



Summary of Early Childhood System Projects and Initiatives

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EARLY CHILDHOOD SYSTEM PROJECTS	
Child Care & Development Fund Cost Modeling Analysis <i>P5 Fiscal Strategies</i>	<p>Development of a cost model and implementation of alternative methodology to set the state of Nevada's child care subsidy rate on the true cost of care rather than 75% of the state median price of care. Model will include cost of care by provider type (family, friend & neighbor, licensed family child care, licensed group family child care, centers, out-of-school programs) region, and care level (infants, toddler, pre-school, and school-age).</p> <p><i>Funded by the Child Care and Development Fund through the Division of Welfare & Supportive Services Child Care and Development Program; managed by The Children's Cabinet.</i></p>
Timeline	In process, scheduled to be completed by June 2024
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Child Care & Development Program Data System Modernization <i>CAMP</i>	<p>The Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, The Children's Cabinet, and Las Vegas Urban League are working with the Center for Applied Management Practices (CAMP) to modernize case management, training, and technical assistance data systems so these data can be integrated with other programs and agencies in an effort to move toward an integrated early childhood data system.</p> <p><i>Funded by the Child Care and Development Fund through the Division of Welfare & Supportive Services Child Care and Development Program; managed by The Children's Cabinet.</i></p>
Timeline	July 1, 2022 to September 30, 2024
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Child Care Facility Cost Modeling & Revenue Plan <i>Access Community Capital</i>	<p>ACCESS will generate a cost modeling plan designed to expand access to child care throughout the state focusing on facility/space expansion. ACCESS will conduct an in-depth analysis of funding opportunities and fiscal strategies available for child care businesses. This involves examining existing programs, grants, and initiatives to identify potential sources of financial support, as well as strategies to leverage and sustain funding allocations for capital development. ACCESS will also identify and address any policy barriers or limitations that may hinder the effective utilization of funds for child care business development.</p> <p><i>Funded by the Child Care and Development Fund through the Division of Welfare & Supportive Services Child Care and Development Program; managed by The Children's Cabinet.</i></p>
Timeline	Cost Modeling for Child Care Expansion – In progress, scheduled to be complete March 2024 Revenue Plan for Child Care Expansion – In progress, scheduled to be complete May 2024
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Coordinated Intake and Referral System (CIRS) Workgroup <i>The Children's Cabinet</i>	<p>A Coordinated Intake and Referral System (CIRS) is a bi-directional technology platform that connects health care, early learning and family support services partners to improve the health and well-being of young children and families by offering shared risk assessment and screening, real-time closed loop referral management, collaborative care coordination, standardized metrics, and data analysis and reporting functions. In Nevada, a workgroup has been established to assess the feasibility and key functions of a CIRS for Nevada's early childhood system.</p>
Timeline	September 2023 – ongoing
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Early Childhood Fiscal Map and Gap Analysis <i>The Children's Funding Project</i>		<p>The Nevada Early Childhood Fiscal Map is a tool developed in partnership with the Children's Funding Project, used to visualize funding streams affecting young people in Nevada. The initial fiscal map, covering ages 0-24, is available on the Nevada ECAC website at nvecac.com and will include a deep dive into early childhood funding streams in early 2024. The Gap Analysis will look at how much funding is needed to provide equitable access to programs and services, and will be followed by a revenue study to identify potential funding sources.</p> <p><i>Funded by the Child Care and Development Fund through the Division of Welfare & Supportive Services Child Care and Development Program and the Children's Advocacy Alliance, Pritzker Children's Foundation Grant; managed by The Children's Cabinet.</i></p>
	Timeline	<p>Early Childhood Fiscal Map (ages 0-8) – Q1 2024 Early Childhood Fiscal Gap Analysis – March 2024 Early Childhood Revenue Analysis – December 2024</p>
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Early Childhood Marketing & Outreach Campaign <i>Purdue, Marion & Associates</i>		<p>The Nevada Early Childhood Marketing & Outreach Campaign was launched in January 2023 to raise awareness of the importance of early childhood, as well as to ensure that parents, families and providers were aware of and connected to available resources and supports. The first year of the campaign focused on access to child care (NevadaChildCareFund.org) and will be expanding in 2024 to include the comprehensive early childhood system through the new First5Nevada.org website, which is scheduled for launch in March 2024. First5Nevada.org will serve as a comprehensive resource for early childhood programs and services for parents and families throughout the state. The site will feature an online Eligibility Portal, modeled after First5SC.org, that will enable users to answer a few simple questions to identify which programs and services they may be eligible for.</p> <p><i>Funded by the Child Care and Development Fund through the Division of Welfare & Supportive Services Child Care and Development Program and the Preschool Development Grant Birth to Five through the Nevada Department of Education, Office of Early Learning and Development; managed by The Children's Cabinet.</i></p>
	Timeline	<p>Nevada Child Care Fund Campaign – January 2023 to present First5Nevada Campaign – Launch in March/April 2024</p>
