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Flow of Federal Early Childhood Funds: Nevada

**KEY:**
- Funding mandated for State Departments of Education
- Funding provided directly to local organizations
- Partnership with funding provided by state department or agency

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**Department of Health and Human Services**
- Office of Head Start - CCDF
- Office of Child Care - CCDF
- Office of Family Assistance - TANF
- Child Care Development Program - Child Care Subsidy, Licensing, Quality - CCDF
- Employment and Support Services - TANF
- Director's Office, IDEA Part C Office - Part C

**Department of Agriculture**
- Food & Nutrition Service - CACFP

**Department of Education**
- Office of Early Learning and Development - Child Care Quality Improvement - CCDF
- Office of Special Education - Part B, Section 619 - Part C

**Department of Agriculture, Child Nutrition Program**
- CACFP

**Office of the Governor**
- Nevada Silver State Stars QRIS

**Early Childhood Advisory Council**
- SAC

**State Advisory Council (SAC)**
The Statewide Early Childhood Advisory Committee, appointed by the governor, works to strengthen state-level coordination and collaboration among the various sectors and settings of early childhood programs.

**Local Institutions**
- Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership - Grants to local organizations
- Local Head Start Programs

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**Quality Rating Improvement System (QRIS)**
Nevada Silver State Stars QRIS has five levels with higher levels indicating higher levels of quality. The QRIS is statewide and participation is required for providers who accept subsidy payments and voluntary for all others.
### ECE Funding in Nevada

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<td>CCAMPIS Grants</td>
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### BPC Reviewed

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- Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)
- Head Start
- Child Care Access Means Parents in School (CCAMPIS)
- Early Intervention Program for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities (IDEA Part C)
- Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five (PDG B-5)
- Preschool Grants for Children with Disabilities (IDEA Part B, Section 619)
- Promise Neighborhoods
- Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy
- Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Early Head Start - Child Care Partnership (EHS-CCP)
- Race to the Top, Early Learning Challenge

### Number of Children Under Age 6

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<td>5 YEARS OLD</td>
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### Percentage of Children in Poverty

- 18.8%