



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

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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 6 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.
Tiffany Alston, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council, Chair
Patrice Gardner, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Vice Chair
- 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.
Tiffany Alston, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council, Chair
Patrice Gardner, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Vice Chair
- 5. First 5 Nevada Family Leadership Council Updates, Parent Spotlight (Information, Discussion) 15 minutes-Spotlight, 15 minutes-Council Updates**
The Council will view the First 5 Nevada Family Leadership presentation and listen to Alejandra's story during the "Parent Spotlight, 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
- 6. Local ECAC Celebrations and Updates (Information Discussion) 10 minutes**
The Council is celebrating Local ECAC Carson/Douglas, with Chair Tiffany Olivas, who will share progress from their Work Plan and activities accomplished. Chair and Vice Chair to request a volunteer for March and-or May meeting
Local ECAC in celebration: Carson/Douglas ECAC – Tiffany Olivas
Tiffany Alston, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council, Chair
Patrice Gardner, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Vice Chair
- 7. Subcommittee Updates and Workplan (Discussion for Possible Action) 20 Minutes**
Discuss updates, recommendations and workplan progress from ECAC Subcommittees
Tiffany Alston, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council, Chair





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- **Executive Leadership** – Tiffany Alston and Patrice Gardner, Co-Chairs
- **Systems Alignment** – Tiffany Olivas and Abbey Bernhardt, Co-Chairs
- **Communications and Engagement** – Jamelle Nance, Co-Chair
- **Policy and Finance** – Elysa Arroyo, Co-Chair
- **Data and Evaluation** – Marty Elquist and Amanda Haboush-Deloye, Co-Chairs

8. State Agency and Partner Summary Report Updates (Information/Discussion) 20-25 minutes
Nevada ECAC offers the Local ECAC's, Nevada ECAC partners and Nevada Early Childhood System Agencies and programs the opportunity to briefly share an update of relevant progress or new initiatives such as programs or services and issues relevant to the ECAC Strategic Plan and work of the Council.

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- **Nevada Local ECAC's**
 - 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
 - Carson/Douglas, Tiffany Olivas *sharing in Agenda Item 5
- **Nevada Department of Education (NDE)**
 - **Office of Early Learning and Development (OELD)**
 - QRIS, Sara Kharrat
 - PDG B-5 Grant, Rachel Stepina
 - PDG B-5 Early Childhood Workforce, Jamie Mendez
 - PDG B-5 Family Engagement, Nayeddi Badillo
 - PDG B-5 Birth - 3rd Grade, Dana Preece
 - 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**

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Patrice Gardner, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council, Vice Chair

- 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, 9:00am
- 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**