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Early Childhood Network Analysis <i>Visual Network Labs</i>		<p>Visual Network Labs developed a network mapping and analysis of the NV early childhood system that measures the quantity and quality of interactions, identifying strong connections and key players, highlighting gaps and silos and assessing key outcomes. The final report was presented to the Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council in May 2023.</p> <p><i>Funded by the Child Care and Development Fund through the Division of Welfare & Supportive Services Child Care and Development Program; managed by The Children's Cabinet.</i></p>
	Timeline	Completed May 2023
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Early Childhood System Asset & Gap Analysis (SAGA) <i>The Children's Cabinet</i>		<p>The HRSA Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS) Asset & Gap Analysis (SAGA) was developed as a tool to understand the landscape of the state's early childhood system and existing efforts to address integration of the early childhood system and health sector. The SAGA also laid the foundation for the ECCS Prenatal to Age Three Strategic Plan.</p> <p><i>Funded by the Health Resource Services Administration (HRSA) ECCS Grant to The Children's Cabinet.</i></p>
	Timeline	<p>Full Report Completed November 2022 – SAGA Report Link Revised/Updated Summary to be Completed by February 2024</p>
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Early Childhood System Governance and Structure Analysis <i>The Guinn Center for Policy Priorities</i>		<p>The Guinn Center for Policy Priorities is currently conducting an analysis of Nevada’s early childhood governance structure, taking a deep dive into our current system, as well as how other states are structured. The full report, which will include recommendations for improving Nevada’s early childhood governance structure, will be released in 2024.</p> <p><i>Funded by the Child Care and Development Fund through the Division of Welfare & Supportive Services Child Care and Development Program; managed by The Children’s Cabinet.</i></p>
	Timeline	December 2022 to September 2024
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Early Childhood Workforce Framework (Child Care Sector) <i>SRI</i>		<p>A collaborative effort of over 40 early childhood stakeholders to develop the Nevada Early Childhood Education Workforce Support Framework. The framework includes supports and strategies across four areas: 1.) Compensation & Financial Incentives, 2.) Professional Pathways, 3.) Working Conditions and Supports, and 4.) ECE Workforce Data. The Framework document is complete and the workgroup is currently meeting to develop a comprehensive workplan to implement the strategies identified in the report.</p> <p><i>Funded by the Child Care and Development Fund through the Division of Welfare & Supportive Services Child Care and Development Program; managed by The Children’s Cabinet.</i></p>
	Timeline	<p>Framework Report – Complete; Report Link</p> <p>Framework Workplan – In Progress</p>
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Employer Child Care Development Program <i>The Children’s Cabinet</i>		<p>The Employer Child Care Development Program provides comprehensive support and consultation for business by analyzing current benefits, conducting an employee needs assessment, generating an analysis report, and support with implementation of findings. Not all employers can offer on-site childcare, but there are many options for businesses to support their employee’s work-life balance. It is important for business to design a meaningful benefits package and create a culture that embraces and supports working parents.</p> <p><i>Funded by the Child Care and Development Fund through the Division of Welfare & Supportive Services Child Care and Development Program; managed by The Children’s Cabinet.</i></p>
	Website	https://www.childrencabinet.org/businesses/
	Timeline	Currently funded through September 2024
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EARLY CHILDHOOD SYSTEM INITIATIVE GRANTS	
HRSA Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS) Health Integration Project <i>The Children's Cabinet</i>	<p>Health Resources Services Administration, Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Grant – is a five-year (August 2021 to July 2026) grant administered by The Children's Cabinet. The purpose of HRSA ECCS Project is to build an integrated maternal and early childhood system of care in Nevada that is equitable, sustainable, and comprehensive that promotes early developmental health and well-being. The project also seeks to increase family-centered access to care and engagement of the prenatal to age three population. The Nevada Early Childhood Family Leadership Council was established as part of this initiative to ensure that parents and families of young children have a voice and decision-making power in the early childhood system. There are currently two NECFLCs in Nevada, one in the North and one in the South. Participants meet monthly to receive training and technical assistance on early childhood systems issues, network with others and identify key issues to address.</p>
Timeline	August 2021 to July 2026
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PDG B5 – Preschool Development Grant, Birth through Five	<p>The Nevada Department of Education (NDE), Office of Early Learning and Development (OELD) was awarded a three year (2023 to 2025) \$30 million Federal Preschool Development Grant Birth through 5 (PDG B-5) Renewal Grant. The purpose of the PDG B-5 Renewal Grant is to strengthen Nevada's Early Childhood Comprehensive System through collaborative partnership with stakeholders and families.</p>
Timeline	January 2023 to December 2025
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Strong Start Nevada PN-3 Initiative <i>The Children's Advocacy Alliance</i>	<p>The Strong Start Nevada PN-3 Initiative aims to expand services to low-income infants, toddlers and their families. To achieve this goal, Strong Start Nevada PN-3 coalition uses a coordinated, cross-sector policy agenda to advocate for maternal and child health programs, early care and education programs, family support services, and comprehensive system improvements. The initiative is funded through a grant from the Pritzker Children's Initiative to the Children's Advocacy Alliance.</p>
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