

Legislative Updates and Next Steps:

Nevada ECAC Strategic Planning 2025



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Agenda

1. CAA brief overview
2. Legislative recap of early childhood bills
3. Next steps
4. Interim timeline





About CAA

The Children's Advocacy Alliance is an independent voice for Nevada children, advancing systemic change in the areas of early childhood education, children's health, and child welfare. We achieve public policy wins through collaboration and collective impact within the community to ensure every child in Nevada thrives.

CAA is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. We are primarily funded through foundation grants and individual donations. We do not pursue government funds in order to maintain our independence.



Priorities: Four Pillars



Health



School
Readiness



Child
Safety



Economic
Well-being



Strategies and Tactics

- Educating communities on issues impacting children
- Strategic communications
- Civic engagement
- Research
- Coalition building
- Centering impacted communities
- Government and policy advocacy

Bill #	Description	Outcome	
SB82	Office of Early Childhood Systems within the Governor's Office		Died during Session
SB165	Behavioral Health and Wellness Practitioner, higher-education for children's mental health		Approved by Governor
SB284	Protecting social security benefits for youth experiencing foster care		Approved by Governor
SB460	Comprehensive education bill, moves Nevada toward Universal Pre-kindergarten		Approved by Governor
AB185	Expands licensure for home-based child care providers to be allowed in common-interest communities		Vetoed by Governor
AB339	Office of Children's Mental and Behavioral Health within the Department of Health and Human Services		Died during Session
AB340	Mandates insurance reimburse for screenings, assessments and diagnoses of developmental delays of childhood		Died during Session

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SB 82: Office of Early Childhood Systems

Goal:

- Evaluate and streamline early childhood programs, services, and funds
- Reduce redundancy
- Strengthen service delivery and access
- Ensure sustainable funding opportunities

****Build a comprehensive, coordinated early childhood system***

Senate Bill 82 was pre-filed on January 7, 2025 → introduced on February 3 2025

→ died on April 12, 2025 with the first committee deadline **X**

Sponsor: Senate Government Affairs Committee on behalf of the

Joint Interim Education Committee

Presenter: Senator Angela "Angie" Taylor

Legislative Path

What is Next:

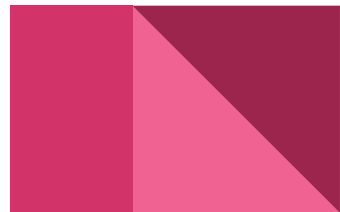
The Office of Early Childhood Systems remains a **top priority** for CAA and many early childhood advocates in the State. We will continue to educate Nevada's legislators on the importance of a **cohesive early childhood governance structure**. Additionally, we will strengthen our partnership with the Governor's Office policy team for early childhood.

AB 185: Expanding Licensed Home-Based Child Care In Common-Interest Communities

- Child care providers have expressed wanting to bring this bill back in 2027
- Child Care Change Makers have initiated local organizing
- Understanding opposition and possible provisions

What is Next:

Nevada's child care crisis remains a prominent issue impacting thousands of families. We were disheartened by Governor Lombardo's veto of AB185 as it means families will continue to struggle. CAA remains steadfast in our advocacy for equitable licensure opportunities for home-based child care providers in the interim, including broadening conversations with state leaders and stakeholders to alert them of their power to alleviate the crisis.



SB 460: Universal Pre-Kindergarten

- Senate Bill 460 was introduced on April 29, 2025
 - amended to become a cohesive bill combining the priorities of both Senate Majority Leader Nicole Cannizzaro, and Governor Joe Lombardo
 - passed the legislature on June 2, 2025
 - signed by Governor Joe Lombardo on June 10, 2025! 🎉

Sponsors: Senators Nicole Cannizzaro, Marilyn Dondero Loop, Julie Pazina
Co-sponsors: Senators Michelle Cruz-Crawford, Skip Daly, Fabian Doñate, Edgar Flores, Roberta Lange, Dina Neal, Rochelle Nguyen, James Ohrenschall, Melanie Scheible, Angie Taylor

SB 460: Universal Pre-Kindergarten continued.....

- **Based on SB 460, a pre-kindergarten program must:**
 - Serve children who are 4 years of age whose family has a household income less than or equal to 250 percent of the federal poverty level
 - Who have individualized educational plans (IEPs)
 - Who are members of a vulnerable and historically underserved population
 - Whose primary language is not English



SB 460: Universal Pre-Kindergarten continued

- **SB 460 appropriates:**

- \$12,000,000 to the Early Childhood Literacy and Readiness Account for grants supporting early childhood literacy and readiness.
- Allows students to attend public schools outside their zone
- Appropriates \$7,000,000 to provide transportation for students with financial need.

