Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council

General ECAC Public Meeting
Wednesday, November 19, 2025
9:00am-12:00pm

"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
Nayesdi Badillo. Family Engagement Specialist, Office of Early Learning and Development, Nevada Department of Education

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 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 September 17, 2025 *(Discussion for Possible Action)* **3 min**
The Council will discuss and vote to approve September 17, 2025, Meeting Minutes.
Tiffany Alston, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council, Chair
Patrice Gardner, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Vice Chair

5. Strategic Planning Update *(Discussion for Possible Action)* **20 minutes**
The Council to hear Strategic Planning Retreat updates, the current progress of the Strategic Plan, and discuss what comes next.
Tiffany Alston, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council, Chair
Patrice Gardner, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Vice Chair
Kristen McNeil and the Public Works Team

6. Preschool Development Grant Birth-5 (PDG B-5) Review and Updates *(Discussion, Informational)*
The Council to hear a review with updates on the status of the PDG B-5 and discuss next steps
Rachel Stepina, Preschool and Development Grant Birth -5 Manager, Office of Early Learning and Development, Nevada Department of Education

7. Review and Discuss 2026 Interim Policy Recommendations (*Discussion, for Possible Action*) **10 min**
The ECAC will review and discuss the draft 2026 policy recommendations from the Policy and Finance Subcommittee for potential inclusion in the ECAC 2025 Annual Report.
Denise Tanata, Co-Chair Policy and Finance Subcommittee

8. Overview of 2025 Annual Report *(Discussion, Informational)*
The Council to hear high level overview of content included in the 2025 Annual Report
Tiffany Alston, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council, Chair
Patrice Gardner, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Vice Chair
Sabrina Jones, ECAC Systems Coordinator, Office of Early Learning and Development, Nevada Department of Education

9. General ECAC 2026 Schedule (*Discussion, for Possible Action*) **10 min**
Members are to review and discuss the 2025 General ECAC meeting schedule, review how the meeting cadence worked for most members, and how it affected public attendance, to decide if they are keeping the same 2025 schedule and which months will be

evenings OR change schedule for 2026 and decide on new days/times for 2026 General ECAC that doesn't conflict with Other meetings within ECAC subcommittees.
Tiffany Alston, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council, Chair
Patrice Gardner, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Vice Chair
Brandi Hearst, ECAC Administrative Coordinator

10. Nevada Institute for Children's Research and Policy Share new Needs Assessments (NICRP)
(Informational, Discussion) **10 min**
NICRP to share with the Council its new and improved formatting of Needs Assessments, creating a more user-friendly experience.
Amanda Haboush-Deloye, NICRP Executive Director & Data and Evaluation Co-Chair
Smriti Neupane, NICRP

11. Nevada Department of Education (NDE) Data Updates and Review *(Informational, Discussion)* **15 min**
OELD to present the Council with updates that include but are not limited to available public reports, the ECAC Data Catalogue survey, progress on the EC Data Lab Cohort Project and other data related information.
Matthew Hoffman, Nevada Department of Education, Office of Early Learning and Development

12. Collaborative Outreach Tool *(Informational, Discussion)* **5 min**
The Communication and Engagement Subcommittee presents an overview of tools the ECAC has available and demonstrates the uses and importance of each one to build collaboration and align the system.
Brianna Cambra, Communication and Engagement Co-Chair

13. First 5 Nevada Family Leadership Council Updates, Parent Spotlight *(Informational, Discussion)* **15 min**
5 minutes-Council Updates / 10 minutes-Spotlight
The Council will hear First 5 Nevada Family Leadership updates with our "Parent Spotlight" Family Leader sharing them experiences within the Early Childhood System of Nevada.
Anna Villatoro, Parent Leadership, The Children's Cabinet
Special Guest: Parent Spotlight Family Leader

14. Subcommittee Updates *(Discussion for Possible Action)* **5 Minute review total**
Subcommittees can update the Council with their plans, their progress and their activities
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
- **Systems Alignment** – Tiffany Olivas and Abbey Bernhardt, Co-Chairs
- **Communications and Engagement** – Dr. Jamelle Nance and Brianna Cambra, Co-Chairs
- **Policy and Finance** – Elysa Arroyo and Denise Tanata, Co- Chairs
- **Policy and Finance Ad Hoc Committee**- Denise Tanata and Kathy Yoder Bass, Co-Chairs
- **Data and Evaluation** – Marty Elquist and Amanda Haboush-Deloye, Co-Chairs

15. ECAC Partner Updates *(Information/Discussion)* **5 minutes total**
Nevada ECAC Partners, Agencies, Local ECACs and other Programs can briefly share updates, progress, new initiatives, services or upcoming challenges.
The Nov/Dec 2025 Nevada ECAC Partner Summary Report now available 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
- **Director's Office**
  - Idea- Part C, Betsy Newman
- **Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD)**
  - Early Intervention Services, Dazzrael Lyke
- **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, Ashley Dines, 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. Nance and Annette Dawson-Owens
- Head Start and Early Head Start, Laura Brown

Nevada 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

16. Agenda Items for the next meeting to be scheduled in January 2026 *(Discussion for Possible Action)* **5 minutes**

Council can add and discuss agenda items for the next Meeting in January 2026, dependent on schedule changes for 2026.

Tiffany Alston, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council, Chair

Patrice Gardner, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council, Vice Chair

17. Upcoming Meetings *(Informational)* **0 min**

- Data and Evaluation: 11.20.25 @1:00pm
- Executive Leadership: 12.02.25 @ 11:00am
- New Member Orientation 12.04.25 @ 11:00am-Register here: **https://forms.gle/zNZ3z7Me5r3n7xRk6**
- Policy and Finance: 12.11.25, 1:00pm
- Systems Alignment: 12.17.25 @1:00pm
- Data and Evaluation: 12.18.25 @1:00pm

18. Member Updates and Share-Outs *(Discussion, Informational),* **5 min**

Members of this Council can share announcements.

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

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20. Adjournment