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The Nevada Early Childhood Partner Summary Report details the impact of the collaboration with the Comprehensive Early Childhood System within Nevada during the months of November and December 2025. This bi-monthly report highlights the successes of our partners, the goals they are working towards, and showcases upcoming activities and events that are open to community members in Nevada. This report is published on the Nevada ECAC website for public viewing and will also be emailed through our Listserv.

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SECTION 1: NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (NDE) NDE: Office of Early Learning & Development (OELD)

NDE/OELD: PRESCHOOL DEVELOPMENT GRANT, BIRTH–5 (PDG B-5)



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Overall PDG B-5 Nevada Renewal Highlights

The PDG B-5 work currently continues through June 30, 2026, due to the No Cost Extension (NCE). During these upcoming months, programs will conclude their PDG B-5 programs and operations until all funding is expended. No new programs are added during the NCE period. To view the most recent quarterly report, please visit <https://bit.ly/nevadaPDGB-5> on the home page.

A sample list of PDG B-5 No Cost Extension Partnerships and Programs is below. For detailed descriptions from our PDG B-5 Specialists, please see the information in this ECAC Partner Summary Report, or contact rachel.stepina@doe.nv.gov

Activity 1: Needs Assessment

Comprehensive Needs Assessment & Resources - available July 2026
Nevada Pathway to Universal Pre-K & Companion Resources - available May 2026
ECE Access Continued Look Study - available June 2026

Activity 2: Strategic Plan

Currently supporting the website redesign for <https://nvecac.com>
Final design & printed copies of ECAC Strategic Plan available May 2026

Activity 3: Maximize Family Engagement

Continuing Language Access support for family engagement - requests open through May 2026.
Family Engagement, Mentorship, and Networking program conclusion and overall report by June 2026.

Activity 4: Support Early Childhood Workforce

Continue development of Workforce Compensation Model, available June 2026.
Nevada Registry Workforce Data Dashboard available June 2026.
Prenatal to 5 Fiscal Strategies: Child Care Cost Modeling Online Tool, available June 2026.
NevAEYC Annual Conference Scholarships for April 2026.

Activity 5: Supporting Quality Improvement

Social Emotional Kits through QRIS & Discovery Source, available now to active QRIS sites.
Birth to 3rd Community Hub website, available now.
Pre-K Standards Roll-Out & Family Resources, available now via First5Nevada.org, NDE Website, and Nevada Registry Website.

Activity 6:

State Pre-K in Family Child Care: Pilot Program launched in March 2026.

Data & Evaluation:

Family Engagement Survey for non-State Pre-K families, launching April 2026.
Continued enhancements to the Early Learning Data and Reporting System (ELDRS).
Nevada is participating in the 2026 Readiness Cohort with EC DataLab, with an expanded focus on Early Childhood Integrated Data System (ECIDS) exploration.
Program evaluation and companion reports and support from the UNR Center for Program Evaluation.



Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council (Nevada ECAC)



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UPDATES:

The Nevada ECAC is preparing for transitions as we move towards our approved goals and objectives within our new strategic plan.

NEW Logo NEW Website! We have already revised our logo, now we are moving forward with a new look for our website! Stay tuned to see the direction we are going, we think you will love it!

Key updates:

User Friendly

Visually appealing

Matches logo coloring

Resources organized and available for free

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP ON PAUSE- As we update our plans, policies, bylaws, and path forward, we have paused our membership application process. We will soon have them up again for you to complete the form and join us!

The Nevada ECAC 2026-2030 Strategic Plan will soon be available for members and the public to view and download from the [Nevada ECAC website](#).

Call to Action

If you are willing to help the ECAC move forward with aligning goals statewide and have a skill set that could be beneficial to the work of the ECAC, then this may interest you! To help us discover the specific interests, skills, talents, and areas of expertise within our communities and contact those who can help advance the mission and purpose of the ECAC, we encourage you to click on us

[Call To Action Interest Form](#)

As we begin implementing our new Strategic Plan we could use all hands on deck! We appreciate your consideration and thank you in advance for sharing your interest in supporting the Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council, helping to advance our *Calls to Action* and the efforts needed to achieve our goals for the Early Childhood System of Nevada.

DID YOU KNOW...YOU (YES! YOU!!!) ARE ALWAYS INVITED TO JOIN US!

