

**Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council
Data Subcommittee Public Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 18, 2026
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

Attendance

Members' Present (4 of 7 present)

1. Marty Elquist, Data Co-Chair
2. Amanda Haboush-Deloye, Data Co-Chair
3. Matthew Hoffman, Data Analyst, Office of Early Learning and Development, Nevada Department of Education
4. Shelly Nye, Program Director of The Nevada Registry

Others Participating or Present

5. Brandi Hearst, Family Engagement Specialist, Office of Early Learning and Development, Nevada Department of Education
6. Jamie Mendez, Early Childhood Workforce Specialist, Office of Early Learning and Development, Nevada
7. Tiffany Alston, Nevada ECAC Chair,
8. Peter Paul Paragus, Sunrise Children Foundation
9. Missy Coffey, EC Data Lab
10. Marisa E. Lacroix, Nevada Department of Education, Office of Early Learning and Development
11. Rachel Stepina, PDG B-5 Grant Manager, Office of Early Learning and Development, Nevada Department of Education
12. Nicole Sailors, Member of the Public
13. Smriti Neupane, Research Analyst, Nevada Institute for Children's Research and Policy, School of Public Health, University of Nevada

Members Noted as Absent (3 of 7 absent)

- Adriana Lemus, First Five Family Leadership Graduate
- Matthew Silver, Data Analyst 2, Office of Early Learning and Development, Nevada Department of Education
- Kate Pflughoeft, PDG B-5 Associate Grant Manager, Office of Early Learning and Development, Nevada Department of Education

Minutes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

- Marty Elquist called the Data Subcommittee meeting to order.
- Brandi Hearst conducted roll call.
- A quorum was confirmed.

2. Public Comment #1

- Marty Elquist opened the first public comment period for items appearing on the agenda and noted that a three-minute time limit could be imposed.
- No public comment was offered.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes (Discussion and Possible Action)

Members reviewed the previous meeting minutes and approved them with one correction.

- Jamie Mendez requested a correction to the spelling of Bre Matthews' first name.
- Amanda Haboush-Deloye moved to approve the minutes with the correction.
- Matthew Hoffman seconded the motion.
- No further discussion was offered.
- The motion carried with the correction.

4. Data Subcommittee Co-Chairs Report (Informational)

- Marty Elquist reported that she had no updates or announcements.
- Amanda Haboush-Deloye shared that Children's Week at the Legislature was rescheduled for the last week of March.
- Amanda Haboush-Deloye also shared that Step Up for Kids will be held in partnership with the Healthy Kids Festival in Southern Nevada on September 26, in partnership with University of Nevada, Reno Extension. Additional details will be shared as available.

5. Consent Agenda

- Marty Elquist reviewed the consent agenda process and invited members to identify any items requiring questions, updates, or removal from the consent list.
- No concerns or questions were raised.

6. Secretary Role (Information and Discussion)

- Marty Elquist welcomed Peter Paul Paragas of Sunrise Children's Foundation and shared that he had expressed interest in joining the Data Subcommittee and was completing the membership application.
- Peter Paul Paragas also expressed interest in serving as the Data Subcommittee Secretary.
- The Subcommittee welcomed his interest and anticipated his participation in the secretary role.

7. Nevada Registry Data Dashboard (Information and Discussion)

Shelly Nye, Program Director of The Nevada Registry, presented the newly developed Nevada Registry Data Dashboard.

Dashboard Purpose and Scope

- The dashboard is a semi-interactive public reporting tool that provides real-time, aggregated workforce data from The Nevada Registry's career ladder and training approval systems.

- The dashboard was developed with Nevada Preschool Development Grant funding to increase transparency and make early childhood workforce data more visible, accessible, and useful to stakeholders.
- Current data includes workforce distribution, professional qualifications, training activity, and compensation trends.
- The dashboard does not currently include workforce stability measures such as retention and turnover, or child- and program-level data.

Dashboard Design and Users

- The dashboard was designed for a broad audience, including child care center directors, trainers, state agency partners, researchers, policymakers, advocacy organizations, and other early childhood stakeholders.
- Simplicity, accessibility, and ease of use were identified as key design priorities.
- The landing page provides statewide snapshot metrics and organizes information into three primary categories: membership data, training data, and trainer approval data.
- User guides, glossaries, report-specific notes, definitions, and methodology explanations are included to support data literacy and appropriate interpretation.