Next Steps:

- Monitor appropriations and requirements for early childhood programs to access funds





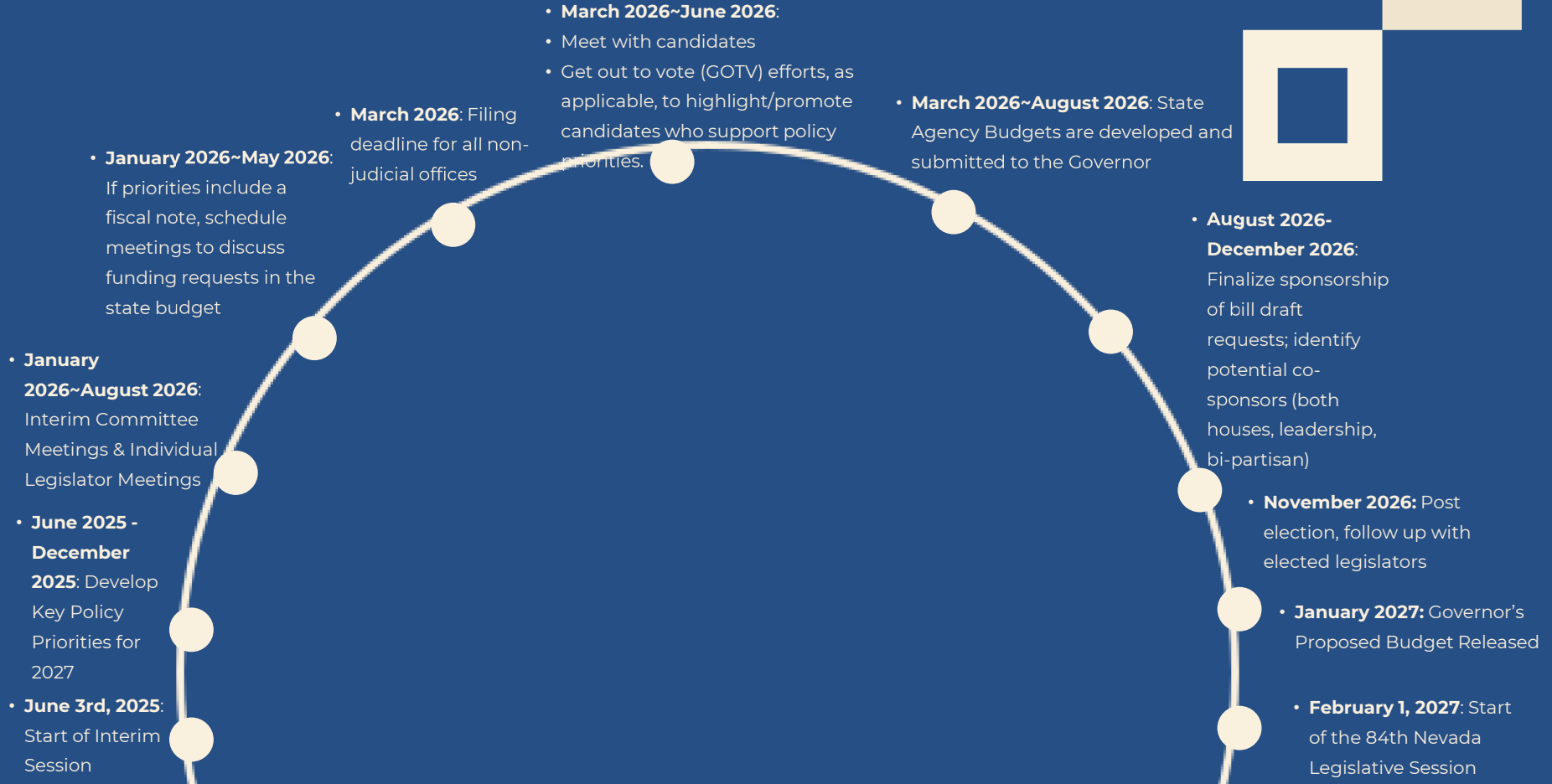
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- Child Care Provider Action Committee
- Family Child Care Association of Nevada
- Child Care Change Makers
 - Power Mapping
 - Local organizing
- Domestic Workers Alliance



INTERIM TIMELINE





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