



PARTNER SUMMARY REPORT JANUARY 2025

SECTION 1: LOCAL ECAC'S

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Summary:

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Summary:



SOUTHERN NEVADA ECAC (SNECAC)

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Updated On: 1/8/25

Summary: SNECAC met twice, with in-person meetings held on September 18 and November 20. During the September meeting, the group discussed the planned activities for the Step Up for Kids Event, which took place on October 5, 2024. In November, members reviewed the event summary, which is available on the NICRP website at <https://nic.unlv.edu/step-up-for-kids/>. The members also expressed a preference for meeting in different spaces to facilitate better collaboration, a practice that will continue for the 2025 quarterly meetings.

The 2025 meeting schedule was shared with members, with efforts made to avoid overlapping with ECAC meeting dates. The 2025 SNECAC meeting dates are available on the SNECAC website at <https://www.sneac.com/reports/> and are listed below:

- Wednesday, February 19, 2025 · 12:00 – 2:00 PM
- Wednesday, May 21, 2025 · 12:00 – 2:00 PM
- Wednesday, August 20, 2025 · 12:00 – 2:00 PM
- Wednesday, October 15, 2025 · 12:00 – 2:00 PM

TRI-COUNTIES ECAC LYNN, STOREY AND MINERAL COUNTIES

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Summary:



WASHOE COUNTY ECAC

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Date of Update: 11/16/24

Summary: The WCECAC completed two cohorts of Books and Bots with community wide providers and public providers in Pre-K and Kindergarten. Eighty-five educators (26 community partners and 59 Pre-K to 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.

SECTION 2: NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (NDE)

Office of Early Learning & Development (OELD)

OVERALL UPDATES

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Updated on: 11/04/24

Summary: 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.

QRIS: QUALITY RATING IMPROVEMENT SYSTEM

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Updated on: 1/13/25

Summary: Happy New Year! As we step into 2025, I'd like to share some of the successes we had in 2024:

- We increased from 375 providers in December 2022 to 404 in December 2023, and further to **462** in December 2024. This growth means that more families across the state now have access to an expanding number of high-quality programs. We hope this number continues to grow, further expanding access to quality programs for our families.



- We improved internal forms and manuals to **streamline** the QRIS processes between OELD, the coaching team, and the assessors team.
- We provided **LearnERS** user licenses to train all staff at our interested 2-star level programs on ERS and equipped our QIS coaches with additional tools to support our programs.
- We launched the **Elevate ECE** cohorts, focusing on 2-star level programs, to receive in-person training at the sites.
- We began a **Self-Paced Pathway in QRIS** to attract programs interested in depending on their internal staff to navigate the QRIS cycles with administrative support from a Children's Cabinet liaison. This initiative helps provide alternative pathways for providers and reduces coach caseloads. As a result, we can onboard waitlisted programs.
- We introduced the **Quality Excellence Pathway (QEP)** for our high-rated (4 and 5-star) programs that have been in QRIS for more than two consecutive cycles, aiming to promote independence while still offering support when needed.
- OELD is developing a **self-paced online QRIS Intro Training**, allowing teachers, directors, and principals to learn more about QRIS and our work, enhancing accessibility and equity. Previously, only program directors were invited to the QRIS intro training due to the scheduling difficulties.
- We started planning for transitioning away from star ratings by 2027, focusing on **continuous quality improvement support for providers**. This is still in the planning phase, and we will continue involving partners and providers as we move forward.

We also want to remind you that the QRIS dashboard is now accessible without needing to create an account or log in. Simply save the link to access updated QRIS information and download reports. The dashboard can be filtered for specific categories, such as Nevada Ready or Head Start programs, by using the **Ctrl button**.

Please take some time to review the user guide attached to make the most of the dashboard. Moving forward, I will no longer send the monthly report. Instead, I'll send a reminder next month with the updated dashboard. [Microsoft Power BI](#)

This dashboard 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 views of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families. Visit <https://bit.ly/nevadaPDGB-5> or contact Rachel Stepina at rachel.stepina@doe.nv.gov for more details.

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

GENERAL HIGHLIGHTS

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Updated on: 1/14/24

Summary: 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 or contact Rachel Stepina at rachel.stepina@doe.nv.gov.

