

Nevada COVID-19 Child Care Response, Recovery & Reimagining the System

Improving Systems and Supporting Providers to Achieve High Quality, Affordability and Equitable Accessibility for Families

CRRSA and ARP Spending Plan Summary for Child Care

Provider Supports	
<p>Operating Grants</p> <p>Lead Agencies: The Children’s Cabinet Las Vegas Urban League</p> <p>Primary Contact:</p>	<p>Includes over \$218M in direct operating grants for child care providers for up to 6 months of operating support which must include utilization of funds to provide financial supports to both staff and families. Also includes funding for grant administration, outreach, technical assistance and support to increase reach and appropriate utilization of grants.</p> <p>Anthony Kharrat – grants@childrenscabinet.org</p>
<p>Wonderschool</p> <p>Lead Agency: DWSS</p> <p>Primary Contact:</p>	<p>Contract with Wonderschool to implement program with current License-Exempt FFN providers to become licensed Family Child Care (FCC) providers. Also includes recruitment, training and support of adults to become new FCC providers (e.g. NEON, Displaced Homemaker Program, etc.). Funding is for two years of program operation to support 190 existing home-based providers and recruit an additional 100 providers, to increase capacity and improve business services, automation and quality.</p> <p>Darcy Heath - darcy.heath@wonderschool.com</p>
<p>Candelen Kith and Kin</p> <p>Lead Agency: DWSS</p> <p>Primary Contact:</p>	<p>Establish a staffed network to provide trainings, resources, supplies and networking to kith and kin, providers who do not care for enough children to require licensure and are not subsidized by CCDF to improve quality and business supports. Will work in collaboration with contracted community based organizations to recruit kith and kin providers to become subsidy providers and Wonderschool to identify kith and kin to recruit into licensed FCCs.</p> <p>Claudia Ortiz - cortiz@candelen.org</p>
<p>Background Checks</p> <p>Lead Agency: DWSS</p> <p>Primary Contact:</p>	<p>Includes \$5,000 to support the cost of background checks for new providers/teachers in alignment with Wonderschool and additional outreach initiatives to recruit all provider types in the field.</p> <p>Nicole Martin - Nxmartin@dwss.nv.gov</p>
<p>Child Care Services Center</p> <p>Lead Agency: The Children’s Cabinet</p> <p>Primary Contact:</p>	<p>The Child Care Services Center (CCSC) will serve as the network/alliance for child care providers to offer support, technical assistance and resources (including shared services and business supports) through collaborative partnership with multiple public and private partners in a shared space. Funding will support administrative operations (including planning and development) of the CCSC for the first two years with physical locations in both Northern and Southern Nevada, as well as development of a virtual platform.</p> <p>Mary Buchmann - Mbuchmann@childrenscabinet.org</p>
<p>Shared Services Platform</p> <p>Lead Agency: The Children’s Cabinet</p> <p>Primary Contact:</p>	<p>This project will work in alignment with the Child Care Services Center to offer (at no cost) a shared services/resources platform for all child care providers who opt-in to the system. The platform will include access to a variety of vendors to provide no-cost or discounted services and products such as accounting, software, program supplies, janitorial supplies and services and much more.</p> <p>Mary Buchmann - Mbuchmann@childrenscabinet.org</p>
<p>Start Up Grants</p> <p>Lead Agency: The Children’s Cabinet</p> <p>Primary Contact:</p>	<p>This project includes approximately \$400,000 for startup grants to home-based providers and \$400,000 for startup grants to centers, as well as \$120,000 for grant administration and support over a two year project period.</p> <p>Anthony Kharrat – grants@childrenscabinet.org</p>

Staff Stipends Lead Agencies: NevAEYC & Nevada Registry	The Child Care Staff Stipends Incentive Program would provide an annual cash incentive (ie: hazard/bonus pay) to child care providers who are currently listed in the NV Registry (a mandate for all direct service staff in licensed child care). The NV Registry would make direct payments to these staff upon verification of continued employment in the child care sector.
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TEACH Expansion Lead Agency: NevAEYC	This project will expand the existing TEACH scholarship provide an additional 150 scholarships in the amount of \$2,600 each for providers to further their growth on the Nevada Career Ladder and promote workforce retention.
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Nevada Youth First Lead Agency: DWSS	This funding will support the existing Nevada Youth First (NYF) project by providing stipends (\$300,000) to participants for enrollment and training, as well as to establish and implement a cohort training module to meet the specific needs of the participant population (\$249,745). These funds cover a two year project period.
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ECSN Expansion Lead Agency: The Children’s Cabinet	Increase capacity of the Early Childhood Substitute Teacher program to meet increased demand due to COVID-19, staff shortages and to support engagement in professional development or provider support opportunities included in the plan.
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Early Childhood Consultation Lead Agency: The Children’s Cabinet	The Children’s Cabinet has established a partnership with qualified professionals who specialize in working with children who have special needs. The consultants will work directly with the classroom staff to support children in privately funded pre-K programs. The consultant will administer evidence-based child assessment tool(s) to determine consultation strategies and child-specific recommendations. They will also place appropriate community-based referrals based on child assessment results.
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Employer Needs Consultation Lead Agency: The Children’s Cabinet	Consultation and technical assistance specialist will work with business leaders, chambers economic development authorities and others to address employee child care needs to create capacity through development of on-site child care, contracted slots with community based providers and/or provision of child care benefits to employees.
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Social Emotional Support for your Youngest Learners (Pre-K – 3rd) Lead Agency: NDE	This project will operate though collaboration of NDE, UNR, UNLV, and the Nevada Pyramid Model Partnership to provide intensive services and coaching that promote the social emotional development and school readiness of young children. This project will provide intensive coaching support for teachers after a year in which many of their children will be entering school having had limited-to-no previous high-quality pre-k experiences and which will only be intensified by many children and families who may have experienced trauma related to the pandemic.
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Family/Parent Supports	
Contracted Slots for Infants and Toddlers Lead Agencies: The Children’s Cabinet & Las Vegas Urban League	Funding will be utilized to establish a pilot project to create contracted slots for approximately 200 infants/toddlers in high quality programs in high need areas each year over a two year project period. The funding will include an enhanced rate for the slots to improve access to care for this population.

