
Southern Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council

Minutes from September 18, 2024– In-person Meeting **List of attendees provided at the end of the minutes**

1. Welcome & Introductions

The meeting began with a welcome greeting from Amanda Haboush-Deloye. Members gave brief introductions of themselves and their agency/organization.

2. Strong Start Updates

Clark County Youth Mayor

- Joyce provided an update on the Clark County Youth Mayor, Jack, and his council's activities. Three of the four youth completed shadowing experiences with local officials. Jack also visited Washington, D.C., where he toured the U.S. Capitol and White House and met with four state representatives. Additionally, the Youth Mayor and council collaborated with UNLV film students on a public service announcement about the importance of STEM in education. Check out the video here: [Clark County Youth Mayor 2023 2024 The Importance of STEM](#)
- There are five candidates that have signed up for the youth mayor election for this year.
- If any members would like the Youth Mayor 2024-2025 and/or his council to be involved in community activities or events, please reach out to Amanda at Amanda.haboush@unlv.edu or Joyce at Joycelene.bumagat@unlv.edu.

17th Annual Step Up for Kids Event 2024

- Amanda provided an update about the 17th Annual Step Up for Kids, happening Saturday, October 5th, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Las Vegas Area Council, Scouting America, 7220 Paradise Rd, Las Vegas, NV 89119. If you've signed up as a vendor, you should have received the vendor emails.
- The event will be outside. Most activities, including the DJ, petting zoo, and the Saber Guild, have been secured. Finalizing details on the event space is underway. If any members need printing assistance for the event, let us know.
- For more information about this event, please visit the Step Up for Kids webpage: nic.unlv.edu/step-up-for-kids

Children's Advocacy Ambassadors

- Annette Dawson provided an update on the Advocate Ambassador program, now in its 4th cohort, which is wrapping up with a final meeting in October. She praised the group's efforts in amplifying their voices. Additionally, a group from the first cohort launched a 501(c)(3) organization, *Act for Kids*, focused on health initiatives for families and advocating for improved access to care, including sharing their stories of seeking treatment out of state.
- If anyone is interested in assisting with this program, please reach out to Annette at annette.dawson@caanv.org

3. Activities and Ideas from the Strategic Planning

Local Children's Day at City Hall

- During the off-years of Children's Week at the Legislature, the team discussed hosting a local city hall day. Earlier this year, we reached out to the cities of North Las Vegas, Henderson, and Las Vegas. North Las Vegas jumped on board, while the other cities wanted to wait and see the event's outcome.
- We finalized details with the staff at the City of North Las Vegas, and the local children's day was on Wednesday, June 5th. Dominique with Special Olympics Nevada brought some of her youth and we also invited the Clark County Youth Mayor and his council. We had a total of five youth in attendance. The City of North Las Vegas staff provided snacks, and the youth had the opportunity to learn about local government. SNECAC members and youth were then guided to the chambers, where the youth met and asked questions to Mayor Pamela Goynes-Brown, Councilwoman Ruth Garcia-Anderson, and Councilman Scott Black.
- Dominique provided it was a great process for the students to see.
- Amanda suggested that this could be an ongoing initiative. We could make it more comprehensive by hosting the event at the Clark County Government Center, or we could keep it smaller and focus on building relationships one city at a time.

Community Calendar, Council Information Tab, and Organization List

- We have a good update to the website. If you know of new people to add or notice any outdated information, please email us, and we'll make the necessary updates.

Legislative Briefing Book

- We are working with the Children's Advocacy Alliance for our legislative briefing book. The sections of the briefing book cover health, safety, education, and economic well-being. This will be state-level advocacy and included will be different frames of diversity.
- The draft is currently being finalized and will be released soon. Before we publish the briefing book, we'll reach out to you, our partners, to review it and ensure everything is aligned.

