

Meeting Summary – ECCS Leadership Meeting May 3, 2023



"Building Nevada's Early Childhood Comprehensive System"

Meeting Objective:

Build the foundation of Nevada's growing ECCS work through state examples, Visible Network images, review of aligned Nevada ECAC and PDG B-5 Strategic Plans, and individual sector teamwork.

Talking points:

- What is an early childhood system? "A well-functioning early childhood system reaches families with the help they need, improves the coordination of services and supports, promotes a climate of support for early childhood, and increases parent engagement and equity" (HRSA MCH, CSSP)
- Building connections between Health, ECE, and Family Leadership is necessary to build a state system of care where young children and their families can access the vital services they need.
- Other states utilize ECCS initiatives in different ways, there is no single formula and should represent individual state need.
- Visible network Lab images depict strong relationships and connections occur more frequently within our individual sectors. Also, rural Nevada communities have less access to Statewide services when compared to urban residents (see fig. 1).
- Our partners from The Center for the Study of Social Policy joined and presented a brief overview of recommended system performance measures to support the development of a well-functioning early childhood system (see fig. 2).
- Feedback from the February ECCS Leadership meeting and survey responses showed clear interest in the ECCS Leadership Team to focus on the following topics: Maternal & Child Health, EC Workforce, Early Childhood Education, and DEI. Priorities within these focus areas can be viewed in figure 3.

Action Items:

ECCS Leaders are requested to complete the **Core Sector Surveys** for the Sector representing their work or personal / professional interests. [Due Date Friday May 12th]

Link for EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION Survey: <https://forms.gle/i5a82JDroMivqBs58>

Link for HEALTH Survey: <https://forms.gle/XpLp7oY2bJY8B5saA>

Link for FAMILY SUPPORT / LEADERSHIP: <https://forms.gle/83PrUYj6C9GKTZb99>

- Program Leads will be contacted soon for an information meeting with Tiffany Olivas [Ongoing]

Resources:

[Nevada's Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems \(ECCS\) Leadership Padlet](#) - ECCS State examples, Nevada ECAC Strategic Plan, PDG B-5 website and logic model, and additional ECCS resources. Please note that the Padlet is temporary, once the ECCS page with The Children's Cabinet website is complete, all links will be found here: [Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems - Children's Cabinet \(childrenscabinet.org\)](#)

Figures:

Figure 1 – Visible Network Lab- Analyzer: Self-Reported Primary Purpose

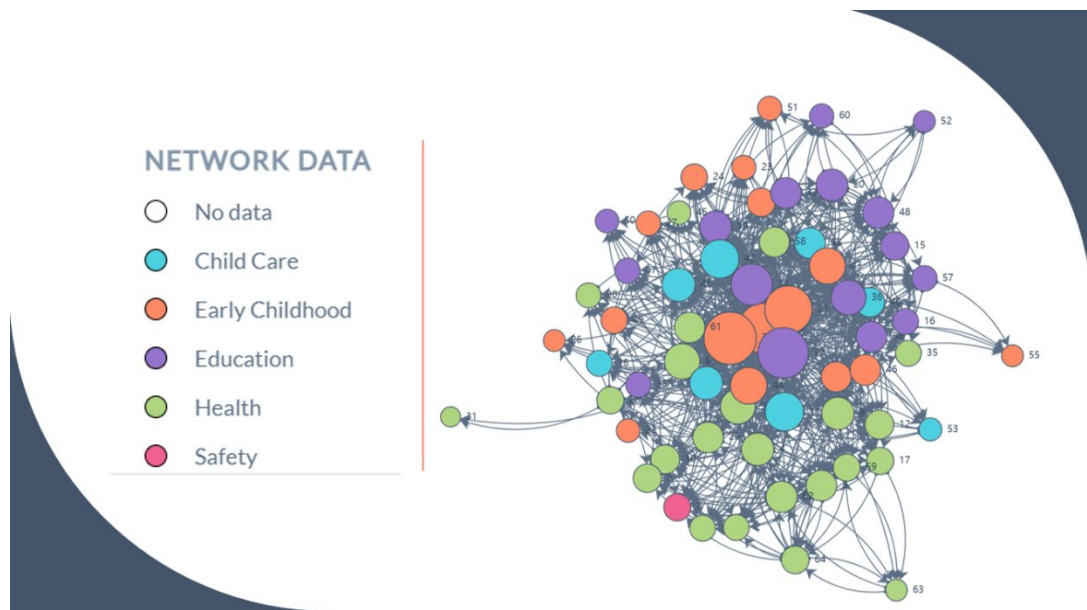


Figure 2 – Center for the Study of Social Policy: Defining a Well-Functioning Early Childhood

0 Foundations	Partners from multiple sectors in the community are building an aligned early childhood system to improve child and family well-being.
1 Reach	Young children and families receive services and supports to meet universal and identified needs.
2 Coordination	Sectors within the system are coordinated to provide seamless services, support quality improvement, and avoid duplication.
3 Commitment	The community makes early childhood a priority and acts to support children's health, learning, and well-being.
4 Equity	Parents are partners in creating a responsive and equitable early childhood system.

Figure 3 - SurveyMonkey ECCS Leadership Survey: Focus Areas and Priorities identified by Leaders

Focus Area	Priority #1	Priority #2
Maternal & Child Health	Medicaid Coverage for Woman and Children	Increased Health Services for Rural Communities
Focus Area	Priority #1	Priority #2
Workforce	Recruitment of Qualified Staff for the Early Childhood Profession (tie)	Increased Funding to Provide Competitive Wages for all Early Childhood Professionals (tie)
Focus Area	Priority #1	Priority #2
Early Childhood Education	Increasing the Capacity of ECE and Access for Every Family	Targeted Support for Quality ECE Programming and Access in Historically Underserved Communities
Focus Area	Priority #1	Priority #2
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI)	Ensure all Children and Families have Equitable Access to all Social Services	Cultural & Community Representation in All Decision Making / Focus on Decreasing Health Disparities for Medically Underserved Communities (tie)

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