[General Ecac Meeting Information](#)

[Subcommittee Meeting Information](#)

[2026 Meeting Schedule](#)

Early Childhood Family Engagement in the B-5 System:

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UPDATES:

Need Language Access Help? We're Here for You!

Do you work with young children and need help with language services like interpretation or translation? The Nevada Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five (PDG B-5) can help! We offer free language interpretation (spoken) and translation (written) for

programs and families working with children ages 0-8. We want to make sure all families have access to important events and documents. We offer these services to bridge language gaps and support families across Nevada.

What We Offer:

- Interpretation during online meetings and events (Zoom only)
- Translation of written documents such as flyers, forms, and letters

Who Can Receive Our Help?

To be eligible for these free services, you must:



- Live in Nevada *AND at least one of the following*:
 - Work with or serve children ages 0–8 (birth through 3rd grade) OR
 - Be an ECAC Admin / Co-Chair needing language services for meetings OR
 - Be part of a pre-approved PDG B–5 activity

To find out more about eligibility, to request language access services, and to help our team better understand your needs and plan accordingly, please fill out one or both of our request forms below:

Interpretation Form: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/0195b4f5bf5e7e1a93e09179dab499f7>

Translation Form <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/aa3566dea0dd428f89a90d6b587b4fd3>

To see if you qualify. Contact Nyesdi Badillo at Nyesdi.badillo@doe.nv.gov

Early Childhood Workforce

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UPDATES:

1. Working in collaboration with United Way of Southern Nevada, we have launched the State Pre-K in Family Child Care pilot program. This pilot program will run from March 2026 to June 30, 2026, and is intended to expand family choice by offering state pre-k in the Family Child Care setting.

2. The interactive Workforce Wellness Guidebook has officially launched in partnership with The Nevada Registry and is a FREE resource available to all active members. To access your personal Guidebook, simply click on the new tab now appearing on the dashboard of your NV Registry membership portal. Log in to your Online Portal to begin your wellness journey today!

The Early Care and Education Workforce Wellness Guidebook is a resource for members of the Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) workforce in Nevada. The Guidebook is designed with specific wellness strategies and ideas to support your overall well-being and mental health.

For additional information or to access the PDF version of the ECE Workforce Wellness Guidebook, please click here: <https://www.nevadaregistry.org/news-updates/early-care-and-education-workforce-wellness-guidebook-now-available/>.

For questions or comments on the Wellness Guidebook, email:
Jamie Mendez, Early Childhood Workforce Specialist at: jamie.mendez@doe.nv.gov

3. As part of the Early Learning Guidelines revision, we are launching a photo contest for families with young children, ages 0-4, to include in the revised guidelines, and we'd love your help spreading the word. Our goal is to gather photos that represent the diverse children of Nevada. Click [Here](#) to view or download the Photo Contest Flyer, share with friends and family!

4. If you are planning an upcoming engagement opportunity for Nevada's Early Childhood Workforce or families and would like to provide an incentive e-gift card to honor their time and input, please contact us with any questions about incentive eligibility or to inquire about available funding for your event:

Family Engagement Incentives: Nyesdi Badillo nyesdi.badillo@doe.nv.gov

Workforce Engagement Incentives: Jamie Mendez jamie.mendez@doe.nv.gov

All PDG B-5 Engagement Opportunity Incentive Requests must:

- receive pre-approval before the engagement
- serve the target audience(s)
- demonstrate alignment to PDG B-5 goals and objectives

Eligibility:

- To be eligible to receive a family engagement incentive, participants must be a parent or caregiver of a child between the ages of 0 to 8 years old and reside in the state of Nevada and/or be participating in a pre-approved PDG B-5 engagement opportunity.



- To be eligible to receive an early care and education workforce incentive, participants must be working in the early care and education field in the state of Nevada and/or be participating as an ECE professional in a pre-approved PDG B-5 engagement opportunity.
- *All incentives are based on funding availability and the timeline of the event/opportunity.

Birth - 3rd Grade

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UPDATES:

No Updates at this time

This work was made possible by the Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five (PDG B-5) Renewal, Grant Number 90TP099, from the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, awarded to the Nevada Department of Education Office of Early Learning and Development. Its contents are solely the responsibility of the authors and do not necessarily represent the official view of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families. See <https://bit.ly/nevadaPDGB-5> for details or contact Rachel Stepina at rachel.stepina@doe.nv.gov.

