

# Nevada Early Childhood System Network Highlights Report

A PARTNER CPRM Highlights Brief



The Children's Cabinet, on behalf of the Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council, is embarking on an analysis of the network of organizations dedicated to improving early childhood programs in Nevada. The analysis visualizes the Nevada Early Childhood System's network relationships, provides insights about the ways we work together, and identifies opportunities for continued network development.

In January 2023, 64 organizations in the Nevada Early Childhood system were invited to answer a social network analysis survey using the PARTNER CPRM tool. Of these 64 organizations, 56 responded for a 87.5% response rate. Those that responded reported that they collectively had 786 partnerships. This report summarizes the results.

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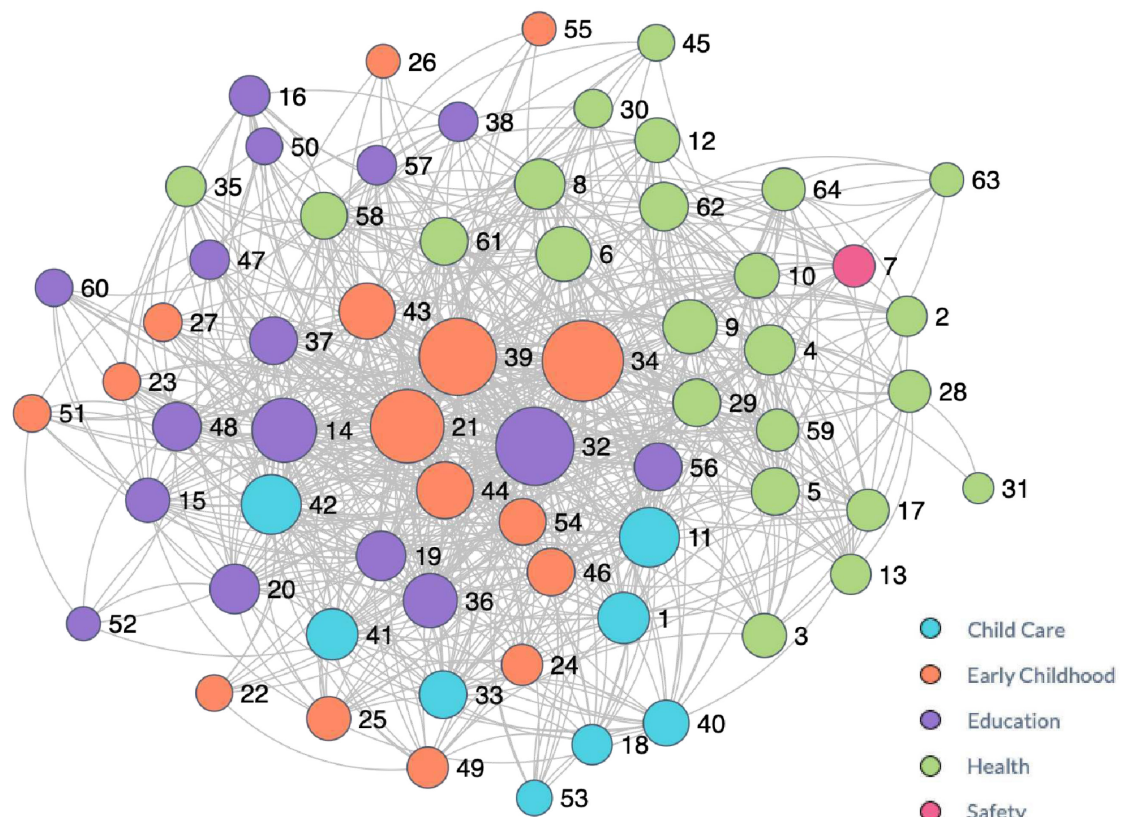
## Network Structure

This is the network map of the Nevada Early Childhood System Network. This map shows each organization represented as a circle (node). The lines among the nodes represent all relationships that were reported by respondents.

