

Agenda Item 5



Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Membership Tool Kit

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About The Nevada ECAC Toolkit

The Nevada ECAC Toolkit provides a comprehensive collection of educational resources and information that highlights who we are, our membership, current projects, and work plan activities. This toolkit is designed to support ECAC members, partners, and stakeholders in advocating for and shaping policies that benefit Nevada's youngest learners. It also serves as a centralized hub for accessing all ECAC Work Plan projects and related resources.

The vision of the Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC) is to ensure the safety, health, and overall well-being of children during their first eight years of life. Our system is dedicated to supporting children and families so they can reach their fullest potential. In partnership with the Nevada State Board of Education, ECAC plays a key role in developing guidelines to assess school readiness across the state.

We encourage you to use this toolkit as a valuable resource to help implement the Nevada ECAC Strategic Plan and Work Plan activities, and to support your engagement in early childhood efforts.

Additionally, the Nevada ECAC Toolkit includes access to research-based resources, evidence-informed practices in early childhood from across the state, and a directory of EC partners for easy networking and collaboration.

For more information, visit nvecac.com or contact us at nevadaecac@gmail.com. If you are interested in joining the Council or getting involved in our work, we would love to hear from you.





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Who We Are

Nevada Early Child Advisory Council (ECAC)

The Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC) is a diverse group of business, community, education, government, nonprofit, parent, and provider representatives that are appointed by Nevada's Governor. Founded in 2009 by an executive order, the Nevada ECAC was later established in statute by the 2013 Nevada Legislative Session and Governor Sandoval. The Nevada ECAC works to strengthen state-level coordination and collaboration among the various sectors and settings of early childhood programs. Early childhood is defined by the Nevada ECAC as the period from birth to age eight, while also recognizing the importance of quality prenatal care in early childhood outcomes. Early childhood is a period of rapid and critical development which encompasses access to nutrition, health care, protection, play and early learning to stimulate children's physical, cognitive, linguistic and social-emotional development

Purpose

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.

Values & Guiding Principles

Every child in Nevada is our child, and is worthy of our commitment to their care, learning, and well-being. The following values and principles lay the foundation for this plan and the important work to follow:

- Reach All children as early as possible, with needed support and services
- Genuinely and effectively accommodate children with special needed
- Reflect and respect strengths and values. Language, culture and communities of children and families.
- Ensure stability and continuity of service and a continuum from prenatal into school entry and beyond
- Ease access families and transition for children
- Value parents as leaders and decision making
- Catalyze and maximize investments and foster innovation