SECTION 2: NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (DHS) DIVISION OF SUPPORTIVE SERVICES (DSS)

DHS/DSS: CHILD CARE LICENSING

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UPDATES:

As of 1/31/2026, the State of Nevada had a total of 634 licensed child care facilities. Of those, 75 are family home facilities; 86 are group home facilities; 441 are center facilities; 31 are accommodation facilities; and 1 is an institution facility. Child Care Licensing is now conducting health and safety monitoring visits for Family, Friends, and Neighbors (FFN) providers in Southern Nevada as well as for Out of School Recreation (OSR) providers throughout the state.

Child Care Licensing is actively working with Clark County and the City of Las Vegas regarding their special-use permit requirements for group home facilities. As we are in talks with these entities, there will be no action taken against the current licensed facilities.

Once Child Care Licensing has an understanding of all of the requirements, communication will be sent out to the industry and Child Care Licensing will work with providers to come into compliance with as minimal disruption as possible.

DHS: AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES DIVISION (ADSD)

DHS/ADSD: NEVADA EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES (NEIS)

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UPDATES:

Join us for Family Fun at these upcoming Outreach Events:

Touch-A-Truck

4/11/26

9:00 am-2:00 pm

1980 Festival Plaza Dr, Las Vegas, NV 89135



UMC Spring Family Wellness and Safety Festival

4/11/26

9:00 am - 1:30 pm

1800 W Charleston Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89102

DHS/ADSD: IDEA, PART C

MARCH/APRIL 2026

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UPDATES:

NO UPDATES THIS TIME

DHS: Division of Public Health

DHS/DPH: MATERNAL, CHILD & ADOLESCENT HEALTH (MCAH)

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UPDATES

We do have an open public input survey for the next month that goes into our block grant reporting every year and helps supports our selected priorities for the next 5 years.

Section 3 NEVADA ECAC PARTNERS

THE CHILDREN'S CABINET (TCC) HRSA, EARLY CHILDHOOD COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEMS (ECCS) HEALTH INTEGRATION



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UPDATES:

HRSA ECCS Sustainability Interviews with Leadership who have participated in ECCS Leadership team since 2022. Sustainability interview provides feedback on sustaining ECCS initiatives, specifically those of Nevada's Prenatal- 3 Strategic Plan, once funding ends from HRSA on July 31, 2026.

- Celebrated Family Leadership Month (February) by sending all established family leaders a certificate of appreciation, a letter from Tiffany Olivas, ECCS Manager, and a magnet to share with others. In addition, the Family Leadership page(s) on The Children's Cabinet website have been updated with the Facilitation Rubric and the Rubric Companion Guide.
- ECCS Staff attended multiple Communities of Practice, including Systems Integration, Family Leadership, and Health Systems.
- Preliminary Goals and plans for the next iteration of the HRSA ECCS grants are underway. The Forecast was released in February



2025, with a full posting date planned for May 2026.

- ECCS and The Children's Cabinet is supporting the work of the Nevada Health Authority to meet a mandate by the DOJ to provide periodic screening support of all Medicaid eligible children 0-21.
- ECCS team continues to support the work of the Learn the Signs Act Early Ambassador for Nevada.
- Nevada's ECCS support of the First 5 Nevada Website has been chosen as a spotlight for other ECCS grantees across the country. The recorded webinar will focus on the goals of the website, the intended audience, how we started the work, how it's going now, and lessons we have learned along the way. The First 5 Nevada website continues to grow, check it out here: [First 5 Nevada](#)

ECCS: FIRST 5 NEVADA FAMILY LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

MARCH/APRIL 2026

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UPDATES:

- The Reno and Las Vegas Parent Summits will be held in person.
 - **Las Vegas Parent Summits schedule:**
 - Thursday, March 19, 2026
 - Thursday, March 26, 2026.
- Family Leaders (Paola, Adriana, and Sara) recently presented at the First 5 Nevada Leadership Academy for a family leadership panel.
- The Family Leadership Coordinator and Family Leaders will be participating in First 5 Nevada outreach events.
- The First 5 Nevada Family Leadership Council website has been updated and now includes the Facilitating Rubric.