Available Data and Functionality

- Membership reports include information such as county, career ladder level, gender, ethnicity, demographics, and wages by position and career ladder level.
- Training reports include training availability and utilization, including county, core knowledge area, format, and historical training utilization trends.
- Trainer approval reports include trainer qualifications, categories, career ladder levels, qualification methods, and geographic distribution.
- Reports reflect current system activity and may change throughout the day as applications, renewals, training approvals, and trainer approvals are processed.
- Advanced filtering and export options were intentionally limited in the initial release to reduce the risk of creating small or potentially misleading data sets.
- Stakeholders may provide feedback or report technical issues through links on the dashboard landing page.

Discussion

- Amanda Haboush Deloye expressed support for the dashboard and recognized it as an important advancement in access to Nevada early childhood workforce data.
- Shelly Nye noted that the dashboard is an initial starting point and will continue to evolve based on available resources, workforce needs, usage information, and stakeholder feedback.

8. Nevada Department of Education Data Updates (Information and Discussion)

Nevada Early Systems Tracker / Data Catalog

- Matthew Hoffman shared that the Nevada Early Systems Tracker, also described as the data catalog, is in open testing.
- The tracker is intended to help users locate early childhood data resources, dashboards, and appropriate contacts across programs and agencies.
- Users may submit corrections, updates, and feedback through the system.
- Governance for the tracker is intended to reside with the Data Subcommittee. Requests and proposed changes will be brought to the Subcommittee for review and approval.
- The project will rely in part on crowdsourcing to identify appropriate data and program contacts across agencies and organizations.
- Matthew Hoffman agreed to share the contact list and identify contacts or agencies where additional assistance is needed.

2026 EC Data Lab Analytics Cohort and ECIDS Work

- Matthew Hoffman reported that Nevada is participating in a 2026 data analytics cohort with EC Data Lab.
- The work builds goals identified in the prior readiness memo, including establishing an Early Childhood Integrated Data System steering committee, engaging agency leaders, identifying how agencies can contribute data, develop use cases, and clarify authority for data integration.
- Agency leaders from multiple organizations outside the Nevada Department of Education are being engaged in discussions regarding data priorities, participation, and potential use cases.
- Marisa E. Lacroix shared the value of having access to the Nevada Department of Education data team to support Nevada Ready Pre-K reporting and emphasized the need for cross-agency collaboration to tell a more comprehensive story about Nevada's State Pre-K program.
- Marty Elquist recommended using the Data Subcommittee to help identify critical data contacts that are difficult to locate.

Discussion Regarding Next Steps and Resources

- Missy Coffey shared that four calls were scheduled with agency leaders responsible for the different data systems and sources. The discussions would focus on why the work is needed, whether it is an agency priority, which cross-agency questions should be addressed, and where agencies can commit staff time and resources.
- The group will work toward identifying a specific use case or pilot project to demonstrate cross-agency collaboration. The Data Subcommittee can assist by identifying additional partners and data contacts, building on questions and work already completed by the Subcommittee.
- Missy Coffey anticipated identifying at least one-use case by fall 2026. Once selected, the use case will help clarify the staffing, resources, and potential funding needed. She emphasized establishing a clear reason and use case for the work before focusing on funding.

- A progress update was anticipated for the October 2026 Data Subcommittee meeting, with broader work continuing toward 2027. Missy Coffey emphasized that the goal is not simply to create an integrated data system, but to ensure that data is usable, accessible, and responsive to cross-agency needs.
- Amanda Haboush-Deloye asked for clarification regarding the path from agency engagement and buy-in to actual implementation, noting that similar efforts have previously stalled before development of an integrated data system.
- Amanda Haboush-Deloye emphasized that future conversations should clearly identify the path to a pilot and the resources required so partners understand that the work can advance beyond the planning stage.

Preschool Development Grant Birth Through Five Sustainability Update

- Rachel Stepina reported that leadership and accountability structures for PDG B-5 sustainability planning had been identified and a “desirability to sustain” matrix was completed for NDE- and partner-managed activities.
- The next phase is to determine which activities are feasible to sustain based on funding, staffing and expertise, program requirements, management systems, and organizational capacity. Feasible activities will move into sustainability action planning.
- Sustainability action plans will follow a format similar to the ECAC work plan structure, with NDE-specific and partner-specific plans. Partner planning will be prioritized, and sustainability discussions with partners were already underway.
- Rachel requested that ECAC and its subcommittees serve as a consulted body by reviewing feasible projects, providing feedback, potentially adopting the Sustainability Plan, and incorporating applicable sustainability activities into existing subcommittee work plans and tracking processes.
- The PDG B-5 Sustainability Plan was expected in July 2026. Rachel clarified that PDG programmatic funding ended June 30, 2026; specialists would continue transition, knowledge transfer, and sustainability support during July, with final reporting continuing through approximately October. Replacement or new funding had not yet been confirmed.
- Rachel Stepina also shared outreach and dissemination findings from the April 2026 Nevada Early Childhood Research Symposium. Cross-agency data integration was identified as the highest-ranked outreach and dissemination priority among participants.
- The discussion highlighted the need to increase awareness of where early childhood data and dashboards are housed across state agencies and organizations.

