

OST ADVOCACY RESOURCES

NAN has created an in-depth OST [ADVOCACY GUIDE TOOLKIT](#) to help you promote your program, develop your story, and share the impact of OST programs. It focuses on advocacy towards decision makers and media outreach.

Advocacy vs. Lobbying

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the difference between advocacy and lobbying.

Advocacy Resources

- [Nevada Afterschool Network](#)
- [Nevada Institute for Children's Research & Policy](#)
- [Afterschool Alliance: Take Action](#)
- [Small Nonprofit's Guide to Advocacy](#)
- [America After 3pm](#)

Lawmaking Process

Get involved early in the process! If a bill does not make it out of its committee, it will end there, or "die."

- Click [HERE](#) to learn about Nevada's legislative process.
- Click [HERE](#) to watch the classic video on how bills are made!

Monitoring & Tracking

- [Track up to 10 bills free!](#)
- [NELIS Bill Draft Requests \(BDR\)](#)
- [NICRP Children's Bill Tracker](#)
- **Attend a hearing In-Person:**
 - 401 S. Carson Street Carson City, NV 89701
- **Watch online, or via teleconference:**
 - 7230 Amigo Street Las Vegas, NV 89119

Nevada Legislature

- 120-day session every 2 years
- Obstacles: legislators' limited time
- Interim committees and studies
- Citizen legislature (*most have "regular" jobs in the off-session!*)
- [General NV Legislature Website](#)
- [Current Senate Legislators](#)
- [Current Assembly Legislators](#)
- [Who's My Legislator?](#)

83rd Session Calendars

- [Legislative Social Events Calendar](#)
- [2025 Session Deadlines](#)
- **2025 Calendar:**
 - February 3: Session Begins
 - March 17: Legislator's Bill Introductions
 - April 11: Committee Passage (1st House)
 - April 22: 1st House Passage
 - May 19: Committee Passage (2nd House)
 - May 23: 2nd House Passage
 - All passed bills effective October 1 unless otherwise specified

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Delivering Your Message

- Utilize the NV OST Factsheets on our [Advocacy Webpage](#) to help support your message
- Click [HERE](#) for tips on contacting the media.

Engaging Elected Officials

- [Interacting with candidates](#)
- [Mobilizing afterschool supporters](#)
- [Maintain momentum after an election](#)

Increasing Your Impact

- Join other coalitions, committees, task forces, and networks that share the same message as you. Click [HERE](#) to see NICRP's list of community partners.

Importance of STEM & SEL

- Click [HERE](#) to learn more about making the case for OST STEM.
- Click [HERE](#) to learn more about making the case for supporting OST SEL.



Writing & Communication Tips

- Click [HERE](#) for more tips on writing a letter and email correspondence.

Making the Case for OST

- Click [HERE](#) to review Nevada's Healthy Futures Survey results.
- Click [HERE](#) to view language and graphics that you can use to express the importance of high quality OST programs.

Providing Testimony In-Person

- Click [HERE](#) for an example of testimony given in a previous legislative session.

Stay Connected with NAN!

- Sign-up for our newsletter and learn more about upcoming opportunities on our website and social media.



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CHILDREN'S WEEK AT THE NEVADA LEGISLATURE

MARCH 10-13 2025

Represent Nevada's Children and help strengthen families in areas such as school readiness, children's physical and mental health, and child safety and security. Click [HERE](#) to learn more!

Get Involved!

- Organizations or individuals wishing to participate in 2025 Children's Week activities can click [HERE](#) to complete a brief survey.

Ride the Bus to Carson City!

- NICRP has limited, free bus transportation from Las Vegas to Carson City for interested families. By riding the bus to Carson City, you will have the chance to partake in Children's Day Activities on Monday, March 10, 2025. There are a limited number of free hotel rooms available for Sunday night.
 - Departure: Sunday, March 9th 9:30 AM
 - Return: Monday, March 13th between 11:00 PM and 1:00 AM
- Space is limited, click [HERE](#) to reserve your seat!
- Share our [Bus Flyer](#) with OST programs and families!

Agenda

- Monday, 3/10: Education
- Tuesday, 3/11: Child Welfare, Juvenile Justice, Safety
- Wednesday, 3/12: Mental Wellness
- Thursday, 3/16: Physical Wellness

Share Testimony!

Can't make it in person and want to share your story with legislators during Children's Week?

- Click [HERE](#) to submit a testimony, artwork, or video that you would like us to share!
- Click [HERE](#) to download the Lightbulbs template and color a lightbulb for our legislators!