<https://www.childrenscabinet.org/nevada-family-leadership-council-parent-leadership-and-engagement/>

NEVADA ASSOCIATION FOR INFANT & EARLY CHILDHOOD MENTAL HEALTH (NVAIECMH)

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UPDATES:

The Association has launched a book club. And the best part is you don't have to read the book to join the club! We are reading *The Emotional Life of the Toddler* by Alicia Lieberman. Every month we share summaries, discuss questions, and gather to build community and connect. If you'd like to join us, you can get on the mailing list by completing this form: <https://forms.office.com/r/hPJFgknsi8> or sending us a message at info@nvaiecmh.org

NEVADA INSTITUTE FOR CHILDREN'S RESEARCH AND POLICY: NICRP RESEARCH AND NEEDS ASSESSMENTS

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NICRP Needs Assessment List Update:

13 new resources were added to the tracker from January 1, 2026, to March 4, 2026. Two examples of reports/strategic plans that were added include:

- Annual Family Survey Report 2025 by Nevada Aging & Disability Services Division
- Nevada Obesity 2024 Report



If you, or anyone you know, has an updated strategic plan/report or is looking for a “Needs Assessment,” please let us know via the email above. Check out our new formatting on our Needs Assessment webpage: <https://nic.unlv.edu/nvecacneeds-assessment/> If you notice any resources missing from the webpage, please send them to us so we can add them!

NevAEYC



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UPDATES:

NevAEYC shares information in regard to T.E.A.C.H. Nevada Program at the 3.18.26 General ECAC Meeting:

Beginning in July 2026, funding for the T.E.A.C.H. Nevada Scholarship program will be eliminated. This is in 3 months, as we were notified about 2 weeks ago. The State of Nevada has determined that the scholarship program no longer aligns with state priorities related to quality early childhood initiatives. The loss of this program will have immediate and significant implications for Nevada's early childhood system. Without the support, the workforce pipeline will shrink. Fewer educators will be able to pursue college degrees, and working adults who rely on scholarships to access higher education will face increased barriers to advancement. Early childhood programs, particularly private providers in Nevada-rated classrooms, will face greater difficulty recruiting and retaining qualified educators.

Currently, the program serves 133 early childhood educators across Nevada, representing the state's institutions of college and universities. We are contracted with over 100 early learning programs statewide. Additionally, 51 individuals are currently on the wait list, and 143 educators have expressed interest in participating, and demonstrated the continued demand for this opportunity. The removal of this long-standing program will weaken the stability of early childhood programs, reduce access to qualified educators, and ultimately impact the availability of reliable child care for Nevada families. At a time when Nevada is working to strengthen its early childhood system.

The loss of T.E.A.C.H. funds moves the state further from those goals. NevadaAEYC is actively working to identify potential solutions and will provide updates as progress is made.

*We respectfully urge the early childhood system to stand with us in advocating for the restoration and continuation of T.E.A.C.H. Nevada funding and to support policies and strengthen the early childhood workforce pipeline on which families and programs depend on. **We're asking everyone for their support-Reach out to your assembly people and request support for [T.E.A.C.H. Nevada](#)***



**CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY ALLIANCE (CAA),
THE STRONG START PRENATAL TO THREE (PN-3) COALITION,
THE PRITZKER CHILDREN'S INITIATIVE (PCI)**



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UPDATES:

The Children's Advocacy Alliance (CAA) is actively advancing a shared early childhood policy agenda in collaboration with key partners and families with lived experience. As part of this work, CAA is hosting a series of community-driven policy studios designed to uplift family voice and ensure that policy priorities reflect real needs and lived expertise. The next policy studio will take place on **Sunday, March 22nd, from 2:30–5:00 pm at the West Las Vegas Library.**

CAA continues to offer policy and advocacy training through the Child Advocacy Ambassadors Program, which meets virtually on the last Wednesday of each month. We extend our appreciation to the Nevada Department of Education's Preschool Development Grant – Birth through Five (PDG-B5) team for supporting these trainings through parent stipends, translation, and interpretation services.

The Strong Start Prenatal to Three Coalition continues to convene quarterly, with the next meeting scheduled for April 30th from 10:00–11:30am. The coalition remains focused on identifying gaps in Nevada's early childhood system and advancing federal, state, and local policies that improve outcomes for families with children prenatal to age three. CAA was recently awarded a grant to



strengthen policy efforts related to housing security for families with young children, and we are currently identifying family leaders with lived experience to help guide this initiative.

