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## PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC WORKSHOP EXTENDED YOUNG ADULT SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAM (EYASSP) REGULATIONS AGENDA

**DATE:** January 24, 2024

**TIME:** 9:00 A.M. – Adjournment

**LOCATION:** 6171 West Charleston Boulevard, Building 8, Las Vegas, Nevada 89146,

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## **AGENDA**

1. **Opening Remarks** – *Dr. Tonya Hernandez, Deputy Administrator Department of Child and Family Services*
2. **For Information: Brief Introductions** – *Lupie Janos, Social Services Chief, Family Programs Office*
3. **Initial Public Comment (Discussion only: Action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this agenda item until scheduled on an agenda for action at a later meeting)** – *Dr. Tonya Hernandez, Deputy Administrator Department of Child and Family Services*
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4. **For Information: Overview of Authorizing Legislation** – *Lupie Janos, Social Services Chief, Family Programs Office*
5. **Discussion of Regulations (Discussion only: Action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this agenda item until scheduled on an agenda for action at a later meeting)** – *Dr. Tonya Hernandez, Deputy Administrator Department of Child and Family Services*
6. **Recommendations Concerning the Proposed Regulations (Discussion only: Action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this agenda item until scheduled on an agenda for action at a later meeting)** – *Dr. Tonya Hernandez, Deputy Administrator Department of Child and Family Services*

7. **Final Public Comment** (*Discussion only: Action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this agenda item until scheduled on an agenda for action at a later meeting*) – *Dr. Tonya Hernandez, Deputy Administrator Department of Child and Family Services*
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8. **Adjournment** – *Dr. Tonya Hernandez, Deputy Administrator Department of Child and Family Services*

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## SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT PURSUANT TO NEVADA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE (NAC) 62B AND 62H

**RE: The Division of Child and Family Services Adoption of Regulations pertaining to NAC 62B AND 62H**

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I, Marla McDade Williams, Administrator of the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Services, do hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge or belief, these regulations do not apply to any small business as Extended Young Adult Support Services Program (EYASSP) is a new initiative to be implemented effective July 1, 2025.

These regulations do not apply to any small business as the EYASSP has not been implemented to date. These regulations only affect state and local governments programmatically and are intended to align practice across the state as the agencies which provide child welfare services move to implement the EYASSP. These regulations align practices within the state of Nevada with federal requirements.

The agencies which provide child welfare services have collaborated with the Court Improvement Council, as well as local community partners creating the plans for implementation of the EYASSP.

If any additional items are needed to submit these rules to the Legislative Committee, please do not hesitate to contact Deputy Administrator Dr. Tonya Hernandez at [tonya.hernandez@dcsf.nv.gov](mailto:tonya.hernandez@dcsf.nv.gov).

Respectfully submitted,

Marla McDade Williams  
Administrator

December 20, 2023

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE  
DIVISION OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES  
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

NRS 432B.190 and 432B.5919

**Section 1.** Chapter 432B of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 8, inclusive, of this regulation.

**Sec. 2.** *As used in sections 2 to 8, inclusive, of this regulation, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in sections 3 and 4 of this regulation have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.*

**Sec. 3.** *“Program” means the Extended Young Adult Support Services Program established pursuant to NRS 432B.5919.*

**Sec. 4.** *“Young adult” means a person who is at least 18 years of age but less than 21 years of age and whose plan for permanent placement adopted pursuant to NRS 432B.553 was, on his or her 18th birthday, a permanent living arrangement other than reunification with his or her parents.*

**Sec. 5.** *Each agency which provides child welfare services that enters into a written agreement with a young adult to participate in the Program pursuant to NRS 432B.594 shall:*

- 1. Develop a case plan in collaboration with the young adult;*
- 2. Review and update the case plan developed pursuant to subsection 1 at least once every 6 months; and*
- 3. Visit the young adult in person at least once each month during the time in which the young adult is participating in the Program. At least 50 percent of these in person visits must be conducted in the residence of the young adult.*

**Sec. 6. 1.** *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, for each young adult who has entered into a written agreement to participate in the Program pursuant to NRS 432B.594, the court shall, within 5 months after the date on which the young adult entered into the agreement, and every 12 months thereafter, conduct a status review of the young adult in the Program until the young adult is no longer a participant in the Program. Each status review conducted pursuant to this subsection must:*

- (a) Involve the young adult;*
- (b) Focus on whether the young adult is safe in his or her placement;*
- (c) Consider whether continued participation in the Program is appropriate;*
- (d) Consider whether the young adult is developing appropriate and meaningful independent living skills; and*

*(e) Assess the progress made by the young adult towards achieving independence by a projected date.*