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Back to Work (B2W) Child Care Subsidy Program Lead Agencies: The Children's Cabinet & Las Vegas Urban League	Temporary support program to provide up to 12 months of subsidy assistance to parents enrolled in a participating employment or training program. This project is intended to support re-entry into the workforce for individuals who have children needing care while they are participating in training, education, job search and/or related activities.
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Cost Modeling Analysis Lead Agency: The Children's Cabinet	A RFP will be issued to identify a consultant(s) to conduct an in-depth cost modeling analysis to determine the fiscal impact of restructuring Nevada's subsidy reimbursement system to reflect the cost of care versus utilization of the market rate survey.
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Education/Outreach Campaign Lead Agency: The Children's Cabinet	A RFP will be issued to identify a marketing/PR firm to conduct an extensive, statewide communications and outreach campaign directed at parents of young children to connect them to resources. The campaign will be utilized to connect parents with resources, as well as to assist providers in connecting with parents, as well as sharing information on best practices and related resources necessary for the care and development of young children.
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Early Childhood – Community Health Worker Lead Agency: The Children's Cabinet	Community Health Workers (CHW) who receive an Early Childhood (EC) Endorsement (through the NV Community Health Worker Association) would provide health education, technical assistance, assessments, mental health resources and referrals for child care providers (organization/curriculum related), teachers, children and families (assessments, mental health resources, provider referrals, system navigation, etc.). EC-CHW's would be trained in early childhood mental health, developmental assessments, nutrition education and resource/referral navigation to support both providers and their families with supporting healthy development of young children. This includes a pilot of 7 EC-CHW's in year one and expanding to 16 EC-CHW's in year two.
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Community-Based Organization Grants Lead Agency: The Children's Cabinet	Provide subgrants to Community Based Organizations (CBOs) to assist with outreach and engagement in underserved and underrepresented populations. Funding is for three years to connect children and families to resources and supports to meet their needs, gather information on resource gaps and barriers families face to inform development of future programs and services and identify and support recruitment of parents, guardians and other family members into identified Parent Leadership training programs to support integration of representation in local and state decision-making processes.
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System Supports	
Early Childhood Advisory Council Grants Lead Agency: The Children's Cabinet	This project includes small annual grants for two years to each local Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC), 8 in total. Local ECAC's will submit a grant proposal aimed at local efforts to improve provider quality, improve provider capacity and/or increase access to quality programs for families. The purpose is to create system alignment between NV ECAC Strategic Plan and State CCDP with a focus on addressing local needs and resources.

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COVID Dashboards & Data Reporting Lead Agency: DWSS	This project includes the creation of custom dashboards for data analytics for all CRRSA and ARP funding, including analysis, evaluation and application of lessons learned and situational analysis. A deep dive into the funding for the Cares Act provider grants will be conducted as well.
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Comprehensive Case Management & Systems Alignment Lead Agency: DWSS	This project will work to streamline and reduce administrative burden and manual tracking of information within our Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) agencies. Alignment of data systems between our CCR&Rs for will give the agencies the ability to track and report on data in real time, providing comprehensive case management, shared data standards between agencies and allow for focus on both child and family outcomes. Systems will be connected to the ECE education website and virtual child care hub.
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Preschool Access in the Mixed Delivery System: Cost & Equity Study Lead Agency: NDE	This is a two-year study (year one is funded by ARP funds and year two is funded by CCDF quality funds) conducted by WestEd as a requirement of the 2019 legislative session. The purpose of this study is to review and analyze the state’s current cost model using \$8,410.00 as an anchor cost point for preschool services and within the context of the mixed delivery system for early childhood services and care.
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Birth to 3rd Grade (B-3) Systems Specialist Lead Agency: NDE	Education Programs Professional (EPP) or equivalent focused on building systems and partnerships for comprehensive B-3 work. This position will work collaboratively across offices to support and align developmentally appropriate practices (DAP) and policies. Other activities this person may be involved in include but are not limited to liaise with child care and Head Start programs, district and other governmental and non-profit entities and other PreK programs; and coordinate internal and external data, workforce, system, and implementation professionals across all entities to identify and organize common or coordinated efforts for seamless, efficient, and effective reform.
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Aligning Early Childhood Data Systems Lead Agency: NDE	Management analyst II or equivalent to increase NDE's capacity to collect, analyze, and report data on early childhood education accurately and efficiently. This will allow the department in making data transparent and accessible. Moreover, the ability to monitor program implementation and outcomes will lead to cost-saving and effective change. Coordination between and among data systems programs is critical to avoid duplication of efforts and to drive system improvements and cost efficiencies.
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