

## The Nevada Children's Commission

**Mission: To facilitate and institutionalize collaboration, communication, and respect between the judicial system and its partners addressing the well-being of children and their families.**

**NOTE: YELLOW HIGHLIGHTS REFLECTS NOTES/SUGGESTIONS OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**Goal 1: Collect and analyze data relevant to the well-being of children.**

*Objective 1: Gather and evaluate existing data and examine how that data is accessed and shared among the judicial system and its partners.*

Juvenile Justice Strategy

Child Welfare Strategy

Behavioral Health Strategy

Court Improvement Program Strategy

**Education Strategy**

- Collect and report data from every school district (and charter schools) on students in foster care and their educational outcomes.
- Participate in the Nevada Foster Youth Higher Education Committee and support efforts to establish MOUs across various agencies to share data

*Objective 2: Develop solutions to improve evidence-informed outcomes.*

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*Objective 3: Develop solutions to improve sustainability of Children's Commission strategies.*

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**Goal 2: Encourage leadership, accountability, and appropriate oversight of the Juvenile Justice, Child Welfare, Behavioral Health, Education and Court Improvement systems, in order to improve the safety, permanency, and well-being of children and their families.**

*Objective 1: Identify what leadership, accountability and oversight measures are already in place in each system.*

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Education Strategy

- Members of the Education Committee will participate in the Foster Care Stakeholders group that meets regularly
- Support the (re) establishment of the statewide Foster Care Stakeholders group for the purpose of sharing information and facilitating collaboration

*Objective 2: Develop agreed upon state wide leadership, accountability and oversight performance measures.*

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- Support the (re) establishment of the statewide Foster Care Stakeholders group for the purpose of sharing information and facilitating collaboration
- Work with school districts (and the State Public Charter School Authority) to develop and implement a credit recovery plan (SB 147)

*Objective 3: Establish a system or opportunity to regularly evaluate and discuss state-wide leadership, accountability and oversight performance measures.*

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### **Goal 3: Support the improvement of children's transition into adulthood.**

#### ***Objective 1: Improve educational outcomes.***

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- Identify and recommend judicial practices to help achieve better educational outcomes for children and youth in foster care
- Require courts to include identity of the education decision maker in relevant court orders. Develop standard language to be included in court orders regarding education decision maker and decision-making rights, including emergency orders.
- Work with school districts (and the State Public Charter School Authority) to develop and implement a credit recovery plan (SB 147)
- Collect and report data from every school district (and charter schools) on students in foster care and their educational outcomes.

#### ***Objective 2: Improve independent living outcomes.***

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#### ***Objective 3: Improve vocational outcomes.***

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**GOAL 4: Promote, expand and share best and promising practices and resources.**

*Objective 1: Promote awareness of and develop a culture and practice among the judiciary, legal community, and the public around trauma responsive care.*

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*Objective 2: Identify the definition of evidence-based practices.*

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*Objective 3: Promote the implementation of identified practices throughout the system.*

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**GOAL 5: Develop, support, and fund high quality training.**

***Objective 1: Identify and collect existing training resources in a central location.***

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- Develop a matrix that identifies training and resources available, organized by age of individual.

***Objective 2: Identify gaps in training resources.***

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- Conduct a needs assessment/gap analysis of training resources in Nevada
- Identify multi-disciplinary training needs regarding education outcomes, including for the judiciary and for attorneys who represent DFS, children and parents

***Objective 3: Develop and implement an ideal training plan to support and fund new and existing trainings.***

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