

Nevada Child Care and Development Program

American Rescue Plan (ARP) Quarterly Report for Child Care

SFY23 Quarter 3: January 1, 2023 – March 31, 2023

Project Name	Child Care Provider Stabilization Grants
Project Summary	<p>Nevada was awarded over \$222 million to stabilize the child care system and market throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic. Grants have been awarded to 793* licensed and license-exempt, registered providers/child care sites and are being paid out in two (2) six-month allotments. All first allotments were paid in SFY22. Second allotments are being processed throughout SFY23 as providers submit required documentation.</p> <p><i>*Due to a misunderstanding of the data presentation, the number of payments made to providers had been reported instead of the number of providers receiving payments. This has now been corrected.</i></p>
Funding Status	<p>SFY23 Authority = \$88,548,138 SFY23 Q3 Expended = \$32,229,685 SFY23 Year-to-Date Expended on 3/31/23 = \$57,387,188 (65% of authority)</p>
Outcomes and Metrics	<p>Cumulative Metrics (SFY22 + SFY23):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 305 Licensed Centers have received a total of \$164,843,598 • 288 Family, Friend, Neighbor (FFN) providers have received a total of \$4,012,564 • 88 Family Child Care (FCC) and 32 Group FCC providers have received a total of \$6,799,804 • 13 Out of School Time providers representing 80 individual sites have received a total of \$14,856,432

Project Name	Grants to Community-Based Organizations (CBOs)
Project Summary	<p>The Children’s Cabinet, through their management of the Nevada Strong Start Child Care Services Centers (CCSC), is providing subawards of \$60,000 each to five (5) Nevada CBOs: REACH LV, Sunrise Children’s Foundation, Obodo, Community Chest, Inc., and Black Wall Street. CBOs are assisting with outreach and engagement of parents/families in underserved and underrepresented populations.</p>
Funding Status	<p>SFY23 Project Total = \$300,000 SFY23 Q3 Expended = \$64,139 SFY23 Year-to-Date Expended on 3/31/23 = \$85,893 (28.6% expended)</p>
Outcomes and Metrics	<p>From January 1, 2023 – March 31, 2023:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant barriers continue to adversely affect the Hispanic community; the spreading of misinformation continues to be the leading barrier. Other concerns include language barriers and immigration status. • CBOs reached 123 families and children. • CBOs made 329 unique service referrals to families.

Project Name	Wonderschool Partnership
Project Summary	Wonderschool is a funded, housed partner in the Nevada Strong Start CCSCs. They are helping Family, Friend, Neighbor (FFN) providers to become licensed Family Child Care providers, thereby expanding child care availability statewide and improving provider's own economic stability. This assistance includes recruiting, training, and supporting the early childhood workforce to enter the field in a licensed capacity. Funding is for two (2) years to support up to 190 existing home-based providers and recruit an additional 100 providers, to increase capacity, and to improve business services, automation, and quality.
Funding Status	SFY23 Project Total = \$2,588,979 SFY23 Q3 Expended = \$798,595 SFY23 Year-to-Date Expended on 3/31/23 = \$1,797,110 (69.4% expended)
Outcomes and Metrics	In the month of February, the first Spanish cohort was launched. A 50% increase in platform engagement was reported during this period, and as a result, new staff are being hired to keep up with the demand. From January 1, 2023 – March 31, 2023: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 events/meetings were hosted, and 688 attendees were serviced • 2 cohorts (including the 1st Spanish cohort) launched with 71 participants • 23 trainings offered to registered child care providers • 94 hours of online and in-person technical assistance/coaching provided

Project Name	Candelen Kith & Kin Partnership
Project Summary	Candelen is a funded, housed partner in the Nevada Strong Start CCSCs. They provide a locally staffed network who provides trainings, resources, supplies, and networking opportunities to Kith & Kin providers who don't care for enough children to require licensure and who are not receiving federal subsidy payments to improve quality and offer business supports. They are working in collaboration with the CBOs to recruit Kith & Kin providers to become registered FFNs who can receive federal subsidy payments. They also work with Wonderschool to identify Kith & Kin providers who may be ready and able to become licensed FCCs.
Funding Status	No funds have been requested for reimbursement in SFY23. DWSS is working with the Las Vegas Urban League to ensure funds are expended appropriately.
Outcomes and Metrics	From January 1, 2023 – March 31, 2023: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 42 events/meetings hosted or attended statewide • Hosted a weekly table event in February at the Mexican Consulate in Las Vegas • Recruiting a Community Engagement Coordinator to improve the project's reach • 7 Spanish-speaking cohort participants served