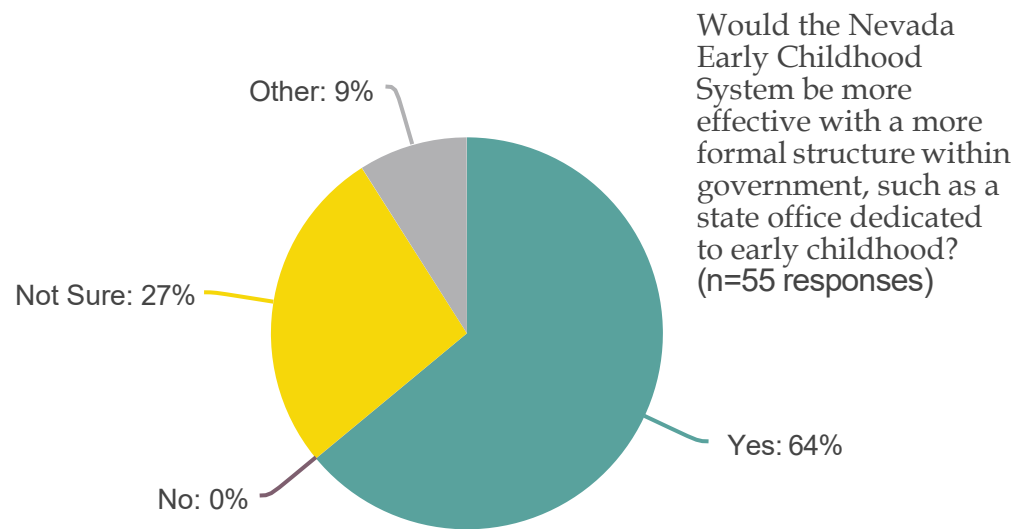
Nodes are colored by "Primary Organization Function".

The size of the node shows which organizations have the greatest number of connections.

The node labels, their corresponding organization names, and their organizational types are listed in the Full Network Report.



About two-thirds of respondents believe the Nevada Early Childhood System would be more effective with a more formal structure within the government (64%). Zero respondents selected No as a response.



## Top Outcomes for Improving Coordination and Collaboration (n=54)



39%

Establish supports to ensure equitable engagement of parents/families in leadership and decision-making at state and local levels.



35%

Establish Governor's Office for Early Childhood to align policy and fiscal decision-making for the early childhood system.



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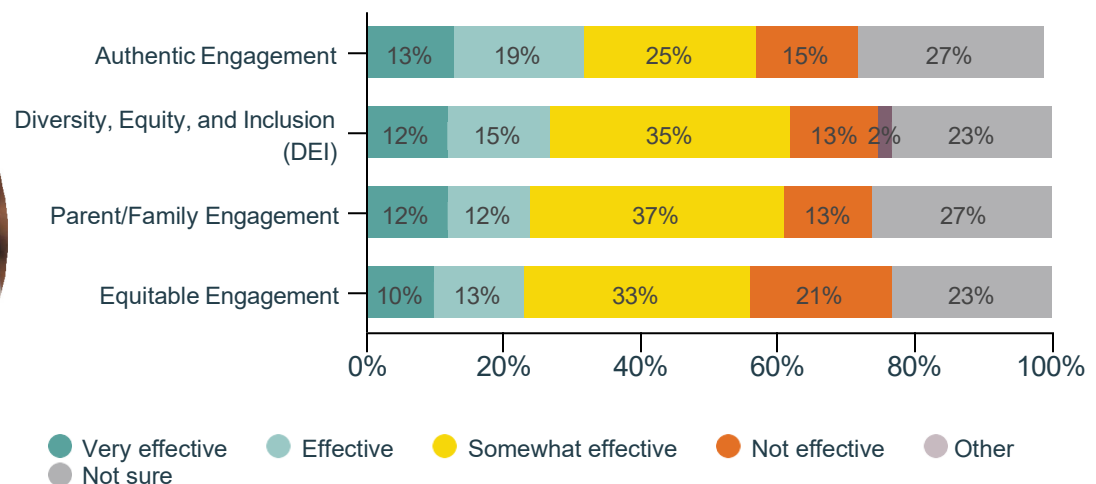
Expand engagement, training, and leadership opportunities for marginalized communities.

