



Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council

Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC) Public Meeting Wednesday, February 12, 2025 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:

NEW LOCATION-Las Vegas
Sunrise Children's Foundation
2795 E Desert Inn Rd #200
Las Vegas, NV 89121

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

Virtual Meeting: To join our Zoom Meeting, click below:

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A Public comment may be submitted in person, virtually or in writing by contacting Sabrina Jones at sabrina.jones@doe.nv.gov. Telephonic public comment can be called in at 253.205.0468

A time limit of two minutes will be imposed by the Council Chair for public comments, in order to afford all members of the public who wish to comment with an opportunity to do so within the timeframe available to the Council. The Council Chair reserves the right to call on individuals from the audience or to allow for testimony at any time. Individuals providing testimony must fill out a visitor card.

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The Subcommittee Co-Chairs reserve the right to call items on the agenda out of order as needed. Reasonable efforts will be made for members of the public who have disabilities and require special accommodation or assistance at the meeting. Contact Sabrina Jones at sabrina.jones@doe.nv.gov, at least five business days in advance for arrangements can be made.

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Support materials for this agenda are available online at no charge to the public.

For more information, contact us:

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AGENDA

1. Welcome, Call to Order and Roll Call and Language Access Instructions, 5 minutes

Tiffany Alston, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Chair

Patrice Gardner, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Vice Chair

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

2. 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.

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

The Council to vote 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.

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4. Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 20, 2024 (Discussion for Possible Action) 3 min

The Council will discuss and vote to approve November 20, 2024, meeting minutes.

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5. Local ECAC Celebrations and Updates (Information Discussion) 10 minutes

The Council celebrates one Local Early Childhood Advisory Council per meeting, chosen Local ECAC has the opportunity to share progress from their Work Plan and/or activities.

Local ECAC in celebration: Carson/Douglas ECAC – Tiffany Olivas

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6. First 5 Nevada Family Leadership Council Updates with Parent Spotlight

(Information / Discussion) 7 minutes

The Council will be updated from the First 5 Nevada Family Leadership Council, with a special "Parent Spotlight" guest to share experiences within the Early Childhood System.

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Ashley Dines and Anna Villatoro, Parent Leadership Coordinators, The Children's Cabinet

Alejandra Melecio, Parent Spotlight Guest Presenter

7. Subcommittee Updates and Workplan (Discussion for Possible Action) 20 Minutes

Discuss updates, recommendations and workplan progress from ECAC Subcommittees

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- **Executive Leadership** – Tiffany Alston and Patrice Gardner, Co-Chairs
- **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

8. **State Agency and Partner Summary Report Updates** (*Information/Discussion*) **20-25 minutes**

ECAC partners have the opportunity to briefly share an update of relevant progress or new initiatives such as programs or services and/or issues relevant to the ECAC Strategic Plan and work of the Council.

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- **Nevada Local ECAC's**
 - Carson/Douglas, Tiffany Olivas
 - Tribal, Ashleigh Baker
 - Elko/Northeastern, Kelly Melendez and Sarah Carone
 - Southern Nevada, Amanda Haboush-Deloye
 - Tri Counties Lynn, Storey and Mineral Counties, Evelyn Knight
 - Washoe County, Melissa Burnham and Anna Severns
- **Nevada Department of Education (NDE)**
 - **Office of Early Learning and Development (OELD)**
 - QRIS, Sara Kharrat
 - PDG B-5 Grant, Rachel Stepina
 - PDG B-5 NV Early Childhood Workforce, Jamie Mendez
 - PDG B-5 NV Family Engagement, Nayasdi Badillo
 - Office of Inclusive Education, Cate Guzy
 - Nevada Ready!Pre-K VACANT
- **Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)**
 - **Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS)**
 - Child Care and Development Program (CCDP), Cynthia Magana
 - Child Care Services Centers (CCSC), Cynthia Magana
 - **Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS)**
 - Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (IECMH), Rhonda Lawrence
- **Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)**
 - **Division of Public Behavior and Health (DPBH)**
 - Child Care Licensing, Edith Farmer
 - Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health (MCAH), Tami Conn
 - Women, Infants and Children (WIC), Bianca Ayala
 - Nevada State Immunization Program, Kristy Zigenis
 - Oral Health Program, Jannette Gomez
- **Nevada ECAC Early Childhood Partnering Agencies and Programs**
 - HRSA: Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems, Health Integration, Tiffany Olivas
 - The First 5 Nevada Family Leadership Council, Ashley Dines, Anna Villatoro





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- Nevada Association for the Education of Young Children (NevAEYC), Carrie Paldi
- Nevada Child Care Provider Committee (CCPAC), Carrie Paldi and Lela Gonzales
- Pyramid Model, Janice Lee
- Research and Needs Assessments (NICRP), Amanda Haboush-Deloye
- Nevada Association for Research and Needs Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health, Jacquelyn Kleinedler
- Children's Advocacy Alliance (CAA), Strong Start Prenatal to Three (PN-3) and The Pritzker Children's Initiative (PCI), Jamelle Nance and Annette Dawson-Owens

- **Shared Opportunities for All**

Open for sharing various Funding, Grant, Training, Workshops, Events, Conferences Professional Development, or Outreach opportunities.

9. Agenda Items for Next Meeting on March 19, 2025 (*Discussion for Possible Action*) 5 minutes

Subcommittee will decide on Agenda items for next meeting in March.

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10. Upcoming Meetings (*Informational*) 1-2 min

Tiffany Alston, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council, Chair

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- Policy and Finance Subcommittee: 2.13.25, 1:00pm
- Data and Evaluation Subcommittee: 2.20.25 1:00pm
- Systems Alignment Subcommittee: 2.26.25 1:00pm
- Executive Leadership Subcommittee: 3.04.25, 11:00am
- General ECAC Meeting 3.19.25
- ECAC New Member Orientation April 29th at 11:30am
 - To register, email us at Brandi.hearst@doe.nv.gov and Sabrina.jones@doe.nv.gov

11. Public Comment #2 (*Discussion for Possible Action*) 6 min

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12. Adjournment (*Informational*)

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