Project Name	Licensed Child Care Provider Start-Up Grants
Project Summary	To build licensed child care capacity statewide, the Children’s Cabinet is managing a grant program to assist those already in the process of opening a licensed Center or FCC/Group FCC with start-up costs approved by the Administration of Children and Families (ACF), including but not limited to licensing and permitting fees, classroom materials, and some furnishings. Funds are awarded on a case-by-case basis and will vary based on the provider type and county where business will be conducted. Awards for licensed Centers have been allocated \$3,000,000 and may apply for up to \$100,000 and awards for FCCs/Group FCCs have been allocated \$1,000,000 and may apply for up to \$50,000.
Funding Status	SFY23 Project Total = \$4,000,000 SFY23 Q3 Expended = \$855,502 SFY23 Year-to-Date Expended on 3/31/23 = \$1,632,583 (41% expended)
Outcomes and Metrics	<p>Northern Nevada:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19 grants have been awarded since the program started in SFY22 representing 508 slots added <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 12 existing applicants are still receiving funds ○ 2 new applications were received and approved during SFY23 Q3 representing 12 new child care slots ○ Funds used for Equipment, Furniture, Office Supplies, Health and Safety Items, Licensing and Inspections, Toys, Reimbursements, and Outdoor Play areas <p>Southern Nevada:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 31 grants have been awarded since the program started in SFY22 representing 644 slots added <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 13 awardees have applications in progress with Child Care Licensing ○ 4 new applications were received and approved during SFY23 Q3 representing 42 new child care slots ○ Funds used for Rent, Licensing and Inspections, Health and Safety Items, Furniture, and Materials <p>Cumulative Data (SFYs 22-23):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northern Nevada start-up grant awardees have received \$994,109 with an average award amount of \$75,969 • Southern Nevada start-up grant awardees have received \$1,279,729 with an average award amount of \$41,282 • The average amount awarded to new Center based providers is \$115,024 • The average amount awarded to new Family Child Care providers is \$11,277 • The average amount awarded to new Group Family Child Care providers is \$20,864 • The average amount awarded to new Out-of-School Time providers is \$21,061

Project Name	Nevada Strong Start Child Care Services Centers (CCSCs)
Project Summary	The CCSCs consist of two (2) physical sites in Las Vegas and Reno and a virtual site at https://nevadaccsc.org . The CCSCs serve as network hubs for child care providers of all types and their staff to access support, resources, technical assistance, training and professional development, and shared services and business supports to help them open, operate, and sustain their child care center/home. Multiple public and private/nonprofit provider support partner organizations are collaborating to best serve providers by locating together in one shared location.
Funding Status	SFY23 Project Total = \$2,479,187 SFY23 Q3 Expended = \$391,715 SFY23 Year-to-Date Expended on 3/31/23 = \$951,775 (38% expended)
Outcomes and Metrics	From January 1, 2023 – March 31, 2023: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vegas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 42 families visited ○ 99 providers visited • Reno <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 27 families visited ○ 53 providers visited • Statewide visitors for meetings/events (unique from families/providers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 338 total visitors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 224 in Las Vegas ▪ 114 in Reno

Project Name	Employer Support and Consultation
Project Summary	The Children’s Cabinet’s Business Consultation and Technical Assistance Coordinators work with local business leaders, Chambers, economic development authorities, and others to address the child care needs of the workforce. Strategies shared with employers include creating capacity by supporting an on-site child care center; funding contracted slots for employees at local child care centers or providers of their choice; and/or providing child care stipends/benefits directly to employees.
Funding Status	SFY23 Project Total = \$246,955 SFY23 Q3 Expended = \$58,248 SFY23 Year-to-Date Expended on 3/31/23 = \$172,911 (70% expended)
Outcomes and Metrics	From January 1, 2023 – March 31, 2023: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 29 companies have received the Best Places for Working Parents (BP4WP) recognition badge • 1 event attended/presentations given • 18 employers receiving TA • Planning a Business Symposium for August 2023

Project Name	Nevada Youth First Pilot Project
Project Summary	To increase child care workforce capacity by recruiting eligible, interested youth/young adults to obtain the skills necessary for employment in child care programs. This funding will support the existing Nevada Youth First (NYF) project by providing stipends to participants for enrollment and training, as well as to establish and implement a cohort training module with UNR Extension to meet the specific needs of the participant population.
Funding Status	After starting late in SFY22, the Pilot has been restructured for SFY23 and the launch delayed. Staff continue to try to recruit participants and child care centers to employ them. SFY23 Project Total = \$967,436 SFY23 Q3 Expended = \$48,281 SFY23 Year-to-Date Expended on 3/31/21 = \$134,634 (14% expended)
Outcomes and Metrics	After starting late in SFY22, the Pilot has been restructured for SFY23 and the launch was delayed. Child Care staff have worked with Workforce Connections project leads to solidify the Spiral-Up Program, discuss new income incentives for participation with child care centers, and to continue recruiting participants. Metrics to be reported include but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • number of unique individuals recruited for screening/assessment; • number completing screening/assessment; • number enrolling in the NYF Pilot; • number of enrollees completing all NYF requirements; • impact of mentorship on youth enrollees; • impact on staff recruitment for child care providers.

