



Nevada Ready! State Pre-K / Family Child Care Pilot Program FY 26 Application

United Way of Southern Nevada

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The United Way of Southern Nevada (UWSN) is currently seeking state Fiscal Year (FY) 26 Applications for the Nevada Ready! State Pre-K (NR!PK) in Family Child Care Pilot Program grant funded by the federal Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five (PDG B-5) through the Nevada Department of Education, Office of Early Learning and Development.

The United Way of Southern Nevada's grantmaking process is governed by policies and procedures approved by the UWSN Board of Directors. By submitting the NR!PK/Family Child Care Pilot FY 26 Application, your organization asserts that the document has been reviewed in its entirety and that, if selected, the organization will abide by the conditions for funding set forth therein.

This program will operate from August 1, 2025 through December 30, 2025 with possible extensions for the Nevada Ready! State PreK programs.

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Section 1: NR!PK / Family Child Care Pilot Program Scope of Work – FY 26

The Nevada Department of Education Office of Early Learning and Development (OELD) is working to develop a seamless system that delivers high-quality Pre-K supporting children and families with the highest needs as initial steps toward universal, voluntary Pre-K for all children and families in Nevada. Family Child Care programs applying for NR!PK State and/or Federal funds must adhere to the following guidelines outlined below by OELD and United Way.

- Increase and deliver high-quality Pre-Kindergarten programs for children and families in low-income households.
 - NR!PK Scholarships are restricted to children ages 4 years prior to August 1, 2025, AND

meet one or more of the following:

- Whose household income eligibility is between 0-250% Federal Poverty Level (FPL) with supporting documentation provided; and/or
- The age-eligible child has an Individualized Education Plan (IEP); and/or
- The age-eligible child's primary home language is not English; and/or
- The age-eligible child is a member of a vulnerable and historically underserved population.*

**This criteria is still being defined by the State of Nevada through the Nevada Department of Education, Office of Early Learning and Development. Further direction will be given to participants to enroll children under this criteria in the upcoming year.*

- Securing total seats awarded by December 1, 2025, for a minimum of two (2) qualifying 4-year-old children.
- Provide a minimum of 5 hours of instruction per day or 25 hours per week and follow program attendance/[suspension & expulsion policies](#) comparable to local School Districts.
- Maintain childcare licensing ratios of 1:6 for licensed Family Child Care or 2:12 for Group Home Child Care.
- Provide services to children of differing abilities, backgrounds, and various stages of developmental capabilities.
- The referenced adult will be an appropriately qualified Lead Teacher (LT) and/or Teacher Assistant (TA); (Resource Teacher allowed for support.)
 - The State NR!PK Program mandates that a qualified LT must fulfill the teaching requirements of holding a bachelor's degree in early childhood education or related field with a minimum of 30 ECE credits and a rating of 5.2 on the Nevada Registry Career Ladder.
 - LT without a current bachelor's degree must be enrolled in T.E.A.C.H. and working towards their degree to be considered a qualified NR!PK LT.
 - PLEASE NOTE: For the State Pre-K in FCC Pilot Program, the LT may report their highest level of education received on their application and must participate in the corresponding professional development and continuing education provided by the pilot program.
 - *Participants that aim to join the State Pre-K NR!PK program after the pilot concludes in December 2025 should consider arrangements to enroll in the T.E.A.C.H program, or other continued education pathways based on their highest level of education.*
 - Applicants must provide documentation of the highest degree obtained, Nevada Registry Career level, CDA, AA, Memberships, and Affiliations (NAEYC, FCCAN, NAFCC, NevAEYC, etc. – If applicable)
- Implement evidenced based curriculum and assessment tools that align with developmentally appropriate practices and embed the Nevada Pre-K Content Standards.
 - If an evidence-based curriculum is not currently being implemented at the FCC, UWSN will provide one as part of the pilot.
- Develop and Implement Family Engagement Plan.
 - Participate in statewide program evaluations/surveys.
- Owners and/or Lead Teachers must attend all professional development training or administrative meetings held by United Way and their community partners.
- Submit child files, monthly invoices and/or fiscal records, enrollment reports and quarterly reports, etc. on time.
- Operate as good stewards of federal/state funding, maintain records in accordance with

general accounting standards and maintain all documentation for at least 7 years.

- Obtain prior approval for expenses over \$1,000.
- Maintain NR!PK Inventory of all items over \$1,000.
- Comply with all federal/state auditing requirements.

