Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council

General ECAC Public Meeting

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

5:30-7:30pm

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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 July 16, 2025 *(Discussion for Possible Action)* **3 min**
The Council will discuss and vote to approve July 16, 2025, Meeting Minutes.
Tiffany Alston, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council, Chair
Patrice Gardner, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Vice Chair

5. Meeting Tasks for Council, Subcommittees and Ad Hocs (Informational, Discussion) **15 min**
The Council to review meeting tasks, clarifying who is responsible for tasks, and discuss what is needed to ensure all meetings run smoothly.
Tiffany Alston, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council, Chair
Patrice Gardner, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Vice Chair

6. Strategic Planning Update *(Discussion for Possible Action)* **45 minutes**
The Council to discuss Strategic Planning updates and hear a presentation from the new Vendor leading the way.
Tiffany Alston, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council, Chair
Patrice Gardner, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Vice Chair
Public Works representatives

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. 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, Co-Chair
- **Communication and Engagement Ad-Hoc** - Brianna Cambra & Dr. Jamelle Nance
- **Policy and Finance** – Elysa Arroyo and Denise Tanata, Co- Chairs
- **Policy Ad Hoc**- Denise Tanata and Kathy Yoder Bass-, o-Chairs
- **Data and Evaluation** – Marty Elquist and Amanda Haboush-Deloye, Co-Chairs

9. ECAC Partner Summary Report *(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 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 Human Services (DHS)

Division of Supportive Services (DSS)
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
Directors 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

10. Agenda Items for the next meeting on November 19, 2025 at 9:00am *(Discussion for Possible Action)* **5 minutes**
Council can add and discuss agenda items for the next Meeting on Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 9:00am.
Tiffany Alston, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council, Chair
Patrice Gardner, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council, Vice Chair

11. Upcoming Meetings *(Informational)* **0 min**
- Systems Alignment: no meeting in Nov.
- Executive Leadership: 11.04.25, 11:00am
- Communication and Engagement: RESCHEDULING NOVEMBER MEETING
- Policy Ad Hoc: 11.12.25, 10:00am
- Policy and Finance: 11.13.25, 1:00pm
- Communication and Engagement Ad Hoc: 11.18.25, 1:30pm
- General ECAC Meeting 11.19.25, 9:00am
- Data and Evaluation: 11.20.25, 1:00pm
- New Member Orientation 12.04.25, 11:00am
    - Register here: **https://forms.gle/zNZ3z7Me5r3n7xRk6**

12. Member Updates and Share-Outs *(Discussion, Informational),* **5 min**
Members of this Committee can share announcements to the ECAC and its members .

13. Public Comment #2 (Discussion for Possible Action) **6 min**
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14. Adjournment