

# Nevada



*The mission of Nevada's Early Intervention Services is to identify infants and toddlers who are at-risk for, or who have developmental delays; provide services and supports to families to meet the individualized developmental needs of their child; and facilitate the child's learning and participation in family and community life through the partnerships of families, caregivers and service providers.*

## **Guiding Principles**

### **Children are special and unique:**

All children are unique, with their individual strengths and talents. The presence of a disability or special need is not the defining characteristic of a child.

Children grow, develop and learn in the context of relationships with their families and other caregivers in everyday routines, activities, and community settings.

Early Intervention enhances and supports community partners' capacity to serve and include young children with disabilities and their families as all children have the right to belong, to be welcomed and to participate fully in their community.

### **Families are central to decision making:**

Each family's priorities, values, hopes and diversity are honored.

Families are partners and decision-makers in all aspects of services, as they are the experts about their child's and family's needs.

### **The early intervention role:**

Service providers across all disciplines value family participation and collaboration.

Mutual trust, respect, honesty and open communication characterize the family-provider relationship, building on family strengths.

### **Services and supports:**

Services, supports and resources need to be timely, flexible, individualized and responsive to the changing needs of children and their families.