

# SCAN Policies Database State Profile 2023: Nevada

## **Overview of the SCAN Policies Database**

The State Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN) Policies Database compiles data on the definitions and policies that states use in their surveillance of child maltreatment, along with data on associated risk and protective factors. The SCAN Policies Database is funded by the Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation in collaboration with the Children's Bureau in the Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Mathematica leads this project in partnership with Child Trends.

The project's purpose is to review and compile information from states' definitions and policies to create a database of those definitions and policies that can be used for analysis. The SCAN Policies Database is a resource for researchers, analysts, child welfare agency staff, and others interested in examining differences between states in their definitions and policies on child maltreatment and how they change over time.

### Content

The scope of the SCAN Policies Database includes information about state definitions and policies related to child abuse and neglect for all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. The SCAN Policies Database team gathered this information through a document collection, review, and coding process. The team obtained input from states on data collection through a confirmation and verification process. More information about these data collection procedures can be found in the data user's guide and data collection protocol, accessible at <a href="https://www.scanpoliciesdatabase.com/data-use-resources">https://www.scanpoliciesdatabase.com/data-use-resources</a>.

The SCAN Policies Database 2023 represents data collected, reviewed, and verified between June 2023 and July 2024. The data reflect the state definitions and policies for the calendar year 2023. The scope of topics in the database includes states' definitions of child abuse and neglect, as well as information about policies related to reporting, screening, and investigating child maltreatment. Key aspects of the child welfare systems' response and context are also included.

The content in the SCAN Policies Database is organized into six domains. The state profiles, codebook, data collection protocol, and data file are also organized by these domains. In the protocol, each question begins with a letter prefix identifying the domain for each variable. The six domains with the identifying protocol number prefix are listed below.

Domain	Question prefix	
Definitions	D	
Reporting	R	
Screening	S	
Investigation	l	
Child welfare response	W	
Child welfare system context	С	

#### State profile

This SCAN Policies Database state profile is a summary of the information collected about the definitions and policies for the identified state. Each of the six domains contain a set of tables that depict the state's information for all variables within that domain.

The state profile presents data for each variable with "yes," "no," "unknown," or other response, as appropriate. The response of "unknown" appears for topics that could not be located from the state's available resources or verified with that state. In some cases, "logical skip" appears when a question was not applicable to a particular state, given a related response on a preceding question. Some information was not included in the state profile to ensure alignment with Executive Orders or other Presidential Actions.

#### Data use resources

Several data use resources are available to support users of the SCAN Policies Database:

- **Data user's guide:** The guide has detailed information about the data set, including the process used to collect and review the data, the scope of information included in the data set, guidance on using the data, such as how to link the data with other data sources, and notes about specific topics. The data user's guide includes appendices, including information about changes to the data between 2021 and 2023 that reflect changes to state laws and policies during that time period. There is one data user's guide that is updated and applicable for all rounds of data collection for the SCAN Policies Database.
- **Codebook:** The codebook provides information about each variable in the data set, including variable names, labels, definitions, protocol number, variable type, and frequencies. There are separate codebooks to summarize the data from each round of data collection.
- Errata statement: The errata statement presents corrections applied to previous rounds of data for the SCAN Policies Database. Starting in 2023, there is one errata statement that is updated and applicable for all rounds of data collection for the SCAN Policies Database.
- **Data collection protocol:** The protocol has the questions used to collect information about states' laws and policies as part of the data review and coding process for each round of data collection. There are separate data collection protocols for each round of data collection for the SCAN Policies Database.

These data use resources can be found on the SCAN Policies Database website (<u>https://www.scanpoliciesdatabase.com/data-use-resources</u>) or from the National Data Archive for Child Abuse and Neglect (NDACAN) (<u>https://www.ndacan.acf.hhs.gov/</u>).

#### More information

More information about the SCAN Policies Database can be found at <u>https://www.scanpoliciesdatabase.com</u>. General inquiries can be submitted to <u>SCANPoliciesDatabase@mathematica-mpr.com</u>.

# State identifying information

## Table I. State Identifying information

	Response
State abbreviation	NV
State Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) code	32
Census region code	West
State verified coding of information	Yes
State confirmed documents reviewed	Yes
State definitions and policies for calendar year	2023
Data version	2023v1

