth through Grade 12 Family Engagement Framework committee.
- The Data and Evaluation Subcommittee is seeking input from family leaders to develop a potential data playbook.
- Ashley Dines participated in the Bridges Out of Poverty training with Opportunity Alliance Nevada.
- Ashley Dines also recently took part in a media outreach event with the [Children's Advocacy Alliance](#), highlighting the importance of voting on behalf of families.

- Southern Nevada is currently recruiting for family leaders. Interested candidates can apply here: [Nevada Family Leadership Council - Parent Leadership and Engagement - Children's Cabinet](#).

**Pyramid Model**

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*Date of Update: 11/18/24*

- Program-wide Implementation and support with training and technical assistance continuing statewide.
- Multiple Pyramid Model training and coaching support scheduled.
- Practice-Based Coaching (PBC) Community of Practice started 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. Similar services will be offered to families in rural/frontier/tribal locations in Nevada (see next point).
- 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)**

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*Date of Update: 11/05/24*

7 new resources were added to the tracker this past quarter (since 9/05/24). 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: 11/15/24*

The Nevada Association for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health is transitioning to paid memberships. We have 49 individuals who have either earned I/EC MH Endorsement® or are in the process of completing their applications for Endorsement.

We will be representing Nevada along with a few colleagues at a Prenatal to 3 Policy Summit in December.

The Executive Director graduated with the inaugural cohort from the First 5 Early Childhood Leadership Academy in October.

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!

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

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Date of Update: 11/18/24

**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 Strengthen the collective impact around CAA's early childhood policy priorities, CAA will be working with the Child Care Provider Action Council to provide advocacy training to navigate the Nevada Legislature. CAA will host the annual Winter Policy Summit on Sep 9, 2024 at the Discovery Children's Museum in Las Vegas. On January 8th, a welcome reception will be held to honor Children's Champions and get inspired for the following day of learning and action in preparation for the legislative session. For more information please contact [Annette Dawson](mailto:annette.dawson@caanv.org) at [annette.dawson@caanv.org](mailto:annette.dawson@caanv.org) or follow the link <https://secure.numero.ai/contribute/The-Winter-Policy-Summit>.

**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 concluded the 2024 cohort in October and is set to launch the 2025 cohort in January 2025. The Ambassadors will continue to meet monthly on the last Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm. If you are looking for parent leaders with advocacy training please contact Jamelle Nance or Annette Dawson Ownes. CAA is developing a transition and recruiting plan in alignment with the PDG-B5 Family Engagement Coordinator. 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 on January 23, 2024, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. We will be providing updates on CAA's 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)**, primary funders supporting the work of the Strong Start Prenatal to Three coalition, has provided an opportunity for CAA to participate in a competitive implementation grant application process. The Strong Start Leadership team meets monthly to strategically identify targeted universal goals that will guide the work of the coalition over the next 2 years. The Strong Start Leadership team, community partners, and parents will participate in the planning process to ensure all goals align with Nevada's early childhood systems initiatives and incorporate parents' needs and wants. PCI emphasizes the use of an equity-centered approach and the importance of Family and

Parent Leadership in decision-making. School House Connections will continue to partner with PCI to amplify efforts around identifying young children experiencing homelessness and ensuring families are connected with quality early childhood resources.

**Local ECAC Updates**

**Carson/Douglas ECAC**

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Date of Update: No update provided

**Tribal ECAC**

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**Elko / Northeastern Nevada ECAC**

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Date of Update: 11/15/24

*It was decided at our last meeting we would bring in Don Monopoly with The Learning Station for a family concert in September. ECSD is no longer able to provide monetary support for this event, EECAC will utilize grant funds and EECAC general funds to support this goal.*

EECAC representative worked with Don Monopoly to complete contract and payment. EECAC representative secured Great Basin College theater for community concert and teacher training. A flier for the family concert was created and will be distributed in the next week. EECAC representative has reached out community partners to host booths for families after the concert to receive information on community resources.

The outcome was to provide training to ECE providers around using music to encourage child and family time together with the families in their centers/schools. Another outcome was to provide an opportunity for families in our community to attend an even that would give them a place to engage in family and child time together through music. ECAC members spoke with training attendees and concert attendees after the events and received positive feedback on both events.

