

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS' EARLY LEARNING CENTER INITIATIVE:

American Rescue Plan Act Investment Update



The Nevada Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs is proud to share progress on our bipartisan-approved statewide initiative to expand early learning centers and child care access for Nevada families. In March 2024, Governor Joe Lombardo sponsored the initiative in partnership with Boys & Girls Clubs in order to expedite new child care seat availability statewide. The following month the legislature's Interim Finance Committee approved a \$16.7 million American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) investment for the effort. The initiative funds 14 projects statewide, involving the collaboration of seven independent Boys & Girls Clubs organizations and their respective board of directors and community partners.

“The funding will double the number of Boys & Girls Clubs early learning centers and provide an additional 1,000 children with quality day care, mental health enrichment and kindergarten-readiness activities. This is exactly what ARPA was created for – post-pandemic economic recovery projects to support hard working families.”

- **Andy Bischel**, Chief Executive Officer
Boys & Girls Clubs of Southern Nevada

The new **Early Learning Center (ELC)** locations were selected in areas of emerging industrial development, surging populations and/or few child care options; the funding will support Boys & Girls Clubs' capital projects in Carson City, Dayton, Elko, Ely, Eureka, Incline Village, Las Vegas, Laughlin, Minden, Reno, Spring Creek and Winnemucca.

Boys & Girls Clubs
of Southern Nevada
**Shaquille O'Neal Foundation
Boys & Girls Clubs & ELC**
Las Vegas, Clark County
6,620 sq. ft.
80 new youth served
Ages 6 weeks – 5 years
ARPA Award = \$3,500,000
Total Project = \$24,000,000

Boys & Girls Clubs
of Western Nevada **H**
Thompson Smart Start
Carson City
2,218 sq. ft.
58 new youth served
Ages 9 months – 5 years
ARPA Award = \$200,000
Total Project = \$460,523

In accepting the federal funding, Boys & Girls Clubs obligated all funding via purchase, lease and construction agreements by December 2024 and Clubs will fully expend the entire award by December 31, 2026. Eight of the 14 projects are expected to be finished and providing services to families on or before June 30, 2025. The remaining six projects are due for completion in mid-2026.

Boys & Girls Clubs
of Truckee Meadows **B**
El Rancho ELC
Reno, Washoe County
6,061 sq. ft.
99 new youth served
Ages 6 weeks – 5 years
ARPA Award = \$1,565,000
Total Project = \$3,777,478

Boys & Girls Clubs
of Truckee Meadows **G**
Winnemucca ELC
Winnemucca, Humboldt County
4,224 sq. ft.
88 new youth served
Ages 6 weeks – 5 years
ARPA Award = \$250,000
Total Project = \$248,287

Boys & Girls Clubs
of Mason Valley **F**
Dayton ELC
Dayton, Lyon County
4,530 sq. ft.
65 new youth served
Ages 6 weeks – 5 years
ARPA Award = \$3,500,000
Total Project = \$3,500,000

Boys & Girls Clubs
of Western Nevada
Minden Smart Start
Minden, Douglas County
13,500 sq. ft.
41 new youth served
Ages 9 months – 5 years
ARPA Award = \$800,000
Total Project = \$985,335

Boys & Girls Clubs
of Northeast Nevada **C E**
Elko ELC
Elko, Elko County
5,225 sq. ft.
38 new youth served
Ages 6 weeks – 6 years
ARPA Award = \$700,000
Total Project = \$700,000

Boys & Girls Clubs
of North Lake Tahoe
Incline Village ELC
Incline Village, Washoe County
6,458 sq. ft.
50 new youth served
Ages 6 weeks – 5 years
ARPA Award = \$500,000
Total Project = \$500,000

Boys & Girls Clubs
of Truckee Meadows **D**
Ely ELC
Ely, White Pine County
4,907 sq. ft.
68 new youth served
Ages 6 weeks – 5 years
ARPA Award = \$200,000
Total Project = \$3,314,191

Boys & Girls Clubs
of Truckee Meadows **A**
Eureka ELC
Eureka, Eureka County
6,000 sq. ft.
70 new youth served
Ages 6 weeks – 5 years
ARPA Award = \$3,200,000
Total Project = \$5,000,000

Boys & Girls Clubs
of Western Nevada
Mountain Street Smart Start
Carson City
7,100 sq. ft.
81 new youth served
Ages 9 months – 5 years
ARPA Award = \$1,200,000
Total Project = \$2,040,000

Boys & Girls Clubs
of Western Nevada
North Carson Smart Start
Carson City
6,800 sq. ft.
94 new youth served
Ages 9 months – 5 years
ARPA Award = \$200,000
Total Project = \$210,000

Boys & Girls Clubs
of Northeast Nevada
Spring Creek ELC
Spring Creek, Elko County
1,450 sq. ft.
Ages 6 weeks – 6 years
ARPA Award = \$450,000
Total Project = \$450,000

Boys & Girls Clubs
of Colorado River **I**
Laughlin ELC
Laughlin, Clark County
18 new youth served
Ages 3 – 5 years
ARPA Award = \$500,000
Total Project = \$500,000



An Initiative Built on Sustainability

The ARPA funding represents Boys & Girls Clubs, the governor and legislature's commitment to support working families by creating 1,036 new child care seats across 12 cities between now and 2026. As these sites are completed, Clubs will be seeking skilled child care workers to provide programming. In partnership with the Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR), we are actively creating a pipeline for qualified youth-friendly workers to ensure we operate at maximum capacity.

The initiative, **Up Next Nevada**, was launched in February 2025 to brace for the state's next economic boom and meet the trajectory of expanding our services and sites.

Up Next Nevada leans into the opportunities noted in the 2023 legislation of Assembly Bill 428, focusing on Gen Z career pathways in education, energy and health care. Boys & Girls Clubs' effort identifies 160 full-time employees, ages 18 to 24 years old, interested in one of these three career areas, adds professional development planning, tuition and/or trade reimbursement, and career mentorship.



Staff work with youth on academic tutoring and enrichment (education), science, technology, engineering and math programs (energy) and substance abuse and opioid misuse prevention programs as well as health, fitness and nutrition programs (health care). **Up Next Nevada** also supports 50 teens in college and career exploration while employing them as seasonal Clubhouse employees.

“ARPA projects are shovel-ready and highly anticipated by employees in mining, trades, charter schools and local government. Paired with the Up Next Nevada initiative, we'll be able to recruit talent quickly and retain quality employees. These two public-private partnerships are a win-win, and our expansion to serve working families is a game-changing economic driver for both communities and employers.”

– **Mike Wurm**, Chief Executive Officer
Boys & Girls Clubs of Truckee Meadows



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