
Southern Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council

Minutes from November 20, 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

17th Annual Step Up for Kids Event 2024

- Amanda provided an update on the 17th Annual Step Up for Kids event, which took place on 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). While attendance was lower than in previous years, the event provided a valuable opportunity to engage with families. The venue was beautiful and has great potential for future community engagement. Amanda also updated the group that the location is expanding its conference spaces, which will include two to three breakout rooms, with plans to make them more accessible to the community.
- Kylie from UNR Extension shared that their farmer's market was a success. Here, they purchased produce and gave children points to choose their preferred vegetables and fruits. Families were actively engaged throughout the event.
- Members were provided with a summary of the Step Up for Kids event. To read the full summary, please click here: [Step Up for Kids 2024 Summary - NICRP \(unlv.edu\)](https://www.nicrp.org/step-up-for-kids-2024-summary)

Clark County Youth Mayor

- Amanda provided an update on the Clark County Youth Mayor. All the candidates were present and did a great job. They expressed interest in being involved, but we have not reached out yet. We will soon make plans to connect with the youth mayor and discuss his goals for the year. Our aim is to involve the mayor and council in at least one or two community events. Once we know his plans, we will email the details to all members for any ideas or suggestions on events and activities they should be involved in. Additionally, we plan to create another commercial, working with the film department.

3. Activities and Ideas from the Strategic Planning

Local Children's Day at City Hall

- One idea from the Strategic Planning meeting last October was to host a Local Children's Day during the off-years of Children's Week at the Legislature. Earlier this year, we reached out to the cities of North Las Vegas, Henderson, and Las Vegas. North Las Vegas agreed to participate, and we held the Local Children's Day at City Hall in North Las Vegas, which was a great success, as we had five youth participants. Amanda asked the members whether this is an event we would like to replicate or if there are other activities to consider for 2025.

Legislative Briefing Book

- Amanda provided an update on the 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 as it is not yet formatted. The policy recommendations for each section are being finalized, with the goal of completing it by the end of the year for printing and availability for the legislative session.
- Link To Briefing Book:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/13ApNeHTbTFetIk7rAIIsWR5qYszC08xD10aTFIiknaM/edit?tab=t.0>

Funding Update and Planning for 2025

- Amanda provided an update on funding. The HRSA strategic planning grant, which funded the Step Up for Kids event and supplied tents for participating organizations for the event, is ending. The PDG grant is expected to take over, with proposals due in January. We will know more then. While quarterly meetings will continue, funding will impact the activities we pursue.

- Amanda asked members for ideas on priorities for next year. Members provided suggestions such as increasing advertising for Step Up for Kids, planning to be on the agenda for city council meetings, and funding a bus for Children's Week at the Legislature. Amanda encouraged the group to think further and share ideas at the first meeting.

Community Calendar, Council Information Tab, and Organization List

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

4. Children's Week at the Nevada Legislature

- Children's Week will be held from March 10th to 13th. We are working with CAA to coordinate efforts. More information about the activities will be shared after Thanksgiving. The schedule is as follows: Monday will focus on Education, Tuesday on Child Welfare, Juvenile Justice, and Safety, Wednesday on Mental Wellness, and Thursday on Physical Wellness.
- Through the Nevada Afterschool Network, we will be providing a one-hour training and will ensure it is advertised.
- Two changes are that the event will now be held in a different state building, and participants will have the opportunity to call in and share their opinions.
- The Office of Early Childhood is working to pass two bills from different senators on this initiative. They are currently reconciling the bills into one. Our bill tracking is available on the NICRP website at [Children's Week - NICRP \(unlv.edu\)](#)

5. Coalition & Project Updates

NV ECAC Updates

- The previous NV ECAC meeting was held on 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 workgroup developed a policy brief for pediatricians to highlight the importance of screening and referring for children at risk of obesity. We're working with a pediatrician to distribute it to other pediatricians.
- Both the brief and the annual report are available on the NICRP website at [NECOP - State Plan and Reports - NICRP \(unlv.edu\)](#). We also plan to restructure the annual report to provide a more comprehensive overview of initiatives addressing early childhood obesity. Lastly, we're collaborating with the Nevada Registry to offer training at beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels.
- 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 \(unlv.edu\)](#)

