Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council

Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC)
Public Meeting
Wednesday, July 16 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 Locations:

SOUTHERN NV
Sunrise Children's Foundation
2795 E Desert Inn Rd #200
Las Vegas, NV 89121

NORTHERN NV
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
The Subcommittee will welcome its new members.
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 will 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 May 21, 2025 *(Discussion for Possible Action)* **3 min**
The Council will discuss and vote to approve May 21, 2025, Meeting Minutes.
Tiffany Alston, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council, Chair
Patrice Gardner, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Vice Chair

5. National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), Western Nevada: Presentation (Informational, Discussion) **15 min**
The Council to listen to presentation from NAMI and discuss their contributions to the communities of Nevada.
Abbey Bernhardt, National Alliance Mental Illness, Western NV and Systems Alignment Co-Chair
Laura Yanez, Executive Director, National Alliance Mental Illness, Western NV
Link: **NAMI Western Nevada: Mental Health Support, Education & Resources**

6. Ad Hoc Request: Policy and Finance Subcommittee *(Discussion for Possible Action)* **7 minutes**
The Policy and Finance Subcommittee would like to request the creation of an Ad Hoc to address the Early Childhood Funding Matrix
Denise Tanata and Elysa Arroyo, Policy and Finance Subcommittee Co-Chairs

7. First 5 Nevada Family Leadership Council Updates, Parent Spotlight *(Informational, Discussion)* ***10 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 their experiences within the Early Childhood System of Nevada.
Ashley Dines and Anna Villatoro, Parent Leadership, The Children's Cabinet
Parent Spotlight Family Leader: Adriana Lemus

8. ECAC Strategic Plan Update *(Discussion for Possible Action)*
General ECAC Members are updated on next steps for the upcoming strategic planning sessions for years 2025-2027.
Tiffany Alston, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council, Chair
Patrice Gardner, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Vice Chair

9. Data Dictionary Update *(Discussion, Possible Action)* **10 min**
The Council to view and discuss updates for the online Database for parent/family and educator audience.
Matthew Hoffman, Nevada Department of Education, Office of Early Learning and Development

10. Executive Summary Review (Discussion, Informational) **10 min**
Council to be presented with the Nevada Early Childhood Executive Summary Review.
NV Early Childhood CIRS Executive Summary 2024.pdf - Google Drive
Denise Tanata, Policy and Finance Co-Chair

11. Subcommittee Work Plan and Project Updates *(Discussion for Possible Action)* **5 Minutes each**
Discuss work plan, updates, recommendations and progress from ECAC Subcommittees.
Tiffany Alston, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council, Chair
Patrice Gardner, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Vice Chair
Sabrina Jones, ECAC System Specialist

- **Executive Leadership** – Tiffany Alston and Patrice Gardner, Co-Chairs
- **Systems Alignment** – Tiffany Olivas and Abbey Bernhardt, Co-Chairs
- **Communications and Engagement** – Dr. Jamelle Nance, Co-Chair
- **Communication and Engagement Ad-Hoc** - Brianna Cambra & Dr. Jamelle Nance
- **Policy and Finance** – Elysa Arroyo and Denise Tanata, Co- Chairs
- **Data and Evaluation** – Marty Elquist and Amanda Haboush-Deloye, Co-Chairs

12. ECAC Partner Summary Report *(Information/Discussion)* **15 minutes**
Nevada ECAC Partners, Agencies, Local ECACs and other Programs can briefly share updates, progress, new initiatives, services or upcoming challenges. The Nevada ECAC Partner Summary Report available online 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 VACANT
Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS)
Child Care Licensing, Edith Farmer
Child Care and Development Program (CCDP), Brooke Yarborough
Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS)
Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (IECMH), Rhonda Lawrence
Division of Public Behavior and Health (DPBH)
Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health (MCAH), Tami Conn

Women, Infants and Children (WIC), Blanca Ayala
Oral Health Program, Jannette Gomez
Nevada State Immunization Program- Tami Conn
Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD)
Early Intervention Services, Dazzrael Lyke

Nevada Department of Administration

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, 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

13. Agenda Items for the VIRTUAL Meeting on September 17, 2025 at 5:30pm *(Discussion for Possible Action)* **5 minutes**
Council can add and discuss agenda items for the Virtual Evening Meeting on Wednesday September 17, 2025, 5:30-7:30pm
Tiffany Alston, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council, Chair
Patrice Gardner, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council, Vice Chair

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

- Data and Evaluation: 7.17.25, 1:00pm
- Systems Alignment: 7.23.25 1:00pm
- Executive Leadership: 8.05.25, 11:00am
- Policy and Finance: 8.14.25, 1:00pm
- Communication and Engagement Ad Hoc: 8.19.25, 1:30pm
- Communication and Engagement: 9.09.25, 9:00am
- General ECAC Meeting 9.17.25, 9:00am
- New Member Orientation 8.12.25, 1:00pm NEW TIME
  - Register here: **https://forms.gle/zNZ3z7Me5r3n7xRk6**

15. Public Comment #2 (Discussion for Possible Action) **6 min**
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16. Adjournment