**Southern Nevada ECAC**

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**Date of Update: 11/15/24**

*SNECAC met on 9/18/24 for an in-person meeting, and the meeting was facilitated by NICRP staff. Participants received updates on the Strong Start activities, activities from the Strategic Planning meeting, Nevada ECAC, Nevada Early Childhood Obesity Prevention Plan, and the Quality Improvement System Development Committee. The group was also updated on the activities for*

this year's Step Up for Kids Event (scheduled for 10/5/2024). NICRP staff sent out the vendor emails to those organizations who have signed up to be vendors. Lastly, as resource sharing is a new component in the quarterly meetings, Waterford Upstart resources were presented to the group. After the meeting, members were provided with a tour of the United Way of Southern Nevada's meeting spaces. The next SNECAC meeting will be on November 20th. We have notified members to contact us if they would like to host the next meeting.

SNECAC is expanding collaborative relationships by recruiting and engaging stakeholders to increase SNECAC's capacity to connect families with the early childhood system continuum of care and community at large.

NICRP staff members Joyce Bumagat and Smriti Neupane attended the ECAC general meeting held September 18th. In addition, two staff members Amanda Haboush-Deloye and Smriti Neupane attended the Data and Evaluation subcommittee meeting on September 19th. We have been helping identify Nevada ECAC Data and Evaluation Research Question/Data points based on vulnerable population definitions.

NICRP staff members will attend Statewide NECAC meetings to ensure SNECAC is a coordinated system and Early Childhood Leadership Infrastructure to support Nevada's young children and their families.

During the September meeting, NICRP updated the SNECAC group on the activities planned for this year's Step Up for Kids event and shared that vendor emails had been sent out. In addition, during this reporting period, NICRP promoted the event and highlighted the Strong Start Clark County Youth Mayor on social media. Additionally, we continued collaborating with the Youth Mayor, Jack, and his council members for their shadowing experiences. However, due to time constraints, we were unable to complete a shadowing experience for one out of the four youth. In September, Jack had the opportunity to visit Washington, D.C., where he met with 4 out of the 6 legislators he was scheduled to meet. During the visit, he learned more about the legislative process and toured the Capitol. For the Step Up for Kids event, NICRP staff invited Jack and his council members to attend. Jack introduced the raffle winners, and one of his council members won the raffle. Jack was an excellent help during the event, introducing himself, thanking each vendor for their participation, and providing water bottles and rags to attendees. Following the Step Up for Kids event, NICRP staff sent thank-you emails to the vendors and volunteers who participated. NICRP also sent congratulations to RJ, the new Youth Mayor for 2024-2025, and thank-you messages to his council members—Isabella, Justyn, Keaton, and Rene. We informed the youth that we would be in touch to discuss upcoming opportunities for collaboration in the coming year. NICRP staff also updated the Step Up for Kids webpage and posted a social media update congratulating the new Youth Mayor. Finally, NICRP created an event summary, which was uploaded to the NICRP webpage and included in our newsletter.

·NICRP will share the event summary with the vendors who participated in the Step Up for Kids event. ·NICRP staff will plan for the 2024-2025 Youth Mayor's term by scheduling a meeting with RJ, the new Youth Mayor, in November. A meeting will also be arranged with his council members by the end of the year to discuss opportunities for involvement in the coming year. ·As activities are scheduled, NICRP staff will continue promoting the Strong Start Clark County Youth Mayor and the activities of the Youth Mayor and his council on social media platforms.

·We plan to feature the Youth Mayors (Jack and RJ) on local morning shows, such as Morning Blend, to increase visibility and engagement. ·NICRP will share an event summary for the 2023-2024 Youth Mayor term, highlighting key accomplishments and outcomes, and will distribute them to partners.

SNECAC will organize and facilitate this event to achieve another successful year that engages, connects, and supports community partners and families. This event increases awareness of issues

children face, such as access to early care and learning programs, access to after-school programs, poverty, child abuse and neglect, and health care.

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The WCECAC completed two cohorts of Books and Bots with community wide providers and public providers in PreK and Kindergarten. Eighty-five educators (26 community partners and 59 PreK-K WCSD or Charter school educators) completed the class and received a classroom kit of robots to keep for their program, books, and other helpful materials to integrate and teach computer science and literacy to the children in their care. This is in direct partnership with the Desert Research Institute and the ECILP awarded grant funds.

#### Funding and Grant Opportunities

Date of Update: No updates provided

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

Date of Update: 11/04/24  
Nevada Afterschool Showcase Feb 27-28, Peppermill Reno, NV  
Call for Proposal now open:  
<https://www.nevadaafterschool.org/nevada-afterschool-showcase/>