Project Name	Child Care Staff Stipends Incentive Program
Project Summary	The Child Care Staff Stipends Incentive Program is providing financial incentives to child care providers who are active members of The Nevada Registry (currently required for all staff working in licensed programs) working in qualified programs at the time of application. The Nevada Association for the Education of Young Children (NevAEYC) will provide direct payments to applicants upon verification of employment in the child care sector.
Funding Status	SFY23 Project Total = \$8,090,786 SFY23 Q3 Expended = \$1,318,000 SFY 23 Year-to-Date Expended on 3/31/23 = \$3,726,000 (46% expended)
Outcomes and Metrics	As of 3/31/23: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5,675 stipend applications received <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Carson City: 150 ○ Churchill: 31 ○ Clark: 3,649 ○ Douglas: 80 ○ Elko: 97 ○ Humboldt: 26

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lander: 16 ○ Lyon: 133 ○ Mineral: 5 ○ Nye: 46 ○ Pershing: 7 ○ Storey: 8 ○ Washoe: 1,377 ○ White Pine: 33 ○ Out-of-State: 17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 4,719 total applications approved ● 952 awaiting processing ● 4 applications denied
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Project Name	Child Care System Fiscal/Cost Modeling Analysis
Project Summary	The Children’s Cabinet has identified a qualified subject matter expert consultant to conduct an in-depth fiscal/cost modeling analysis to determine the fiscal impact and programmatic impacts on children/families of restructuring Nevada’s subsidy reimbursement system to reflect the cost of providing quality child care compared to continuing to use an annual Market Rate Survey to determine subsidy payment rates.
Funding Status	SFY23 Project Total = \$592,990 SFY23 Q3 Expended = \$114,681 SFY23 Year-to-Date Expended on 3/31/23 = \$196,955 (33% expended)
Outcomes and Metrics	<p>Metrics to be presented in the final report include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cost to serve increase in % of need. ● Cost to serve at cost of care regionally. ● Cost if copay set to 7% of income for all applicable households. ● Cost if increase income limit to 85% SMI for all applicable households. ● Develop plan to restructure waitlist to allow all available purposes of care. ● Completed analysis with cost of quality alternative rate identified and total amount for the State Child Care Subsidy Program to utilize an alternative rate instead of the market rate.

Project Name	Child Care Marketing/Outreach Campaign
Project Summary	Purdue Marion was chosen via RFP to conduct an extensive, statewide communication, public education, and outreach campaign directed at parents of young children to connect them to family supports and resources in their community. The campaign will also help child care providers connect with parents and share information on best practices and related resources to support quality care and development/early education programs for young children.
Funding Status	SFY23 Project Total = \$1,050,000 SFY23 Q3 Expended = \$489,796

	SFY23 Year-to-Date Expended on 3/31/23 = \$673,546 (64% of total)
Outcomes and Metrics	<p>In March, a toolkit designed and launched to target specific audiences was distributed to the Las Vegas and Reno CCSCs. Campaign materials will be distributed through various statewide events. Metrics to be reported will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of focus groups held and related metrics, including qualitative feedback • Activity on website and social media sites, when launched • Uptake in visits to the Child Care Services Centers and/or click-throughs to https://nevadaccsc.org • Reach metrics by target audience group

Project Name	Early Childhood Community Health Worker Project (EC-CHWs)
Project Summary	CHWs who have received an Early Childhood Education (ECE) Endorsement through the NV Community Health Worker Association are providing 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-CHWs receive specific training in early childhood mental health, developmental assessments, nutrition education, and resource/referral navigation to support both providers and families to ensure the healthy development of young children. This began as a Pilot Project with seven (7) EC-CHW participants in SFY22 and is being expanded to include 16 EC-CHWs in SFY23.
Funding Status	<p>SFY23 Project Total = \$1,699,626 SFY23 Q3 Expended = \$284,556 SFY23 Year-to-Date Expended on 3/31/23 = \$706,194 (41% expended)</p>
Outcomes and Metrics	<p>From January 1, 2023 – March 31, 2023:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 117 community services/social support referrals made to families • 475 community services/social support referrals made to child care providers/staff

Project Name	Grants to Local Early Childhood Advisory Committees (ECAC)
Project Summary	This project began in SFY22 and includes small annual grants for two (2) years to each local Early Childhood Advisory Council (8 in total). Local ECACs submitted grant proposals to improve provider quality, improve provider capacity, and/or increase access to quality programs for local families. The purpose is to create system alignment between the Nevada ECAC Strategic Plan and the DHHS Child Care and Development Program with a focus on addressing local needs and resources by funding and partnering with local organizations. Each local ECAC grant will be unique to meet the needs of that community. Metrics will be established with each organization based on their plan.
Funding Status	SFY23 Project Total = \$316,666

	<p>SFY23 Q3 Expended = \$22,690 SFY23 Year-to-Date Expended on 3/31/23 = \$53,863 (17% expended)</p>
<p>Outcomes and Metrics</p>	<p>Each local ECAC now has project activities underway supporting five (5) counties and 15 Tribes. All 5 funded local ECACs are participating in Nevada ECAC meetings and on subcommittees, either by calling in or by submitting written reports.</p> <p>From January 1, 2023 – March 31, 2023:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 45 local providers received professional development training • Washoe ECAC established four (4) subcommittees to focus on systems building: DAP Classroom Environments, Social Emotional Learning, Family Access, and Communications