Section 2: Application Eligibility, Submission Guidelines and Due Date

To successfully participate in this process and apply for funding from United Way of Southern Nevada, your organization and program must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Must provide services in the state of Nevada.
- Must provide a complete and correct application (with attachments).
- Applicants invited to accept funding from UWSN must provide financial statements; audited statements are preferred but not required.
- Applicants must participate in the Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) – Nevada.
- Applicants must implement a high-quality early educational program for qualifying children and families.
- Applicants must maintain program expectations (see Section 1: Scope of Work).

Guidelines for Submitting Application and Due Date

Application submission emails (attachments) should include a subject line that states “**NR!PK / FCC Pilot FY 26 Application – PROGRAM NAME.**”

Submit one (1) electronic copy of the proposal package by the deadline (7/14/25) to email: nevadaready@uwsn.org & julieah@uwsn.org.

Applicants must submit their questions in writing (via email) to Julie Houchins (julieah@uwsn.org) with a copy to (nevadaready@uwsn.org), Caitlyn Laffavor (caitlynl@uwsn.onmicrosoft.com), Ethel Chambers (ethelc@uwsn.org) and Jamie Mendez (jamie.mendez@doe.nv.gov) no later than 48 hours before the deadline.

Application must be single spaced; 11pt. Calibri font with a maximum of 5 pages for narrative responses.

Required Attachments (not counted as part of the maximum 5 pages)

- Submit most recent Childcare Licensing and Public Health Reports
- Submit current State/Local Childcare License
- Submit current State/Local Business License
- Submit Sam.Gov profile (if you don't have a sam.gov profile, assistance to create one is available as needed)
- QRIS Certificate
 - Copy of Application if not currently participating or wait list status

- Evidence of Highest Level of Education Completed

Section 3: NR!PK/Family Child Care Pilot Application Cover Page

Application (5 page maximum & attachments)

Cover Page Requirements (1 page maximum)

The Cover Page must include the following information:

- Organization Name / Program Name
- Executive Director / Owner / CEO Name, Title, and Signature
- Organization Address
- Contact Phone Number
- Contact Email Address
- Organization Website
- IRS-Designated Organization Type
 - 501 (c)(3) Organization? Yes or No
 - LLC; Partnership; Corporations (S or C)
 - EIN #
- Does your organization have audited financial statements? Yes or No
 - Submit the most recent annual financial reports.
- Indicate the highest degree obtained:
 - Graduate Degree _____
 - Bachelor's Degree _____
 - Associates Degree _____
 - Child Development Associates _____
 - GED or High School Diploma _____
 - Other Professional Certificates/Pathways (please describe)
- _____
List Memberships and/or Affiliations (NAEYC, FCCAN, NAFCC, NevAEYC, etc. – If applicable)
- _____
Has your organization had a financial deficit in the past three years? If yes, please explain.
- What Federal/State funds was your program awarded and how did you expense those funds in FY 25?
- Number of Nevada Ready! State Pre-K (NR!PK) / Family Child Care Pilot Program
 - 4-year-old seats (minimum of 2 seats allowed). _____
 - Total number of staff supporting the NR!PK / FCC Pilot Program _____
- Total number of current program spots provided (Infant – School Age) _____
- Provide Organization Mission Statement and Educational Philosophy
- Signature Line with Title and Date at the end of Cover Page

Section 4: NR!PK/Family Child Care Pilot Application Question Page

1. How do you define a high-quality program?
 - a. What strategies do you use to ensure program quality?
2. How will your Lead Teacher implement program quality while providing nurturing teacher/child interaction?
 - a. How will you ensure your Lead Teacher meets the program qualifications and expectations?
 - b. Describe your monitoring/coaching practices for yourself and/or assistant teachers?
3. What evidenced based curriculum and assessment do you use?
 - a. What level of knowledge does your team have when implementing curriculum and assessments?
 - b. Describe what curriculum you implement and how the curriculum aligns with the [Nevada Pre-K Standards](#).
 - c. Describe your approach for support and Professional Development with Curriculum/Assessment/DAP?
 - d. What data do you have to show growth for children and your program?
 - i. Describe how your program uses data to identify strengths and weaknesses to develop program goals/plans.
4. What strategies do you implement to best serve children and families with differing abilities?
5. Describe your program's experience with Family Engagement practices. How do you build relationships and offer family learning opportunities throughout the year for your families?
6. Summarize your current QRIS Status, including Star Rating, Coach / Internal Coach, Rating Period.
7. Describe the marketing strategies you will implement to ensure that all awarded seats are filled by December 1, 2025, for the minimum of two (2) qualifying 4-year-old children.
8. How can United Way continue to support you with Professional Development/Technical Assistance, Staff and Enrollment Recruitment?