ECAC Data Central Website

- Rachel Stepina shared a proposed approach for creating an ECAC Data Central webpage as a sustainable, common reference point for early childhood data across agencies and organizations.
- The proposed Data Central would use plain language to help families, policymakers, stakeholders, and other website users understand what early childhood data are available and where to find them.

- The page could link users to resources such as the Nevada Registry Workforce Dashboard, Early Learning Data and Reporting System tools, the Nevada Early Systems Tracker, and other state agency data resources.
- Rachel Stepina shared that the concept supports cross-agency data integration and aligns with Goal 1 of the ECAC Strategic Plan.
- Matthew Hoffman emphasized that a central data page could also support relationship-building by helping stakeholders identify available data, contacts, and opportunities for cross-agency collaboration.

Standing Agenda Item and Cross-Subcommittee Follow-Up

- Marty Elquist recommended adding the ECAC Data Central webpage as a standing Data Subcommittee agenda item, separate from the Nevada Department of Education update, so the Subcommittee can intentionally review, develop, and improve the page.
- The Subcommittee agreed to add ECAC Data Central as a standing agenda item until it is no longer needed.
- Rachel Stepina identified an opportunity for collaboration between the Data Subcommittee and the Communication and Engagement Subcommittee because website development and Data Central support both groups' work.
- Marty Elquist stated that Data Central updates, additions, and improvements discussed by the Data Subcommittee should be communicated through ECAC Leadership meetings.
- Members interested in participating in EC Data Lab calls were encouraged to contact Matthew Hoffman.

9. Work Plan (Discussion/informational)

- The Data Subcommittee work plan was tabled and will be reviewed at the August meeting.

10. Public Comment #2

- Marty Elquist opened the second public comment period for matters within the scope of the Data Subcommittee.
- No public comment was offered.
- Members and attendees were reminded to complete the attendance record provided in the meeting chat.

11. Future Agenda Item Requests

- The next Data Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for August 20.
- Members were asked to submit future agenda item requests to Marty Elquist and Amanda Haboush-Deloye in advance so the items can be properly agendaized.
- ECAC Data Central will be added as a new standing agenda item.

Follow-Up / Next Agenda Items

- ECAC Data Central - Add as a standing agenda item and continue reviewing content, links, data resources, and development of the ECAC Data Central webpage.

- Data Central Collaboration - Coordinate Data Subcommittee recommendations with the Communication and Engagement Subcommittee and communicate updates through ECAC Leadership meetings.
- Data Contact List - Matthew Hoffman will continue identifying data contacts and sharing areas where Subcommittee assistance is needed.
- EC Data Lab Participation - Interested Data Subcommittee members may contact Matthew Hoffman to participate in EC Data Lab calls.
- Data Subcommittee Work Plan - Return the tabled work plan to the August meeting for review and discussion.

12. Adjournment

- Marty Elquist thanked members, guests, presenters, Rachel Stepina, and the Preschool Development Grant team for their participation and contributions, and adjourned the meeting at 1:57 p.m.

Action Step Summary

- Data Subcommittee Work Plan: Return the tabled work plan to the August meeting for review and continued discussion.
- EC Data Lab Participation: Members interested in participating in EC Data Lab calls may contact Matthew Hoffman.
- Data Contact List: Matthew Hoffman will continue identifying data contacts and share areas where Data Subcommittee assistance is needed.
- Cross-Subcommittee Coordination: Coordinate Data Central recommendations with the Communication and Engagement Subcommittee and communicate updates through ECAC Leadership meetings, as appropriate.
- ECAC Data Central: Add ECAC Data Central as a standing Data Subcommittee agenda item and continue reviewing webpage content, links, data resources, and recommended improvements.
- PDG Sustainability: Continue ECAC and subcommittee consultation on feasible sustainability projects and incorporate approved sustainability activities into applicable ECAC work plans and tracking processes.
- Cross-Agency Data Work: Continue agency-leader discussions to identify priority data needs, additional partners, and at least one use case or pilot project; provide a progress update to the Data Subcommittee in October 2026.

Meeting Summary

The Data Subcommittee reviewed and approved prior minutes, received updates on workforce and cross-agency data initiatives, discussed PDG sustainability and development of an ECAC Data Central webpage, and identified Data Central and the work plan as key follow-up items for future meetings.