



Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council

Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC) Public Meeting

Wednesday, March 19, 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 Location

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

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

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AGENDA

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

Tiffany Alston, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Chair

Patrice Gardner, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Vice Chair

Nayesdi Badillo, 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 three 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 February 12, 2025 (Discussion for Possible Action) 3 min

The Council will discuss and vote to approve February 12, 2025, Meeting Minutes.

Tiffany Alston, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council, Chair

Patrice Gardner, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Vice Chair

5. Child Care Subsidy Presentation (Discussion, Informational) 10 min

Brooke Yarborough to speak on behalf of Child Care Subsidy changes, providing updates for providers and families.

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Patrice Gardner, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Vice Chair

Brooke Yarborough, Child Care Agency Manager, Nevada Department of Health and Human Services

6. First 5 Nevada Family Leadership Council Updates, Parent Spotlight (Information, Discussion)

10 minutes-Council Updates / 10 minutes-Spotlight

The Council will hear First 5 Nevada Family Leadership updates with possible "Parent Spotlight" guest speaker, sharing their experience within the Early Childhood System of Nevada.

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Patrice Gardner, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Vice Chair

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

Parent Spotlight Guest Presenter option

7. ECAC Vacant Seats, Membership Renewal Process and Recruitment Planning (Discussion, Informational)

The Council to review renewals, review how to apply/ renew ECAC Membership and plan action steps for recruitment.

Sabrina Jones, ECAC Systems Specialist

Brandi Hearst, ECAC Administrative Coordinator



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8. Free Notary Service brought to you by **Sunrise Children's Foundation**.

Members in the Las Vegas Area can receive a free notary service for their Nevada ECAC Membership Renewal. Appointments required, to schedule an appointment and for location information, contact Anna.

Email: asosa@sunrisechildren.org

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9. Data Dictionary Search Demonstration (*Discussion, Possible Action*) **15 min**

The Council to view and discuss the new Data Dictionary Search capabilities .

Matthew Hoffman, Nevada Department of Education, Office of Early Learning and Development

Craig Moebus, DBDriven

10. Nevada Legislation Updates (*Discussion, Informational*) **7 min**

The Council to hear updates about legislation from various sources and the members involved that have the possibility of affecting Nevada families and youth as well as Early Childhood System employees. Dr. Jamelle Nance to share updates on current legislation and where SB82 and AB236 are at overall.

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Patrice Gardner, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Vice Chair

Dr. Jamelle Nance, Communication and Engagement Co-Chair

11. 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

Patrice Gardner, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Vice Chair

- **Executive Leadership** – Tiffany Alston and Patrice Gardner, Co-Chairs
- **Systems Alignment** – Tiffany Olivas and Abbey Bernhardt, Co-Chairs
- **Communications and Engagement** – Dr. Jamelle Nance, Co-Chair
- **Communication and Engagement Ad-Hoc** - Brianna Cambra & Dr. Jamelle Nance
- **Policy and Finance** – Elysa Arroyo and Denise Tanata, Co-Chairs
- **Data and Evaluation** – Marty Elquist and Amanda Haboush-Deloye, Co-Chairs

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

Nevada Local ECAC's, Nevada ECAC partners along with Nevada Early Childhood System Agencies And Programs have the opportunity to briefly share an update of relevant progress, new initiatives, services and upcoming challenges relevant to the ECAC Strategic Plan and work of the Council.

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Patrice Gardner, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Vice Chair

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

Nevada Department of Education (NDE)

- **Office of Inclusive Education, Cate Guzy**



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- **Office of Early Learning and Development (OELD), Patti Oya**

- QRIS, Sara Kharrat
- PDG B-5 Grant, Rachel Stepina
- 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)

- **Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS)**

- Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (IECMH), Rhonda Lawrence

- **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
- 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 Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health, Jacquelyn Kleinedler
- Children's Advocacy Alliance (CAA), Strong Start Prenatal to Three (PN-3) and (PCI), Dr. 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.

13. Agenda Items for May 21, 2025 VIRTUAL Meeting at 5:30-7:30pm

(Discussion for Possible Action) 5 minutes

Council will discuss agenda items for next meeting on May 21, 2025, *Shorter agenda

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14. Upcoming Meetings (Informational) 1-2 min

Tiffany Alston, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council, Chair

Patrice Gardner, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council, Vice Chair

- Data and Evaluation Subcommittee: 3.20.25 1:00pm
- Systems Alignment Subcommittee: 3.26.25 1:00pm
- Executive Leadership Subcommittee: 4.01.25, 11:00am
- Policy and Finance Subcommittee: 4.10.25, 1:00pm
- Communications and Engagement Ad Hoc: 4.15.25 1:30pm
- Communication and Engagement: 5.13.25, 9:00am
- General ECAC Meeting 5.21.25, 5:30pm-7:30pm VIRTUAL ONLY



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

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16. Adjournment