

# Committee Overview: Child Care Provider Action Committee (CCPAC)



## Mission and Mandate

The Child Care Provider Action Committee (CCPAC) champions the principle of “Nothing About Me, Without Me.” Its mission is to serve as the direct link between Nevada’s early childhood workforce and state policy bodies.

The CCPAC’s core mission is to establish a permanent voice for child care providers in policy creation. By securing this seat, we ensure that the systems and services impacting early childhood educators, young children, and the broader child care support structure are developed, reviewed, and improved from the provider’s perspective.

## Structure and Expertise

The CCPAC is composed exclusively of child care providers—including home-based and center-based owners and directors throughout Nevada. This composition guarantees that recommendations are grounded in practical and operational expertise.

The committee meets quarterly to discuss critical issues, generate ideas, and develop solutions to create a long-term positive impact on the early learning sector.

## Current Priorities for the 2025 Legislative Agenda

The CCPAC is currently focused on influencing the upcoming legislative session by preparing three critical policy briefs that reflect the most urgent needs identified by providers:

1. **Improving Payment Practices for Child Care Subsidy:** Addressing issues related to how providers receive payments for state-subsidized care.
2. **Optimizing Child Care Nutrition Programs:** Focusing on regulatory enhancements and efficiencies that ensure child care programs can offer adequate nutritional options for children in care.
3. **Creating Sustainable State Investment for Nevada’s Early Learning System:** Advocating for long-term, reliable state funding to support and stabilize the entire early learning infrastructure.

## MEMBERS:

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