



## Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council

### Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC)

#### Public Meeting

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

5:30pm-7:30pm

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### **AGENDA (141 minutes, counted 120 min meeting)**

#### **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**

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#### **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 March 19, 2025 (Discussion for Possible Action) 3 min**

The Council will discuss and vote to approve March 19, 2025, 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 (Informational, Discussion) 10 min**

5 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.

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

*Parent Spotlight Guest Presenter*

#### **6. Data Dictionary Update (Discussion, Possible Action) 10 min**

The Council to view and discuss updates for the online Database for parent/family and educator audience.

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

#### **7. NAMI Western- Statistics on Children in Need (Discussion, Informational) 10 min**

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), Western Nevada, will present an overview to the council, including but not limited to: Teen Text Line, Youth Peer Support Specialists and Data reported on range of age groups seeking support, reasons for outreach, and regions experiencing disparities.

*Laura Yanez, Executive Director, NAMI Western*

*Abbey Bernhardt, System Alignment Subcommittee Co-Chair*

#### **8. Nevada's Pathway to Universal Pre-K (UPK) Updates (Informational) 1020? min**

Council to hear presentation on Nevada's Pathway to Universal Pre-K (UPK), outlining the collaborative, data-informed methods used, review key findings, and present phased recommendations

*Brianne Dotson, Strategic Resource Planning and Implementation, WestEd*



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

The Subcommittee will hear updates on current legislation for Nevada's families and Early Childhood Systems overall.

*Dr. Jamelle Nance, Communication and Engagement Co-Chair*

### **10. Review “Best Practices Statement” regarding Data Collection** (*Discussion for Possible Action*) **5 minutes**

The General ECAC will hear the Data and Evaluation subcommittee and their Best Practices Statement for Data Collection, after review and discussion the General ECAC can vote to approve and adopt the statement.

*Marty Elquist and Amanda Haboush-Deloye, Co-Chairs of Data and Evaluation Subcommittee*

### **11. Subcommittee Updates and Workplan** (*Discussion for Possible Action*) **5 Minute overall summary**

Discuss updates, recommendations and workplan progress from ECAC Subcommittees.

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*Patrice Gardner, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Vice Chair*

### **12. State Agency and Partner Summary Report Updates** (*Information/Discussion*) **15 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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### **Nevada Department of Education (NDE)**

**Office of Inclusive Education (OIE), Cate Guzy**

**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



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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. Nance and Annette Dawson-Owens

### **Nevada Local ECACs summary and how parents can be involved**

Elko/Northeastern, Kelly Melendez and Sarah Carone

Southern Nevada, Amanda Haboush-Deloye

Washoe County, Melissa Burnham and Anna Severns

Carson/Douglas, Tiffany Olivas

Tribal, Ashleigh Baker

Tri Counties Lynn, Storey and Mineral Counties (Evelyn Knight- non active ECAC)

### **Shared Opportunities for All**

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

### **13. Agenda Items for July 16, 2025 Meeting at 9:00am** *(Discussion for Possible Action)* **5 minutes**

Council will discuss agenda items for next meeting on July 16, 2025

*Tiffany Alston, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council, Chair*

*Patrice Gardner, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council, Vice Chair*

### **14. Upcoming Meetings** *(Information)* **0 min**

Data and Evaluation: No June Meeting

Systems Alignment: 5.28.25 1:00pm

Executive Leadership: 6.03.25, 11:00am

Policy and Finance: 6.12.25, 1:00pm

Communications and Engagement Ad Hoc: 6.17.25 1:30pm

Communication and Engagement: 7.08.25, 9:00am

General ECAC Meeting 7.16.25, 9:00am

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

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### **16. Adjournment**