



## A Brief Welcome Guide

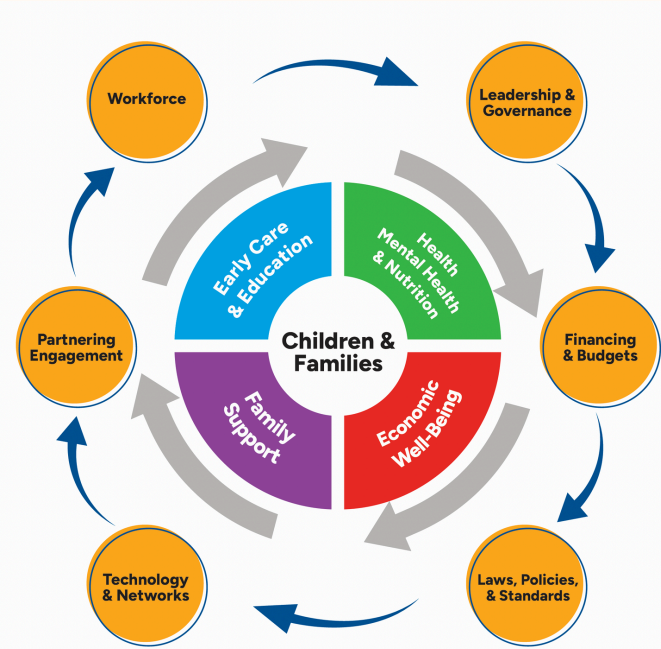
### Welcome to the Nevada Early Childhood System!

You are joining a diverse group of business, community, education, government, nonprofit, parents and child care provider representatives that work together to strengthen the coordination and collaboration for child and family services in the state of Nevada.



### Who belongs in the EC system?

For systems work to be successful, all sectors of a child’s life must be taken into account; the sub-systems within the greater EC system must be in alignment and have an understanding of the impacts each has on the other to optimize success. Members in systems work share the goal of improving opportunities and outcomes for children in Nevada. We share learning, resources and strategies that have proven beneficial.



### What is my role in the EC system?

Your voice is important.

**A comprehensive early childhood system requires diversity of thought, representation and opinions.**

We welcome you into the system as a thought-partner, and extend our invitation to hear your unique experiences, challenges, and successes in supporting and advocating for children and families in the state of Nevada.

## TAKE A SEAT AT THE TABLE



### Take the Next Step - Dive in

We are excited to welcome you to the conversation. Explore the quick tips below or take a deeper dive with our self-paced modules.

- Early Childhood System Overview
- Sector Specific Overviews
- Working Collaboratively
- Open Meeting Law
- Schedule an orientation call with ECAC chairs



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# GETTING STARTED

## Early Childhood Advisory Council

The Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC) is responsible for brining together professionals across early childhood sectors to coordination services throughout the state.

### ECAC QUICK FACTS



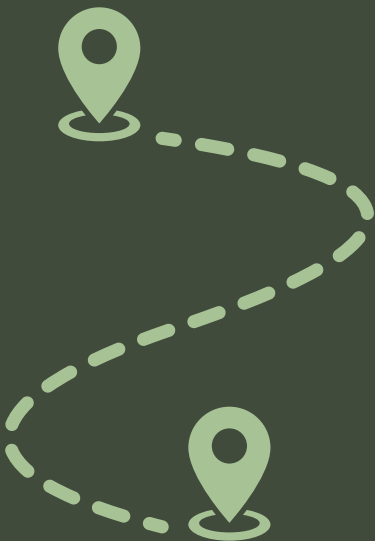
On average 2 of every 3 participants on an ECAC call are not voting or appointed members. Parents, early childhood professionals and the public are encouraged to regularly participate.



The ECAC meets every other month.

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In addition to the general ECAC meeting, there are 5 subcommittees the public and professionals can attend.



[nvecac.com/meeting-information/](http://nvecac.com/meeting-information/)

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# EXPLORE SYSTEM RESOURCES

### Strategic Plans

- [Early Childhood Advisory Council Strategic Plan](#)
- [Early Childhood Comprehensive System Prenatal-Age 3 Strategic Plan](#)

### Consumer Education Websites

- [First 5 Nevada](#)
- [Nevada Child Care](#)
- [Nevada Strong Start Child Care Services Center](#)



### Data Tools

- [Early Childhood Fiscal Mapping Project](#)
- [Nevada Department of Education, Office of Early Learning and Development Data](#)
- [Nevada Self-Sufficiency Calculator](#)

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# JOIN A PUBLIC MEETING

[Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities](#)

[Maternal and Child Health Advisory Board](#)

[Early Intervention Interagency Coordinating Council](#)

[Early Childhood Advisory Council](#)

[Family Engagement Council](#)

[State Board of Education](#)

[Nevada Legislature - Assembly and Senate Schedule](#)



# Participating in Public Meetings

## A Cheat Sheet



### Who does “Open Meeting Law” apply to?

Nevada Open Meeting Law (OML) governs public bodies. A public body is any administrative, advisory, executive, or legislative body of the state or local government. This includes groups who expend, distribute or are supported by tax revenue, or which advise entity’s who expend or distribute tax revenue.

### Convening or Meeting

Meetings can be face-to-face or include opportunities in which members can communicate with each other and exercise the group’s decision-making authority. This includes telephone, conference calls, emails, or electronic messaging.

### What is “Quorum”?

A quorum is a simple majority of the membership of a public body. Meetings require a majority in order to conduct business.

### How does the public participate?

A period of every meeting is set aside for public comment. The body may post reasonable restrictions, including time limits on the speaker. Any practice or policy that discourages or results in preventing public comment is a violation of OML.

### Where can I find the meeting information?

The agenda and supporting materials must be made available in a public place, and at the public meeting. Most public meetings hosted virtually will show or share the materials on the screen for participants.

[ag.nv.gov/About/Governmental\\_Affairs/OML/](http://ag.nv.gov/About/Governmental_Affairs/OML/)

## Communication Tools

### A step towards improving your message



#### **Communication Style - A Self-Assessment**

A tool to determine your personal communication style.



#### **Self-Assessment Communication Survey**

A tool to examine how vulnerable your personal communication style is to potential failures.



#### **Zandax Communication Skills Test**

A tool to do a brief analysis of your communication behaviors.

## Identifying Leadership Style

### A deeper understanding of your strengths

Daring Leadership Assessment

Leadership Self-Assessment

Myers-Briggs Type Indicator