*2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, for each young adult who has entered into a written agreement to participate in the Program pursuant to NRS 432B.594, the court shall, within 12 months after the date on which the young adult entered into the agreement, and every 12 months thereafter, conduct an annual permanency hearing concerning the young adult in the Program until the young adult is no longer a participant in the Program. Each annual permanency hearing conducted pursuant to this subsection must:*

*(a) Be held in a manner that supports the active engagement of the young adult in key decisions; and*

*(b) Include a judicial determination that the agency which provides child welfare services has made reasonable efforts to finalize a permanency plan for the young adult or to prepare the young adult for independence.*

*3. Each review or hearing conducted pursuant to this section must be conducted as a collaborative team meeting and include the young adult, his or her attorney and any other party deemed necessary to discuss the status of the participation of the young adult in the Program.*

*4. The agency which provides child welfare services must send a notice of each review or hearing conducted pursuant to this section to the young adult and his or her attorney.*

*5. The court may enter an order directing that a status review or an annual permanency hearing conducted pursuant to this section be conducted by an administrative review panel of three or more persons appointed by mutual consent of the judge or judges of the court. At least one of the persons appointed to the administrative review panel must be a person who is not responsible for the case management of or the delivery of services to the young adult who is the subject of the review or the hearing. The persons so appointed to the administrative review panel shall serve without compensation at the pleasure of the court.*

**Sec. 7.** *1. An agency which provides child welfare services shall monitor the participation of each young adult participating in the Program to prevent the young adult from terminating his or her participation in the Program.*

*2. Before the agency which provides child welfare services decides to terminate the participation of a young adult in the Program either because of a decrease in engagement by the young adult towards achieving the goals set forth in the plan developed pursuant to NRS 432B.595 or a lack of compliance with the requirements of the Program by the young adult, the agency must make reasonable efforts to reengage the young adult in the Program. These reasonable efforts may include, without limitation, assigned staff of the agency:*

*(a) Attempting to contact the young adult more frequently through various methods, including, without limitation, email, text, virtual visits, or in person visits at work, home or school;*

*(b) Providing more concentrated supports to help the young adult participate in services offered through the Program;*

*(c) Using motivational interviewing to identify what motivates the young adult to succeed;*

*(d) Conducting diligent searches to locate the young adult; and*

*(e) Enlisting the assistance of any identified supports in the life of the young adult.*

*3. A young adult may at any time request to terminate his or her participation in the Program by submitting a written request to the agency which provides child welfare services, his or her attorney or the court.*

*4. If, during an administrative review conducted pursuant to subsection 5 of NRS 432B.594, the panel conducting the administrative review determines that the young adult will remain in the Program:*

*(a) The panel will collaborate with the young adult and identify solutions to enable the young adult to make a good faith effort to achieve the goals set forth in the plan developed pursuant to NRS 432B.595;*

*(b) The young adult has up to 30 days to provide any documentation and current contact information required by the panel to the agency which provides child welfare services; and*

*(c) The young adult will be placed on a 60 day probation, and if the young adult is not compliant with the Program after that time, the agency which provides child welfare services may submit a notice to the court that it wishes to terminate the participation of the young adult in the Program.*

*5. If a young adult disagrees with a decision of an agency which provides child welfare services to reduce or deny services provided to the young adult pursuant to the Program, the young adult may file a grievance with the agency. If the young adult is dissatisfied with the results of the grievance process, he or she may appeal the decision of the agency within 15 days after receipt of the grievance response letter by requesting a hearing before the court to address the issue.*

**Sec 8.** *1. At least 90 days before the date on which a young adult who is participating in the Program reaches the age of 21, the agency which provides child welfare services shall develop a transition plan that satisfies the requirements of 42 U.S.C. § 675(5)(H). That plan must include, without limitation, information relating to sexual health, services and resources to ensure that the young adult is informed and prepared to make healthy decisions about his or her life.*

*2. An agency which provides child welfare services shall also develop a transition plan that satisfies the requirements of 42 U.S.C. §675(5)(H) for a young adult if:*

*(a) The young adult requests that participation in the Program be terminated; or*

*(b) The agency which provides child welfare services wishes to terminate the participation of the young adult in the Program.*

*3. When a young adult who is participating in the Program leaves the Program, the agency which provides child welfare services shall ensure that the young adult receives the documents required to be provided pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §675(5)(I).*

*4. An agency which provides child welfare services and the court shall ensure that the participation of a young adult in the Program is not terminated until the court approves a transition plan that satisfies the requirements of 42 U.S.C. § 675(5)(H) and the young adult has received the documents required to be provided pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §675(5)(I).*