# **Domain D: Definitions of child maltreatment**

		Response
1. Types of maltreatment definition	included in state	
a. Physical abuse		Yes
b. Excessive corporal pun	ishment	Yes
c. Sexual abuse		Yes
d. Emotional maltreatment		Yes
e. Neglect		Yes
f. Inadequate clothing		Yes
g. Inadequate shelter		Yes
h. Malnourishment, inadeo	quate food	Yes
i. Medical neglect, inadeo	uate medical care	Yes
j. Failure to thrive		No
k. Educational neglect		Yes
I. Abandonment		Yes
m. Injurious environment. L health, physical well-be	ikelihood of harm to child's ing	Yes
n. Drug lab. Child present methamphetamine is be		Yes
o. Inadequate supervision caretaker responsibilitie	•	Yes
p. Drug or alcohol misuse misuse causing harm to		Yes
q. Prenatal exposure to dr	ugs or alcohol	No
r. Illicit substance. Illegally substance to a child	y providing a controlled	No
s. Human trafficking, invol servitude	untary servitude, sexual	Yes
t. Female genital mutilatio	n	Yes
u. Shaken baby syndrome	, abusive head trauma	Yes
v. Failure to protect. Failur	e to protect from harm	No
w. Domestic violence. Exp	osure to domestic violence	No
x. Factitious disorder by p	roxy	No
y. Institutional abuse/negle	ect	Yes
z. Other definition (specify	()	No
2. Subtypes of maltreatm definition		
a. Subtypes of maltreatmer	nt considered abuse	Notapplicable
b. Subtypes of maltreatmer	nt considered neglect	Not applicable
c. Subtypes of maltreatmer abuse or neglect	nt considered other than	Not applicable
3. Level of harm included	in state's definition of	

Yes

Yes

Table D.I. State's	definition of	of child	maltreatment
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a. Inflicts harm

child maltreatment

b. Imminent danger or substantial risk of harm

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Table D.I (continued)

		Response
4.	Differences in level of harm included in state's definition of child maltreatment by type of maltreatment	No
5.	Type of harm or injury specified in state's definition of child maltreatment	
a.	Death, bodily injury, impairment of physical condition	Yes
b.	Impairment of mental or emotional condition	Yes
C.	Harmful environment, conditions	Yes
d.	Type of harm or injury not specified	No
e.	Other (specify)	No
6.	Variation in extent of injury or harm by maltreatment type in the state's definition of child maltreatment	No
7.	Perpetrator identified as part of state's definition of child maltreatment	Yes
8.	Types of perpetrators specified as part of state's definition of child maltreatment	
a.	Any person	No
b.	Parent	Yes
c.	Guardian	Yes
d.	Caregiver/caretaker	Yes
e.	Family member or parent's paramour	No
f.	Household member	Yes
g.	Person responsible for child	Yes
h.	Other (specify)	No
9.	Types of perpetrators vary by type of maltreatment	No
10	Explanation of variation in types of perpetrator by maltreatment type	Not applicable
11	Child age included in definition of child maltreatment	Yes
12	Specific child age in definition of child maltreatment	Under age 18 with variability over 18
13	. Variability of child age by type of maltreatment	No

#### Table D.II. Child maltreatment definition exemptions

		Response
1.	Exemption included in state's definition of child maltreatment	
a.	Financial issues, financial inability to provide for a child	No
b.	Discipline; physical discipline, if it is reasonable and causes no bodily injury to the child	Yes
c.	Safe haven exemption; newborn relinquished or abandoned in accordance with infant safe haven and safe surrender laws	Yes
d.	Infant testing positive for drugs – medical; newborn with positive test for controlled substance due to parent's medical treatment	Yes
e.	Religious observance; parent relies on spiritual or religious forms of medical treatment	Yes
f.	Other exemption (specify)	No
2.	Safe haven exemption included in state's definition of child maltreatment	
a.	Must leave a child at specific safe haven locations or designated providers	Yes
b.	Child must be left by parent or parent's agent	Yes
c.	Child must be left by a certain age (specify)	Yes - 30 days old or younger
d.	No intent to return	Yes
e.	Child must be left unharmed	Yes
f.	Other (specify)	No

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#### Table D.III. Definitions and response for child fatalities and near-fatalities cases

		Response
1.	State's definition of fatalities or deaths caused by child maltreatment	
a.	Not specified or defined	No
b.	Injury from abuse or neglect caused death	No
c.	Abuse or neglect was contributing factor in death	Yes
d.	Death of child who was in child welfare custody or foster care	No
e.	Other (specify)	Yes - The cessation of life, manifested in people by a loss of heart beat, absence of spontaneous breathing, and the permanent loss of brain function; Loss of life
2.	State conducts case reviews with a child fatality review team or a similar review process for fatalities caused by child abuse or neglect	Yes, reviews are required for all or some cases
3.	State's definition of near-fatalities or near- deaths caused by child maltreatment	
a.	Not specified or defined	No
b.	General reference to a serious or critical condition or injury that is life threatening with a substantial risk of death	Yes
c.	Specific injury or specific medical treatment or intervention (specify)	No
d.	Other (specify)	No
4.	State conducts case reviews with a review team or similar review process for near-fatalities caused by child abuse or neglect	Yes, reviews are required for all or some cases