*If you have recommendations or referrals for families who may be interested in participating, please contact:
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HEAD START / EARLY HEAD START

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UPDATES:

Acelero Learning Clark County Head Start wrapped up a successful NV Reading Week. Parents and Community Partners showed up to read to the children throughout the week.

Mr. Kenneth Shackelford has joined Acelero Learning as the Vice President for Clark County. Our program will be participating in a Federal Monitoring Review in the month of March 2026.

Our Leadership Team, comprised of Senior Leaders, Center Directors and Coordinators, will be graduating from an internal Leadership Academy with the date TBD. Over 7 sessions participants were engaged in a range of topics focused on communication, personal development, team dynamics, practical leadership skills, and key Human Resource processes.

CHILD CARE PROVIDER ACTION COMMITTEE (CCPAC)

MARCH/APRIL 2026

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UPDATES:

The Child Care Provider Action Committee (CCPAC) has been hosting a series of conversations about what it will really take to create long-term sustainability for the child care programming sector. We recently kicked things off with the first webinar in our “**Beyond the Band-Aid**” series, where we talked about the urgent need to improve child care subsidy payment practices. If you missed it, watch the recording here: <https://youtu.be/ZTmCsSdD0yw>

The next webinar in the series will be hosted virtually on **April 9 at 1:00 PM**

This webinar focus is geared towards state investment and share some concrete ideas for how Nevada can fund the early education sector more effectively.

We’d love for you to join us—you can register on Eventbrite here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/child-care-provider-action-committee-ccpac-4796456>

Section 4 Local ECACs

SOUTHERN NEVADA ECAC (SNECAC)

MARCH/APRIL 2026

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UPDATES:

Our last meeting was held on 1/21/26, with our next meeting on 4/15/26 at 12:00 pm. A big thank you to Acelero for offering to host the meeting.

Youth Mayor:

Check out all the great things they did! <https://nic.unlv.edu/step-up-for-kids>

More to come in 2025-2026 for the mayor and council!



SNECAC 2026 Meetings are held quarterly (Jan/April/July/October), 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

On the 3rd Wednesday of the above mentioned month

- **Meeting Schedule:** Next Meeting: April 15, 2026
- **Website:** <https://www.snecac.com/>

ELKO/NORTHEAST ECAC

MARCH/APRIL 2026

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UPDATE:

In Elko County we have a lot of new ECAC members, so we are reviewing the bylaws of ECAC.

ELKO Local ECAC is joining Head Start, we have reserved a table at their Kindergarten event. Join us and complete our Family Activity we are providing to families that can promote family engagement and working together!

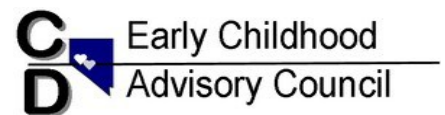
Week of the Young Child is April 11-17th. We have fun activities planned for it at the **Kindergarten Summit on April 18th.**

Theme- Honoring Early Learning Educators and Families. Lastly, we are looking at revamping our logo for our Local ECAC.

CARSON-DOUGLAS

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UPDATE:

Carson Douglas Local ECAC support funded the opening of a Family Friendly Study Space at the Western Nevada College in Carson City: (From an article in Carson Now News)-

Western Nevada College celebrated the opening of its second Family Friendly Study Space last month with a ribbon-cutting ceremony led by President Dr. J. Kyle Dalpe. The newly opened space, located in Joe Dini Library on the Carson City campus, features a playful dinosaur theme designed to create a welcoming and engaging environment for students with young children.

The second Family Friendly Study Space was made possible through grant funding provided by the Carson Douglas Early Childhood Advisory Council (CD ECAC). The funding originates from the Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five Initiative (PDG B-5), which was awarded to the Nevada Department of Education through the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

WNC student Rebekka Girouard and her daughter, Sera, put a puzzle together in the new dinosaur-themed family friendly study space in Joe Dini Library.

