Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council

General ECAC
Public Meeting
Wednesday, January 21, 2026
9:00 am-12:00 pm

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 Meeting Locations

Southern Nevada
Sunrise Children's Foundation
2795 Desert Inn Rd #100
Las Vegas, NV 89121

Northern Nevada
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

1B. Language Access Description and Instructions
Nayesdi Badillo. Family Engagement Specialist, Office of Early Learning and Development, Nevada Department of Education

1C. Roll Call
Brandi Hearst, ECAC Administrative Coordinator,

2. Public Comment #1 6 min
Public Comments to 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 will 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 November 19, 2026 *(Discussion for Possible Action)* **3 min**
The Council will discuss and vote to approve the November 19, 2026, meeting minutes.
Tiffany Alston, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council, Chair
Patrice Gardner, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Vice Chair

5. Child Care Subsidy Updates *(Informational, Discussion)* **10 min**
The Council members will hear about the Child Care Subsidy, updates, provider updates, and review the "Final Rule" federal rollback, discussing what that could look like**.**
Brooke Yarborough, Social Services Chief 2, Nevada Department of Human Services

6. Strategic Planning Update *(Discussion for Possible Action)* **20 minutes**
The Council to hear Executive Leadership Strategic Plan Ad Hoc progress updates. with the possibility of items to vote on as they become available
Tiffany Alston, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council, Chair
Patrice Gardner, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council, Vice Chair
Denise Tanata, Strategic Plan Ad Hoc Committee Co-Chair

7. ECAC Logo Reveal *(Informational, Discussion)* **3 min**
Members will be presented with the new ECAC logo and a review of when to start removing the current logo and use the new logo. with time to discuss and ask questions.
Tiffany Alston, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council, Chair
Patrice Gardner, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council, Vice Chair

8. Collaborative Tools *(Informational, Discussion*) **10 min**
The Communication and Engagement Subcommittee presents an overview of the tools they created to help build alignment and collaborative efforts among the subcommittees.
Dr. Jamelle Nance and Brianna Cambra, Communication and Engagement Co-Chairs

9. First 5 Nevada Family Leadership Council Updates *(Informational, Discussion)* **5 min**
The Council will hear First 5 Nevada Family Leadership updates
Anna Villatoro, The Children's Cabinet, No Parent Spotlight

10. Subcommittee Updates *(Discussion for Possible Action)*
Subcommittees can update the Council with success stories and barriers to their work.
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
  - **ECAC Appointed Member Seat Openings**
- **Systems Alignment** – Tiffany Olivas and Abbey Bernhardt, Co-Chairs
- **Communications and Engagement** – Dr. Jamelle Nance and Brianna Cambra, Co-Chairs
- **Policy and Finance** –Denise Tanata, Co- Chair, Looking to fill Co-Chair Vacancy
- **Data and Evaluation** – Marty Elquist and Amanda Haboush-Deloye, Co-Chairs

11. Nevada ECAC Partner Updates *(Information/Discussion)*
Nevada ECAC Partners, Agencies, Local ECACs, and other programs can briefly share updates, progress, new initiatives, services, or upcoming challenges. The Jan/Feb 2026 Nevada ECAC Partner Summary Report is available on the ECAC website at: https://nvecac.com/ecac-reports-documents/

Nevada Department of Education (NDE)
- **Office of Comprehensive Student Services (OCSS), Cate Guzy**
- **Office of Early Learning and Development (OELD), Michael Mitchell**
  - QRIS, Sara Kharrat
  - PDG B-5 Grant, Rachel Stepina
  - Nevada Ready!Pre-K, Marissa LaCroix

Nevada Department of Human Services (DHS)
- **Division of Supportive Services (DSS)**
  - Child Care and Development Program (CCDP), Brooke Yarborough
  - Child Care Licensing, Edith Farmer
- **Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS)**
  - Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (IECMH), Rhonda Lawrence

- **Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD)**
  - Early Intervention Services, Dazzrael Lyke
  - Idea- Part C, Betsy Newman
- **Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH)**
  - Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), Blanca Ayala
  - Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health (MCAH), Tami Conn
  - Oral Health Program, Jannette Gomez
  - Nevada State Immunization Program- Tami Conn

Nevada Department of Administration (NDA)
- Nevada State Library, Archives and Public Records, Darby Porter

Nevada ECAC Partners
- HRSA: Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems, Health Integration, Tiffany Olivas
- The First 5 Nevada Family Leadership Council, Anna Villatoro
- Nevada Association for the Education of Young Children (NevAEYC), Robin Marx-Mackerly and 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
- Head Start and Early Head Start, Laura Brown

Nevada's Local ECACs
- Elko/Northeastern, Sarah Carone
- Southern Nevada, Amanda Haboush-Deloye
- Washoe County, Anna Severns and Kacey Edington
- Carson/Douglas, Tiffany Olivas
- Tribal, Ashleigh Baker
- Rural Nevada, Michael-Ann Lazzarino
- Lyon-Churchill, Evelyn Knight

12. Agenda Items for the next meeting to be scheduled on March 18, 2026 *(Discussion for Possible Action)* **5 minutes** Council can add and discuss agenda items for the next Meeting in March 2026.
Tiffany Alston, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council, Chair
Patrice Gardner, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council, Vice Chair

13. Member Updates and Share-Outs *(Discussion, Informational),* **5 min**
Members of this Council can share announcements.

14. Public Comment #2 (Discussion for Possible Action) **6 min**
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15. Upcoming ECAC Meetings *(Informational)*
Communication and Engagement: 1.27.26 @ 11:30 am
Systems Alignment: 1.28.26, @1:00 pm
Executive Leadership: 2.03.26, @ 11:00 am
Policy and Finance: 2.17.26 @3:30 pm
Data and Evaluation: 2.19.26, @1:00 pm
General ECAC: 3.18.26, 9:00 am

16. Adjournment