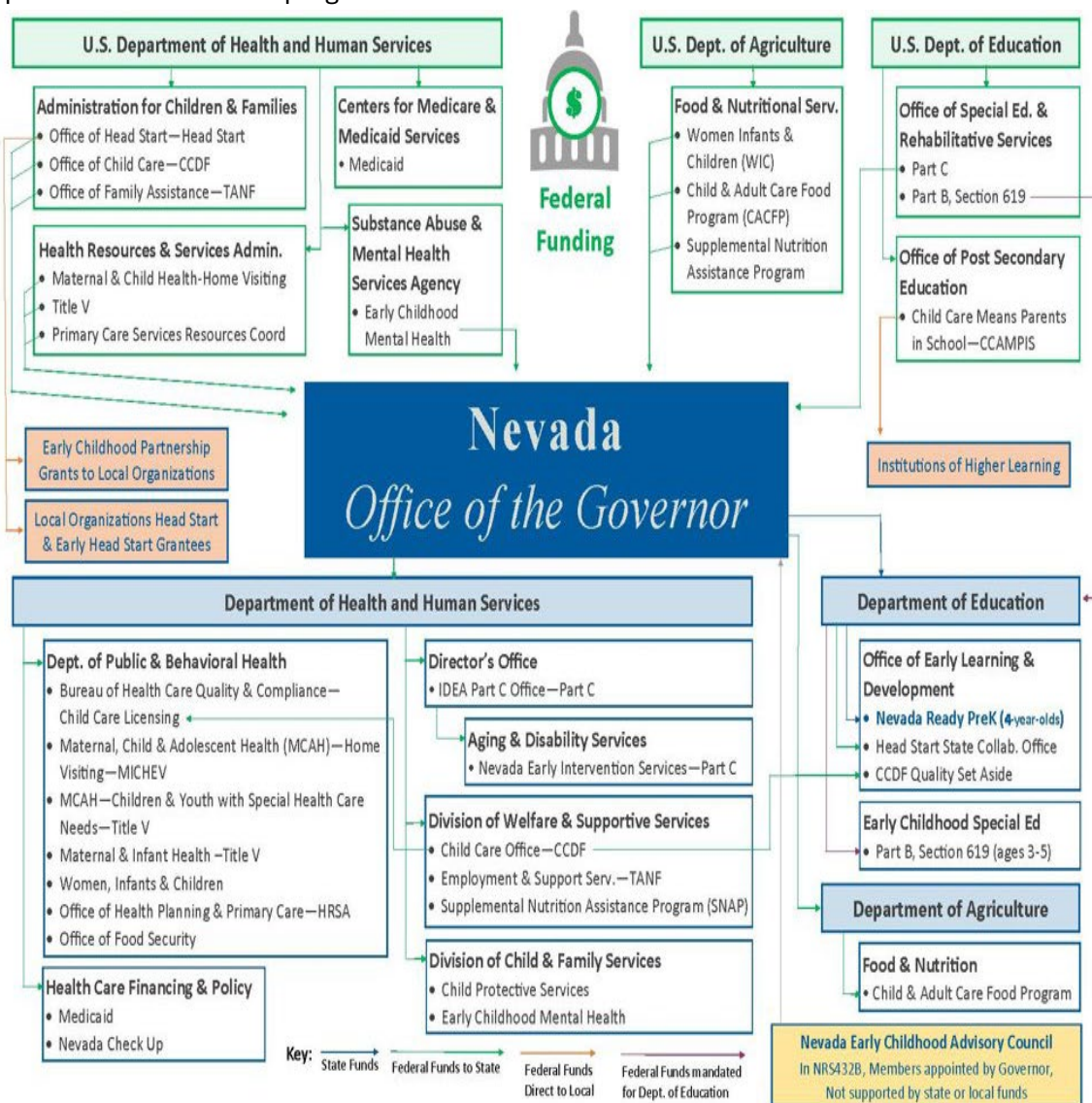




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Early Childhood System focus

The Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council focuses on strengthening Nevada Early Childhood System. The Early Childhood System in Nevada is administered through four state level departments that administer services through approximately ten different state divisions or offices, with over 20 state-level coalitions, initiatives, and/or commissions that oversee, advise and/or support these entities and programs.





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ECAC Early Childhood System Approach

The Data Evidence Highlights the need for:

ECAC uses an Early Childhood System approach that focuses on the whole child.

A Comprehensive System that Links Young Children to Much Needed:

- Health
- Education
- Social Services
- At the Community * State * And Federal Levels

These Services are only effective when:

- Families know about them, And They Get Connected

It is equally important that providers & teachers also know what support exists in their community so they can help connect families with the support and services needed.

ECAC Strategic Plan

The ECAC Strategic Plan lays the foundation of what ECAC strives to carry out.

[NECAC2022_2024StrategicPlanFINAL.pdf](#)

Subcommittee Workplan

The Subcommittee workplan is a document that lists the goals, objectives and activity of the council. The document is subject for continuous updates as activities are implemented and completed. The plan is updated at the digression of the Co-chair of each subcommittee and its members

On- Strategy Progress Reports

On- strategy is a data tool that ECAC utilizes to trac the progress of ECAC Strategic workplan activities. An annual progress report is generated at the end of the year and submitted in addition to the ECAC State Mandate Annual report. Both are submitted by Dec 1st of each year.

See 2024 report: [On-Strategy](#)

ECAC Contacts

To contact ECAC, send an email to: nevadagecac@gmail.com

[Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council | Reno NV | Facebook](#)





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Nevada ECAC Membership

Membership is free and open to the public. Membership includes a diverse group of businesses, Community, Education, Government, Non-profit, Parent, Provider representatives. Becoming a member of the Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council allows you to:

- Support the Education and Well-being of Nevada's Youngest learners.
- It also enables you to Give back to your community, learn about Childcare **Initiatives** and **Relevant Legislation**, **Develop/Sharpen your Leadership skills**, and **Build Strong Relationships within the Community**.
- In addition, have the chance to **Network and Collaborate with other early childcare stakeholders**, **access resources**, and **receive input for your career enhancement opportunities**.
- As a member, you will contribute to the broader development of **Nevada's Early Childhood Comprehensive System**.