- **Overall PDG B-5 Nevada Renewal Highlights:**
 - Continued Early Childhood Language Access Plan development; providing interpretation support to the Early Childhood Advisory Council, First 5 Nevada Family Leadership Council, and Children’s Advocacy Ambassador’s programs to pilot resources and develop tools
 - Open Opportunity for Parent & Community Feedback: <https://bit.ly/nevadahomelanguage>
 - Received non-compete application renewal award through December 30, 2025
 - Supported the Office of Student and School Supports in reviewing vendor proposals for a statewide referral app for children and youth experiencing homelessness. Coming in 2025! Contact Kate Pflughoeft at Kate.pflughoeft@doe.nv.gov
 - Developing Early Learning Data and Reporting System (ELDRS)
 - **Coming Soon...**
 - PDG B-5 Quarter 4 (Year 2) Report and Year 2 Annual Program Performance Report
 - Federal forecast for an opportunity to apply for a PDG B-5 Planning Grant in Spring 2025
 - 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
- **Activity 1: Needs Assessment Highlight:**
 - Statewide Comprehensive Birth through 5 Needs Assessment update is underway, conducted by Nevada Institute for Children’s Research and Policy. Coming Soon: Updated Demographics Report
 - Launched Early Childhood Research Briefs. Sign up for NICRP listserv to receive these new briefs!
 - WestEd continuing work in Nevada Pathway to Universal Pre-Kindergarten; Office of Early Learning and Development team participated in CAA Policy Summit to share information
 - Continued work toward Continued Look Studies, including family and provider interviews with focal populations by University of Nevada Las Vegas- Department of Early Childhood, Multilingual, and Special Education
- **Activity 2: Strategic Plan Highlights:**
 - In negotiations with Children’s Equity Project to establish a contract for the ECAC Strategic Plan.
 - Drafted application for Local ECAC Mini Grants
 - 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](#). To Register, Contact Sabrina Jones sabrina.jones@doe.nv.gov and Brandi Hearst Brandi.hearst@doe.nv.gov



- ECAC Membership seats vacancies:
 - For Open Seats, contact: brandi.hearst@doe.nv.gov and sabrina.jones@doe.nv.gov
 - 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 someone you know meets the following criteria and are interested in applying for ECAC membership find the application link can be found here: [Advisory Council Membership – Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council \(nvecac.com\)](https://www.nvecac.com)
- **Activity 3: Family Engagement in the B-5 System Highlights:**
 - Completed draft of revised Birth through Grade 12 Family Engagement Framework and now working on the toolkit. Please share resources and/or ideas for the early childhood toolkit to Nayesdi Badillo nayesdi.badillo@doe.nv.gov. The toolkit will have sections for 0-5 administrators, directors & community leaders; educators & workforce; families.
 - First5Nevada.org and primeros5nevada.org common eligibility portal and systems resources through The Children’s Cabinet to maintain outreach and website capabilities, and provide coordinator support for First 5 Nevada Family Leadership Council
- **Activity 4: Early Childhood Workforce Highlights:**
 - Draft of the Early Child Educator Wellness Guidebook is complete. Contact Jamie Mendez jamie.mendez@doe.nv.gov for more updates.
 - Continued funding to UNR Extension to provide Early Childhood Workforce Development supports to Spiral Up, CDA Preschool & FCC, and the NR!PK Professional Development program
 - Early Childhood Workforce Dashboard through Nevada Registry
 - Expanded Early Childhood Support Network by 5 new positions through The Children’s Cabinet
- **Activity 5: Increasing Quality Highlights:**
 - Participated as State and District teams in the P-3 Institute and continuing work related to the Birth through 3rd Grade approach in action. Contact Dana Preece for information: dana.preece@doe.nv.gov
 - Continued supporting the QRIS team (see update above)
 - Quality Rating Improvement System Supports through Early Learning Insights.
 - Increasing Quality through Nevada’s Early Learning Continuum, Birth through 3rd Grade and Developmentally Appropriate Practices in Action through Northwest Regional Professional Development Program
- **Activity 6: Subgrants to Programs Highlights:**
 - 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. Stay tuned for application information for these FCC seats!
 - Home Visiting for incarcerated families through UNR Child and Family Research Center
 - Rural, frontier, and tribal Pyramid Model Supports through The Children’s Cabinet & UNR
- **Bonus Area 1: Coordinated Application, Eligibility, and Enrollment**
 - Funding First5Nevada.org for common eligibility efforts through The Children’s Cabinet
 - Participating to develop an Executive Summary for the Coordinated Intake and Referral System (CIRS) in partnership with HRSA-ECCS and Denise Tanata
- **Bonus Area 2: Improving Workforce Compensation**