4. Coalition & Project Updates

NV ECAC Updates

- The previous NV ECAC meetings were held on July 17th and September 18th both at 9:00 am.
- Danielle provided that they had an informative presentation from the Guinn Center. Slide deck from their presentation will be shared soon.
- Amanda provided an update on the Data & Evaluation Subcommittee. The group is currently finalizing the definition of vulnerable children. She will have more updates at our next meeting. Another NICRP colleague, Smriti, is putting together a comprehensive database on where early childhood data exist and the gaps.
- The next NV ECAC meeting will be Wednesday, November 20th at 9:00 am. Additional meeting information and minutes from previous ECAC meetings are available on the NECAC website: <http://nvecac.com/meeting-information/> along with the local ECAC and partner summary report.

NV Early Childhood Obesity Prevention Plan (NECOP)

- The NECOP is a statewide group that meets quarterly to talk about different ways to reduce early childhood obesity.
- The meeting was held on September 17th. Hira updated SNECAC members on the workgroup's review of the Achieving a State of Healthy Weight (ASHW) guidelines. The workgroup proposed revisions to Nevada Administrative Codes related to infant feeding, nutrition, mealtimes, physical activity, and screen time. These revisions were presented to Childcare Licensing for feedback, which was reviewed during the September meeting to determine if further changes are needed to meet more with national recommendations.
- Please contact Brooke C. Kleven at brooke.conway-kleven@unlv.edu or Joycelene Bumagat at Joycelene.bumagat@unlv.edu if you would like to attend upcoming meetings.
- For more information, please visit [Nevada Early Childhood Obesity Prevention Workgroup - NICRP \(unlv.edu\)](#)

5. Afterschool & Out-Of-School Time Programming

Quality Improvement System Development Committee

- Danielle provided updates on the QIS Development Committee, where the group focuses on quality improvement for childcare and district pre-K licensing. They are developing a model for school-age programs, called the Quality Improvement System, and worked on a self-assessment tool. The goal is to align it with the current QRIS program so school-age programs can be included in the system. Danielle also provided that the group created 4 different tutorial videos. Amanda added that there is an automated scoring sheet that generates reports and an action plan template, which provides suggestions for improvements.

6. Community Resources & Events

- For our Resource Sharing portion, Tiarha Huerta with Waterford Upstart shared resources with the members. Please see the attached PowerPoint Presentation for more information.

- Annette shared the [NVVOTES4Kids.org](https://www.nvvotes4kids.org) website, which offers resources for voter registration and information on key issues affecting children and families in Nevada, emphasizing the importance of raising awareness about these issues.
- Lakeesia shared that Healthy Start are still enrolling families. They are a program who provide education for moms during their first pregnancy and throughout the first two years of their children's lives. Please see the attached flyer for more information.
- Laura also shared that Acelero is also enrolling children ages 0-5.
- Healthy Kids Festival happened weekend and had a great turnout.
- Joyce shared that the City of North Las Vegas is hosting its third annual Unplug and Play event. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

7. Tour of United Way of Southern Nevada

- Shanell Townsend provided the members with a tour of the meeting spaces.

8. Other Updates

- Gabriela Sanchez with Candelen provided an update below:

Thank you for your participation and dedication to supporting Nevada's child care programs. Your involvement has been crucial in the success of these initiatives.

As a result of the final COVID relief funding awarded to the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS) ending on September 30, 2024, services offered by Candelen, which were fully funded by these dollars, will be discontinued after September 30, 2024.

DWSS is committed to ensuring that child care providers have the resources and support needed to navigate these transitions. The Nevada Strong Start Child Care Services Center will continue to offer guidance and assistance to providers. For more information on available resources, providers are encouraged to reach out to the Child Care Services Centers in Reno or Las Vegas.

Reno Child Care Services Center

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Las Vegas Child Care Services Center

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For further questions, contact Nevada Strong Start Child Care Services Center at ccsc@dwss.nv.gov or visit nevadaccsc.org.

Thank you again for your continued support and the essential work done in early childhood education.

- Revised Child Care Licensing Checklists Now Available. Please click on the link below:
The checklists for the Initial Survey, Annual Survey, and Semi-Annual Survey have been revised as of September 12, 2024. Providers can now [access and download the updated versions](#) on the child care licensing website. If you have any questions, please contact Child Care Licensing at DPBHChildCareLicensing@health.nv.gov.

2024 Meeting Schedule

Future SNECAC meetings will be held on

- *November 20, 2024 form 12:00-2:00pm*

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