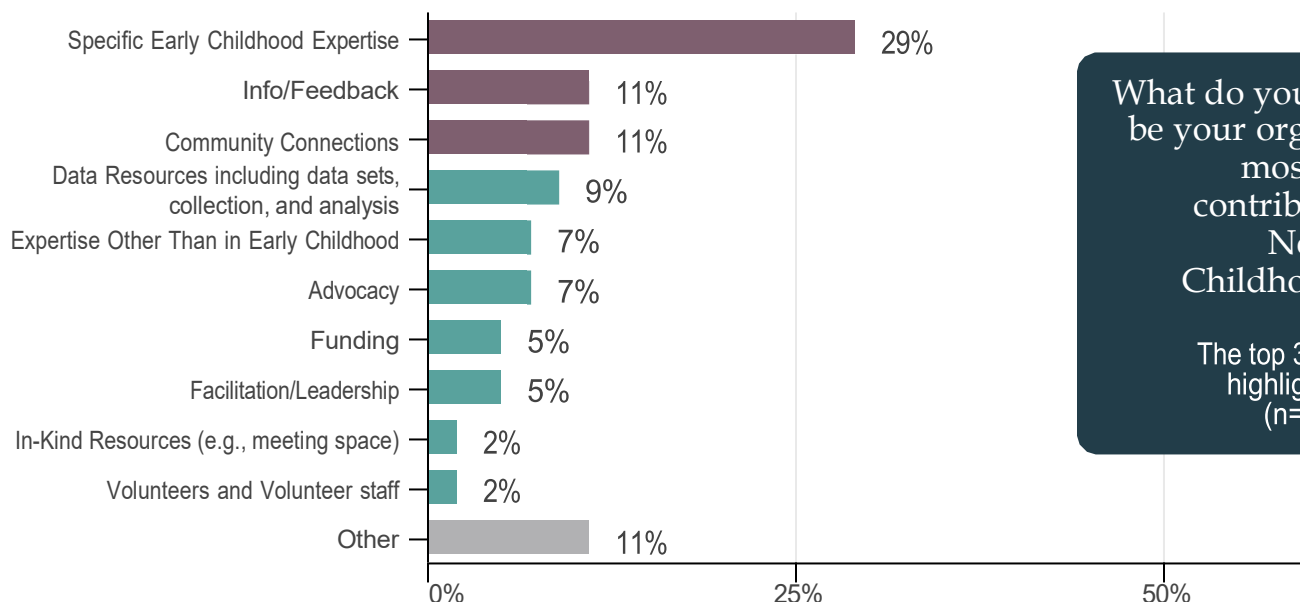


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Expand engagement, alignment, and coordination of services among all early childhood system providers.

Respondents believe that the Nevada Early Childhood System has been most effective at providing forums for **Authentic Engagement** and least effective at providing forums for **Equitable Engagement**.



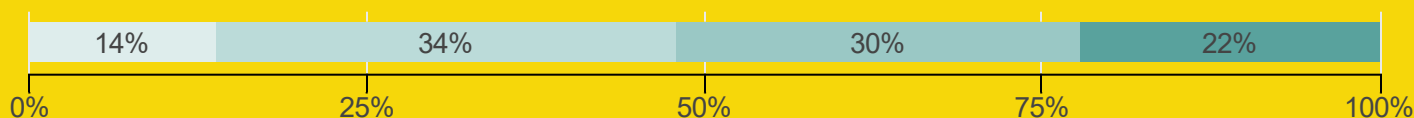


What do you think will be your organization's most important contribution to the Nevada Early Childhood System?

The top 3 responses are highlighted in purple. (n=55 responses)

## Intensity of Interaction

It is a positive result that connections are somewhat distributed across the levels, with most relationships categorized as cooperative or coordinated. (n=691 relationships). As the level increases, the cost of the relationship increases as well (i.e., more resources are needed).



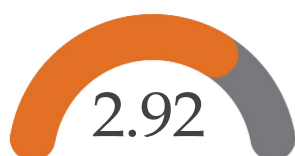
## Level of Interaction



## Value and Trust

The following charts show all members' averaged perceptions of relational partners along three dimensions of value and three dimensions of trust. Survey participants assessed each of their reported relationships on each of the three dimensions of trust/value according to a 4-point scale, with 1 = Not at all, 2 = A small amount, 3 = A fair amount, and 4 = A great deal. Scores over 3 are considered the most positive. The network has a value score of 2.92 out of 4. The trust score is 3.32 out of 4, slightly higher than Value. Perceptions of value and trust are critical to building a network.

### Value Score



### Trust Score



Power and Influence



Level of Involvement



Resource Contribution



Partner Reliability



Supports Mission



Open to Discussion