- Developing scope and subaward with NevAEYC to create a Nevada-specific workforce compensation model
- Finalizing the Incentives Scale and process to formally make this incentives scale available to early childhood partners to support up to 85 early childhood workforce and up to 80 families in receiving incentives to participate in PDG B-5 engagement opportunities to Advise (\$25), Collaborate (\$50), and Lead (\$100)
- **Bonus Area 3: Increasing Access to Inclusive Settings**
- Expanded scope of work with WestEd to continue to explore how the Early Childhood Innovative Literacy Program (ECILP) Opportunity 1 seats have increased access to early childhood settings for children with disabilities

PDG B-5: NEVADA EARLY CHILDHOOD SYSTEM

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Updated on:

Summary: PDG B-5 supported the NV Early Childhood Advisory Council’s General and Subcommittee meetings through 2 newer positions: ECAC Systems Specialist and ECAC Administrative Coordinator.

- **ECAC Membership Seats Vacancies:**
 - **Open:** SEAT P: One member who is a representative a tribal organization/given consideration to an enrolled member of a Nevada Indian Tribe
 - **Open:** 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.
 - **Open:** SEAT M: One member who represents a nonprofit organization located in Southern Nevada that provides early childhood programs.
 - If you or someone you know is interested in applying for membership, the application can be found here: [Advisory Council Membership](#)
- For more PDG B-5 Grant information, visit: <https://bit.ly/nevadaPDGB-5>.
- Complete the “Stay Informed” survey for feedback and comments

PDG B-5: NV EARLY CHILDHOOD WORKFORCE

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Updated On: 1/13/25



Summary: Report available to the public: <https://www.nevadachildcare.org/data-reports/>

As of April 2024, with collaborative support of our workforce framework’s workgroup members we have been able to identify action steps for all five of the framework’s priority areas!

The five priority areas are:

- Professional Development & Pathways
- Livable Wage
- Supportive Workplace
- Data
- Advocacy

Between all five priority areas we have a total of 112 action steps identified!

Continued work through the framework’s action steps are continuing into 2025.

PDG B-5 FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

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Updated On: 1/13/25

Summary:

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Summary:

OFFICE OF INCLUSIVE EDUCATION (O.I.E.)



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Updated On: 1/13/25

SUMMARY: continuing to support Local Education Agency (LEAs) in the use of the new Early Childhood Outcomes (ECO) module in ACCESS Nevada, which is the state data system. Preparing for State Compliance Monitoring of the 2024-2025 cohort which will begin in March

NEVADA READY! PRE- K: (NR!PK)

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SECTION 3: NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (DHHS) DIVISION OF WELFARE AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES (DWSS)

CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (CCDP) AND CARE SERVICES CENTERS (CCSC)

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Summary:

DIVISION OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES (DCFS) Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (IECMH)



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Summary:

SECTION 4: NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (DHHS)
DIVISION OF PUBLIC BEHAVIOR AND HEALTH (DPBH)

DPBH : CHILD CARE LICENSING

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Updated on: 1/13/25

Summary: As of January 13, 2025 there are a total of licensed childcare facilities throughout the State of Nevada.

- Family Care homes: 101 total licensed facilities
- Group Care homes: 68 total licensed facilities
- Centers: 444 total licensed facilities
- Special Needs: 1 total licensed facilities
- Institutions: 1 total licensed facilities
- Accommodations: 31 total licensed facilities

As of January 13, 2025 Child Care Licensing has received a total of 32 complaints in 2025.

- 13 were self-reported incidents by providers as required per NAC432A.378 (significant injuries or communicable disease reports)
- 19 were complaints against licensed or unlicensed facilities
 - 1 complaint of unlicensed facilities
 - 18 complaints of licensed facilities

DPBH: MATERNAL, CHILD & ADOLESCENT HEALTH (MCAH)



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Updated on: 1/02/25

Summary: Continuing the Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Block Grant 5-Year Needs Assessment (Due in July 2025) Will be sharing opportunities to participate in focus groups and surveys. MCH would appreciate everyone sharing the opportunities around their networks.

DPBH: WOMEN, INFANTS & CHILDREN PROGRAM (WIC)

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Updated on: 1/3/25

Summary:

- Nevada WIC is working on an online ordering project. A soft launch is scheduled for spring 2025.
- Nevada WIC received modernization funding to update nutrition education materials in top 3 languages.