All members are appointed by the Governor, and which follows the Head Start Act requirements for State Advisory Councils

How to Become a member: Step 1, Send Email Nevadaecac@gmail.com and inform regarding your interest, please add your title and contact information join and your contact information

Application Process:

Complete [Steps #2 and #3](#) on the Governor's website for consideration of ECAC Membership appointment or Copy the following link to your browser.

https://gov.nv.gov/Boards/Boards_Home/

All Members are appointed by the governor it may take up to 2- three months for your appointment approval. We encourage you to attend the meeting while your application is being processed.

Online Link click her to apply [General ECAC Membership](#)

New Member Orientation Manual:

Joining a Subcommittee: After exploring our Subcommittees, you may be ready to become a subcommittee member. To Apply, click the link below for the Subcommittee Member Application. the ECAC Systems Specialist will respond once approval is established.

Membership requirements/Seats: For seat requirements click the link below and scroll down:

[General ECAC Membership](#)





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NEVADA EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL GENERAL ECAC

Nevada ECAC meets every other Month. Meetings are held in-person and virtual. We have begun scheduling meetings in the evening to accommodate educators and parents who are interested in bringing their voices to the table.

Meeting Schedule: The most current schedule is posted to the nvecac.com website and is subject to change: The website is updated as changes are made.

[General ECAC](#)

Nevada Open Meeting Law (OML link)

ECAC is Subject to Open Meeting Law for more information click on the OML Website or the manual PDF:

[Open Meeting Law Portal](#)

[Microsoft Word - 12th OMLAGO Manual 2016 Edition](#)

Nevada ECAC Bylaws. ECAC Is governed by Bylaws and are subject to updates with approval from the council. click the link for more information: or review your orientation manual.

[Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Bylaws](#)

Interpretation Tools and Language Access support:

ECAC Recruitment Flyer: Subject to change as seats are filed





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ECAC Subcommittees & Activities

Executive Leadership Subcommittee Goals & Activities

The Executive Leadership Subcommittee is Responsible for Goal# 1

Goal #1: Create a Coordinated Early Childhood Leadership Infrastructure

Leadership Structure: The Executive leadership committee mainly consists of the co-chairs of each subcommittee; however other can leaders are encouraged to join to bring their voices to the table and enhance leadership skills

ECAC Annual Report: In accordance with Nevada Revised Statute, NRS 432A.076, Nevada is required to submit a Annual Report at the end of each calendar, due December 1st. The Annual Report consists of EACH progress and recommendation for the Early Childhood System.

ECAC Family Engagement: We encourage families to share their voices during general ECAC meetings. An agenda item is delegated for families to share their Early childhood positive experiences and or concerns they may have. The goal is to learn more to determine gaps in services and how we can intervene. We can provide any assistance outside our range of work. We can refer to resources and there are many Early Childhood professionals at our meetings who can address concerns and acknowledge gaps and achievements.

Parent Involvement: We have added evening meetings to accommodate parents and educators who work from 9-5pm. Review the General ECAC Schedule at nvecac.com

Partner Report Summary:

Our Partner Submit a summary program report every other month prior to our General ECAC meeting. The partner report includes program activities, upcoming events, programs program progress and updates. If you would like to be added to this report to provide this info about your program, send email to nevadaecac@gmail.com

Leadership Resources:

[Nevada Family Leadership Council - Parent Leadership and Engagement - Children's Cabinet](#)

Surveys:





System and Alignment Subcommittee Goals & Activities

**The System and Alignment Subcommittee is responsible for Goal number 2
To Increase Coordination and Alignment Between Systems of Care for Young Children
and Families.**

Aligning members
Aligning Subcommittees

Systems Alignment Resources

[Nevada's Current Systems Building Efforts](#)

Communication & Engagement Goals & Activities

**The Communication and Engagement Subcommittee is responsible for Goal 3
Goal 3 :To Increase Capacity to Equitably Connect Families with the Early Childhood
System Continuum of Care and Community At Large**

[Master List of Early Childhood Organizations- ECAC-Communications and Engagement](#)

[ADHOC Resources for Two-way communication](#)

[Parent Engagement](#)

Communication & Engagement Resources

[ECAC Facebook](#)

Finance and Policy Subcommittee Goals & Activities

**Is Responsible for Goal # 4: To Identify Budget and Finance Strategies to Drive Policy Goals
and Objectives**

- EC Priorities RECOMMENDATIONS Survey
- PRENATAL TO 3 POLICY
- CAA Policy recommendation





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- EARLY Childhood Funding sources
- Partner Recommendations
- Nevada Ranking
- Policy Ranking