6. Afterschool & Out-Of-School Time Programming

Nevada Afterschool Network Updates

- The Nevada Afterschool Showcase will be held at the Peppermill Resort Spa Casino in Reno on February 27th and 28th. For more information, please click: [Nevada Afterschool Showcase](#)

7. Community Resources & Events

- NevAEYC State Conference will be held at the Tuscany Suites & Casino at Las Vegas, NV on April 24th to 26th. For more information, click here: [NevAEYC](#)
- Teresa provided an update that Southern Nevada AEYC will have an Early Childhood Educator Leadership Day on Saturday, February 1st. They will provide 6 hours of training, breakfast/lunch, swag bags, and prizes.
- Rox and Margaret attended the Nevada Ready Director's meeting in Reno. The Department of Education will provide updates in February and plans to be more intentional with data collection through Infinite Campus.
- Laura provided an update that Kelvin Thomas was named Vice President of Acelero Learning Head Start in Clark County. Laura stated that now is a good time to establish partnerships and connections.
- Lakeesia provided an update that Healthy Start is now fully staff with CHWs, having a team of 10. They are serving 40 families and looking for more. For more information, please see the attached flyer.
- Teresa also provided that they will be running another adult learning academy if anyone wants to become a trainer. It will start in January; the applications are out at Nevada Registry. For more information, visit <https://www.nevadaregistry.org/news-updates/now-accepting-interest-applications-for-the-2025-adult-learning-academy/>.
- Jacquelyn provided that if anyone is looking for family engagement within your centers, they are providing support and parenting classes.
- Joyce provided updates from members who weren't able to join but asked to share.
 - Claire Tredwell, Director at the UNLV/CSUN Preschool has a capstone project event on December 7th from 9am to 1pm. If anyone is interested in joining or being on a panel during a designated time for a Q/A on ECE, please email Melissa Greene melissa.greene@tntp.org. For more information, please see the attached flyer.
 - Brennan White, Program Manager at Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) asked us to share the attached flyer.
 - Annette Dawson with Children's Advocacy Alliance wanted to share that the Legislative Summit tickets are now open. For more information, check out the CAA website at <https://www.caanv.org/>.
- Amanda provided that the East Valley Family Services was handing out turkeys for the holidays. They are also collecting clothing.
- United Way partnered with the Las Vegas Raiders to pack over 2,000 holiday meal boxes.

8. Tour of the University of Nevada, Reno Extension - Clark County Botanic Gardens

- Dave and Andrew provided the members with a tour of the gardens.

9. Other Updates

- Amanda reminded the group to share any obstacles they encounter so the group can brainstorm resources or solutions. She also encouraged members to highlight successes, such as connecting with someone or achieving a goal for a family member. Some members shared their successes related to housing and plans for universal pre-K.
- Amanda also shared that planning has begun for the Early Childhood Research Symposium, with a major focus on universal pre-K. If there are other topics members would like to see covered, please reach out to Amanda. A date for the event has not been set yet.
- John F Packham, Policy Director at the Nevada Public Health Association shared a training invite from Stacey Shinn and the State Innovation Exchange. Please view the flyer attached and read below for more information:
 - Please join us for a training on state budget advocacy led by Senator Rochelle Nguyen and Assembly member Howard Watts on 1/14/25 from 3-5pm to prepare for the 2025 Nevada Legislative Session. The session will help you increase your knowledge on how and when to advocate for your issues in the Finance and Ways and Means Committees. The event is co-hosted by Nevada NOW and the State Innovation Exchange. Register here. <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwtcuqopz4jGdc08p4s0S6-WfOglmkieHB#registration>

2025 Meeting Schedule

- Amanda asked for suggestions on next year's schedule. Members expressed a preference for meeting in different spaces to connect and collaborate.
- We will continue quarterly meetings, try to avoid overlap with ECAC meetings, and keep them on the third Wednesday of the month from 12-2 p.m. Lunch will be provided, and the first meeting may be a potluck to welcome the new year. Once we have the 2025 Meeting Schedule from ECAC, we will plan to schedule our SNECAC meetings.

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