DPBH: NEVADA STATE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM

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Updated: NO JANUARY UPDATE

Summary:

DPBH: ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM

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Updated on: No January Update Provided

Summary:

SECTION 5: NEVADA ECAC EARLY CHILDHOOD PARTNERS

THE CHILDREN'S CABINET (TCC)

HRSA: EARLY CHILDHOOD COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEMS (ECCS) HEALTH INTEGRATION

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Updated on: 1/13/25

Summary: 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 Updates:

- **TCC / ECCS: The Guinn Center for Policy Priorities:** The ECCS Leadership Team will meet in January 2025 to review the GUINN report, the CIRS Executive Summary, and updated analysis of the Early Childhood Fiscal Map and GAP project
- The Children's Advocacy Alliance prioritized Early Childhood Systems during their 2025 annual Winter Policy Summit. A panel of representatives including Denise Tanata (ECCS Advisor), Senator Rochelle Nguyen, Anna Colquitt and Patrice Gardner discussed the importance of a centralized governance office for Nevada's Early Childhood programs and supports.
- 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. ECCS leaders are currently working together to plan for the 2025 Cohort. More information on the nomination and application project will be available February /March 2025. If you would like to be added to the list for updates, please email Tolivas@childrencabinet.org.
- [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.
- The Coordinated Intake and Referral System (CIRS) workgroup continues to meet. The executive summary of the recommendations and resources will be available this month.
- Representatives from the Early Childhood Community Health Worker program have been chosen to present information at the 2025 annual Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (AMCHP) in Washington DC this Spring.



- Currently, there are two Bill Draft Requests (BDR) related to the creation of an Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Office. You can track the progress of the early childhood BDR's through [NELIS](#).

TCC / ECCS: THE FIRST 5 NEVADA FAMILY LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

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Updated on 1/2025

Summary:

- **Meeting Schedule and Speakers:** We have finalized the schedule for our upcoming virtual meetings. These meetings will transition from in-person to virtual formats, providing opportunities for parent summits. We are currently in the process of confirming new speakers for these sessions. If you are interested in speaking or providing a training to the council, complete this form: <https://forms.office.com/r/g6WjmP4Z0f?origin=lprLink>.
- **Parent Summits:** The summits will provide family leaders (parents) to network, share resources, and connect regionally. We will host parent summits in Las Vegas, Elko, and Reno. More details to come!
- **Family Recruitment:** Our focus is on recruiting families from Southern Nevada, tribal areas, and rural regions. Find more information on the First 5 Nevada Family Leadership Council here: [Nevada Family Leadership Council - Parent Leadership and Engagement - Children's Cabinet](#).
- **Outreach Efforts:** Ashley Dines is coordinating and conducting outreach at childcare centers, as well as participating in various events to engage more families in the program.
- **Parent Spotlight:** Adriana Morales Lemus from Northern Nevada shared her story for January's Parent Spotlight. Find Adriana's story here: [Parent Spotlight: Adriana Morales Lemus - First 5 Nevada](#).
- **Parent Spotlight:** Alejandra Melecio will be speaking during the Parent Spotlight at the upcoming general ECAC meeting on January 15, 2025.

TCC / ECCS: NEVADA ASSOCIATION FOR THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG CHILDREN (NEVAEYC)

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Updated on: No JANUARY Update Received

Summary:



NEVADA CHILD CARE PROVIDER COMMITTEE (CCPAC)

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Updated on: 1/2/25

Summary: The Child Care Provider Action Committee (CCPAC) is excited to announce extended funding from Homegrown to support contracted services with the Children’s Advocacy Alliance (CAA). The CCPAC and CAA have met and have identified 3 potential policy items to discuss and explore for the 2025 legislative session. As more information is solidified, we will share the plans and activities to promote the policy idea and to garner support from stakeholders. If you are a provider or interested in this effort and would like to be included in this work, you can email Lela Gonzales at LGonzales@childrencabinet.org. Thank you!

PYRAMID MODEL

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Updated on: NO JANUARY UPDATE

Summary:

RESEARCH AND NEEDS ASSESSMENTS (NICRP)

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Updated on: 1/3/25

Summary: 16 new resources were added to the tracker this past quarter (since 11/05/24). Two examples of report/strategic plan that were added include:

- a. Nevada Statewide Oral Health Needs Assessment Report 2024, and
- b. Comprehensive Community Prevention Plan 2024-2026

If anyone has updated strategic plans or needs assessment they are aware of please let us know.