Policy Research Tools and important links:

Build Initiative
PN3 Policy Impact
CAA

Data & Evaluation Subcommittee Goals & Activities:

Activities

- Childcare Definition
- [Data Dictionary](#)
- [Data-and-Evaluation-Subcommittee-Key-Talking-Points-APPROVED-2.20.25.pdf](#)
- [Vulnerable and Underserved Population](#)
- [1.16.25 Best Practices Statement NDE with ECAC Data and Evaluation Subcommittee](#)

DATA RESOURCES

Nevada Fiscal Map

The Nevada Fiscal Map is a tool, developed in partnership with the Children's Funding Project, used to visualize funding streams affecting young people in Nevada. It is interactive and will continue to be updated as new data is gathered. Check it out below or

at <https://app.powerbi.com/view?r=eyJrIjoiaNzA5MThINjgtZTg2NS00ZDU4LWJhMzktZmQzZTZlNmExM2RiIiwidCI6IjBiNzFlYzI1LWVhYUUtNGMwMy04MDgzLWQ4Njk3M2VkYzk5ZSIsImMiOiF9>

<https://dph.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dphnvgov/content/Programs/PCO/07>

Children's Funding Project

[National Trends in State Funding for Children and Youth - Children's Funding Project](#)





ECAC Research & Assessments

Nevada HRSA ECCS Health Integration Project System Asset and Gap Analysis

The Nevada Early Childhood System Asset and Gap Analysis (SAGA) has identified significant opportunities and gaps. Its purpose is to create a comprehensive and unified Early Childhood Strategic Plan. Among the fifteen key evaluation areas in the analysis, three are in the "Implementation" phase, eight are in the "Development" phase, and four complete and the report has been presented to ECAC.

[Nevada Prenatal to Three System Asset and Gap Analysis \(SAGA\)](#)

[Guinn-Center-REport-Nevada-2024-Guinn.pdf](#)

Examining the Governance of Nevada's Early Childhood System

ECAC Presentations & Resources

Executive Leadership

[NICRP-Research-Briefs-or-Newsletters-Topics.pdf](#)

[Open Meeting Law Refresher Updates](#)

[NECFLC Presentation](#)

[2023 Overview of Nevada's Key Entities](#)

Communication and Engagement

[Communication-Ad-Hoc-Audience-Focused-Action-Item-planning.pdf](#)

[2024-2025 NECFLC Calendar](#)

Policy and Finance

[Policy-and-Finance-DRAFT-Funding-Template.xlsx](#)

Systems Alignment

[Nevada's Current Systems Building Efforts](#)

[Nevada Prenatal to Three System Asset and Gap Analysis \(SAGA\)](#)

Data & Evaluation





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[1.16.25 Best Practices Statement NDE with ECAC Data and Evaluation Subcommittee](#)

[Data-and-Evaluation-Subcommittee-Key-Talking-Points-APPROVED-2.20.25.pdf](#)





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First Five Nevada

[Get To Know The Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council - First 5 Nevada](#)

ECAC Master List of Nevada Early Childcare Providers

[Master List of Early Childhood Organizations- ECAC-Communications and Engagement](#)

Children Advocacy Alliance of Nevada

[Children's Advocacy Alliance of Nevada – The independent voice for Nevada's children and families.](#)

Nevada Registry

[The Nevada Registry | The Path to Brighter Futures](#)

Nevada First Five Family Leadership Council

[Nevada Family Leadership Council - Parent Leadership and Engagement - Children's Cabinet](#)

Nevada Department of Education Office of Early Learning and Development

[Office of Early Learning and Development](#)

United Way of Southern California

[Early Education | United Way of Southern Nevada](#)

[Nevada Child Care Resource & Referral - Child Care & Early Learning](#)

The Children's Cabinet

[Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems - Children's Cabinet](#)

Nevada WIC

[Nevada WIC: Women, Infants & Children Nutrition Resources](#)

Project Assist

[Nevada Division of Child and Family Services, Infant, Toddler, Safe Babies Court Program - NICRP](#)

Nevada Institute for Children' Research

[NICRP - Nevada Institute for Children's Research & Policy](#)

Sunrise Children's Foundation

[Sunrise Children's Foundation | Empowering Young Lives](#)

Clark County Family Services





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[Welcome to Clark County, NV - Home](#)

Nevada Association fo Educating Young Children

nevaevc.org

Care Nevada

[CARE Nevada | The Children's Cabinet](#)

