

SUSPENSION & EXPULSION PREVENTION

PROVIDER PUBLIC FORUMS - Agenda & Minutes

Dates & Locations: 03/19/2019 The Children's Cabinet Reno (850 S. Rock Blvd)
03/21/2019 The Children's Cabinet Las Vegas (5950 S. Decatur Blvd Ste #13)
03/29/2019 Nevada Department of Education Carson City (500 E. Fifth St)

Time: All meetings @ 12:00pm

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Alex Pennington – Social Services Program Specialist III (CCDP)

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• Introduction

- Within the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS), the Child Care and Development Program (CCDP) functions as the Lead Agency in Nevada for administering the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) from the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act.
- The new Suspension and Expulsion Prevention policy applies to only Licensed (center, family, and group) providers in Nevada who receive Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) funding. This policy does not apply to Registered Family, Friend & Neighbor or License-Exempt providers at this time.
 - Providers receive CCDBG funding by participating with either the Las Vegas Urban League or The Children's Cabinet by accepting certificates for child care subsidy for children attending their program.
- The minutes from the meetings will be consolidated and posted for public reference in early April, following the final meeting in Carson City.
 - A questions and answers document, as well as the PowerPoint presentation shared during the meetings, will accompany this agenda. This document will reflect the exchanges between providers and the CCDP during the "Question and Answer Sessions" from all meetings.
- Completion of Attendee Sign-In Sheets
 - Attendance Summary (Individual Attendees)
 - Reno: 24
 - Las Vegas: 49
 - Carson City: 3

- **CCDP PowerPoint Presentation: *Suspension and Expulsion Prevention***

- The CCDP intends for these public forums to allow for providers to gain understanding of the federal regulation and its translation into state policy for CCDF recipients. Additionally, to have the opportunity to share their concerns, barriers, and successes with serving children who are experiencing social-emotional behavioral challenges.
 - Providing feedback in these discussions directly with the CCDP allows for us to develop policies and procedures that are the most logical and foundationally-supportive as possible to all providers and their individual centers.
- The 04/01/2019 date is the “soft roll-out” date of the availability of the foundational supports and trainings provided by the Quality Specialists involved with TACSEI (Technical Assistance Center for Social-Emotional Intervention) at The Children’s Cabinet. **All mandated providers should be enrolled in the required training by June 1st, 2019.**
- We are very fortunate in our State to have such a dedicated team of TACSEI Specialists who will be a vital component in ensuring not only that the implementation of a statewide policy regarding preventing and expelling children from care is successful, but also that our goal of reducing these instances overall is met by providing exceptional ongoing support to those directly engaging with our youngest Nevadans, the child care providers.

- **Question and Answer Session**

- Please refer to the ‘Suspension & Expulsion Prevention Public Meetings Q & A’ document for a complete listing of the inquiries raised and responses provided during the meetings.
- For questions related to accessing more information about TACSEI, the ePyramid model, or accessing trainings, please contact Mariah Wedemeyer in the North @ MWedemeyer@childrencabinet.org or Danielle Holmes in the South @ dholmes@childrencabinet.org.

- **Closing Notes and Resources**

- Christell Askew and Alex Pennington are reachable at the Child Care and Development Program. Please contact 775-684-0625 for program staff availability.
 - Christell Askew @ caskew@dwss.nv.gov
 - Alex Pennington @ apennington@dwss.nv.gov
- The CCDP recommends parties interested in learning more about preschool suspensions and how the Pyramid Model assists with reducing the occurrences of them.
- The Children’s Cabinet’s TACSEI Specialists will be sending out information to providers regarding accessing trainings, the CHIRPS call-in information including schedules, phone number, and registration, as well as any other valuable information they can share.