NEVADA ASSOCIATION FOR RESEARCH AND NEEDS INFANT AND EARLY CHILDHOOD MENTAL HEALTH

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Updated on: 1/2/25

Summary: The Nevada Association for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health joined Nevada colleagues to attend the Prenatal to 3 Policy Summit in December. The Association transitioned to paid memberships at the start of 2025. We have 49 individuals who have either earned I/EC MH Endorsement® or are in the process of completing their applications for Endorsement. We are accepting applications for new Board Members. If you or someone you know values early relational health and would like to work with us to promote understanding and practices that support young children, families, and other service providers, come join us by sending an email to Jacquelyn!

CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY ALLIANCE (CAA), THE STRONG START PRENATAL TO THREE (PN-3) COALITION, THE PRITZKER CHILDREN'S INITIATIVE (PCI)

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Updated on: 1/10/25

Summary:

Children's Advocacy Alliance (CAA), CAA is actively collaborating with various coalitions and policymakers across Nevada to educate stakeholders and strategically chart a path forward in advancing key policy priorities. To amplify the collective impact on early childhood policy initiatives, CAA is partnering with the Child Care Provider Action Council to deliver advocacy training, equipping participants to effectively navigate the Nevada Legislature. On January 9, 2025, CAA hosted its annual Winter Policy Summit at the Discovery Children's Museum in Las Vegas, bringing together over 200 participants. A welcome reception was held on January 8 to celebrate Children's Champions and inspire attendees for a day of learning and strategic action ahead of the upcoming legislative session.

Parent Voice: CAA continues to collaborate with the Nevada Early Childhood Family Leadership Council (NECFLC) to share resources and training opportunities, strengthening collective advocacy efforts. The 2025 Children's Advocacy Ambassadors cohort will launch on January 29, 2025, with monthly meetings on the last Wednesday at 6:00 PM. If you know parent leaders or early childhood champions interested in advocacy training, especially those with children aged 0-3, please contact Jamelle Nance or Annette Dawson Owens. CAA is continuing to develop a recruitment and transition plan aligned with the PDG-B5 Family Engagement Plan.

The Strong Start Prenatal to Three (PN-3) coalition will continue to hold quarterly meetings to facilitate collaboration among partners on early childhood policy. The next meeting will be in collaboration with the systems alignment meeting and will include updates on CAA's early childhood policy priorities, as well as discussions on opportunities for alignment. The coalition is also



focused on expanding its reach to engage parents and community-based organizations serving marginalized communities. If you are interested in participating or have relevant information to share in support of the coalition's mission, please contact Jamelle Nance.

The Pritzker Children's Initiative (PCI), the primary funders supporting the Strong Start Prenatal to Three (PN-3) Coalition have provided CAA with the opportunity to participate in a competitive implementation application process. The Strong Start Leadership Team meets monthly to strategically establish targeted universal goals that will guide the coalition's work over the next two years.

The planning process will involve the Strong Start Leadership Team, community partners, and parents to ensure all goals align with Nevada's early childhood systems initiatives and reflect the needs and priorities of families. PCI emphasizes an equity-centered approach and the critical role of family and parent leadership in decision-making. Additionally, SchoolHouse Connection will continue collaborating with PCI to enhance efforts to identify young children experiencing homelessness and connect families with high-quality early childhood resources.

SECTION 6: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL

Please ADD anything that can benefit others to this section. Below are some ideas of what to add:

- Opportunities for Funding, Grants,
- Trainings, Workshops,
- Meetings,
- Events,
- Conferences,
- Professional Development, or
- Outreach

Add more to the list as needed

OPPORTUNITIES:

Advocacy Training Webinar - January 16, 2025, from 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM PST!

Register here: tinyurl.com/advocacynan

Learn what advocacy is, how the lawmaking process works, and how to effectively advocate for your Out of School Time programs, and any efforts, during and in between legislative sessions.

Nevada Afterschool Showcase Feb 27-28, Peppermill Reno, NV Registration now open:

<https://www.nevadaafterschool.org/nevada-afterschool-showcase/>



ADD YOUR OPPORTUNITY ABOVE THIS TEXT AND BELOW OTHER ENTRIES, IF ANY