"At Western Nevada College, we recognize that many of our students are balancing their education with the responsibilities of raising a family," said WNC President Dr. J. Kyle Dalpe. "The opening of this second Family Friendly Study Space reflects our commitment to meeting students where they are and removing barriers to their success. We are deeply grateful to the Carson Douglas Early Childhood Advisory Council and our community partners for investing in spaces that support student parents and create welcoming, inclusive learning environments for all."

View pictures here:

https://www.carsonnow.org/02/03/2026/wnc-opens-second-family-friendly-study-space-in-joe-dini-library-at-carson-city-campus?fbclid=IwY2xjawQk_0VleHRuA2FlbQlxMQBzcnRjBmFwcF9pZBAyMjlwMzkxNzg4MjAwODkyAAEe9U2Y1VEmZ62qAEIjytrulVPk3F0W1ZHHw4k-kOPlonF8u9Hxz964iMOVB98_aem_4Gc1nvYPwnzkZD4gvel_rg_and_here_
<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1Ap5pCHq7U/>



RURAL NEVADA ECAC

MARCH/APRIL 2026

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UPDATES:

Over the last month, the Rural Nevada ECAC created and distributed ECE workforce appreciation and well-being bags to partners working in our service areas. These packs were created to show appreciation for the work and to also provide tools for professionals' well-being. The packs included a personalized thank you card, a backpack with built in lunch box for healthy snacks on the go, ice packs, water cups for hydration, hand sanitizer, journals and pens, upcoming ECAC information, and other fun trinkets. These had great feedback from those who have received them. In the next month, our plan is to identify additional professionals working in our areas, bring them a well-being pack, and invite them to join our ECAC for ongoing collaboration and support.

SECTION 5: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL: EVENTS - FUNDING - OUTREACH - RESOURCES

...Begin Your Journey Here...

Upcoming Event:

Acelero Learning Clark County Head Start Community Health Fair

WHEN: April 27, 2026, from 9 am-12 pm

LOCATION: Strong Start (Alta location)

1617 Alta Drive Las Vegas, NV 89106,

Contact Information:

Anaiya McGrue, Health and Disabilities Advocate

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Upcoming Outreach Events Aging and Developmental Services Division will be participating in:

• **Touch-A-Truck**

- 4/11/26
- 9:00 am-2:00 pm
- 1980 Festival Plaza Dr, Las Vegas, NV 89135

• **UMC Spring Family Wellness and Safety Festival**

- 4/11/26
- 9:00 am - 1:30 pm
- 1800 W Charleston Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89102

The Nevada Early Childhood Research Symposium

LOCATION: Reno, NV

WHEN: Thursday, April 23, 2026

The symposium is a preconference activity for the NevAEYC Annual Conference.

Registration information will be released soon.

Some travel assistance will be available on a limited basis.

Free virtual parent training classes available from Prevent Child Abuse Nevada.

The list is available here: <https://www.preventchildabusenevada.org/events-trainings/community-training-classes/>

Sign up for announcements for the schedule here: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sl/FraxuuL>

PDG B-5 Activities, including incentives opportunities, will be sent out using the OELD Listserv, sign up at: [OELD Listserv](#)

Activities sent to specific audiences as determined by the PDG B-5 Specialists.



SECTION 6: PARTNERS THAT ARE NOT LISTED

Below are the Nevada ECAC Partners who were not able to give an update for the MARCH/APRIL 2026 edition of the Nevada ECAC Partner Summary Report. We appreciate their partnership and look forward to hearing all of their accomplishments and planned activities in the next edition.

Nevada Department of Education:

- NDE/OCSS: SPECIAL EDUCATION, INDIAN EDUCATION, GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION (GATE)
- NDE/OELD: QUALITY RATING IMPROVEMENT SYSTEM (QRIS)
- NDE: NEVADA READY!PRE-K

Nevada Department of Human Services:

- DHS/DPH: WOMEN, INFANTS & CHILDREN PROGRAM (WIC)
- DHS/DPH: ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM
- DHS/DPH: NEVADA STATE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM'
- DHS/DSS: CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (CCDP)

Nevada Department of Administration:

- NDA: NEVADA STATE LIBRARY, ARCHIVES, AND PUBLIC RECORDS

Nevada ECAC Partnering Agencies and Programs:

- PYRAMID MODEL

Nevada Local ECACs:

- LYON-CHURCHILL ECAC
- WASHOE COUNTY ECAC