# Domain R: Reporting child abuse and neglect

## Table R.I. Reporting policies

		Response
1.	Statewide centralized reporting	No
2.	Decentralized reporting	Some counties/region have own reporting hotline
3.	Standard for reporting child maltreatment	
a.	Known abuse and neglect	No
b.	Reasonable cause to believe a child was abused or neglected	Yes
4.	Universal mandated reporting	No
5.	Required training for mandated reporters	No
6.	Penalties for failure to report	Yes, some mandated reporters
7.	Specific penalties for failure to report	
a.	Criminal charges	Yes
b.	Civil charges	No
c.	Professional licensure suspended or revoked	No
d.	Other (specify)	No
8.	Penalties for false reporting	No
9.	Specific penalties for false reporting	Logical Skip
10	. Immunity for reporters of child abuse and neglect	Yes
11	. Information requested at the time of report	
a.	Identifying information of child	Yes
b.	Location and contact information of child and family	Yes
c.	Type and severity of suspected maltreatment	Yes
d.	Date of suspected maltreatment	Yes
e.	Identifying and other information of alleged perpetrator(s)	Yes
f.	Identifying and other information of reporter	Yes
g.	ldentifying information of child's parents, guardian, or caregiver/caretaker	Yes
h.	ldentifying and other information of family or household members	Yes
i.	Information on prior maltreatment	Yes

### Table R.I (continued)

	Response
j. Other (specify)	Yes - Additional information is requested when law enforcement is the reporting party, such as whether they are requesting immediate Child Protective Services (CPS) response, circumstances that led to law enforcement involvement, whether law enforcement agency is responding or have they already responded, any additional concerns; Additional information is collected for the following reports: 1) educational neglect (documentation from the school district that includes how the absences are due to the faults and habits of the child's parents), 2) Substance Exposed Infant/Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) Plan of Care (the nature and extent of the effects of the prenatal alcohol and/or drug exposure on the newborn and the nature of the withdrawal symptoms, Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) including the medical diagnosis and/or copy lab results), and 3) child fatalities/near fatalities (whether the fatality or near fatality is related to abuse or neglect, whether there are other children living in the household, statement from a licensed physician or health care professional that the child is in serious or critical condition or that resuscitative efforts were performed)
12. Anonymity of reporter	All reporters can remain anonymous
13. Tribal involvement in state or local public child welfare agency's process to accept reports of Tribal cases	No, Tribes are not involved
14. State requires all notifications of substance- exposed newborns (SENs) to be submitted as reports of child maltreatment	
a. State does not require all cases of SENs to be reported for child maltreatment, but they could be reported if they meet certain criteria	No
b. State requires all SENs to be reported as child maltreatment	Yes
c. Other (specify)	No
15. Accepts reports of risk without an allegation of child maltreatment (risk-only reports)	No

#### Table R.II. Types of mandated reporters

		Response	Response	Response
1.	Types of mandated reporters	Included in state's definition of mandated reporters	Training required <sup>1</sup>	Subject to penalties for failure to report <sup>2</sup>
a.	Foster parents	Yes	Logical Skip	Yes
b.	School staff - teachers	Yes	Logical Skip	Yes
C.	School bus drivers or other transportation staff	Yes	Logical Skip	Yes
d.	Before- /after-school program staff	Yes	Logical Skip	Yes
e.	Child care staff	Yes	Logical Skip	Yes
f.	Camp counselors, directors, or administrators	Yes	Logical Skip	Yes
g.	Athletic coaches or staff	Yes	Logical Skip	Yes
h.	Medical or dental professionals	Yes	Logical Skip	Yes
i.	Substance abuse disorder treatment providers	Yes	Logical Skip	Yes
j.	Mental health, counselors, or other social service professionals	Yes	Logical Skip	Yes
k.	Police or other law enforcement	Yes	Logical Skip	Yes
Ι.	Emergency medical technicians, firefighters, or other emergency personnel	Yes	Logical Skip	Yes
m.	Judges	No	Logical Skip	Logical Skip
n.	District attorneys or other attorneys	Yes	Logical Skip	Yes
0.	Guardians ad litem or court-appointed special advocates	No	Logical Skip	Logical Skip
р.	Other court personnel	Yes	Logical Skip	No
q.	Shelter staff	Yes	Logical Skip	Yes
r.	Those who work in fields processing or monitoring print, film, or computer images	Νο	Logical Skip	Logical Skip
s.	Religious clergy	Yes	Logical Skip	Yes
t.	Volunteers	Yes	Logical Skip	Yes
u.	Coroners or medical examiners	Yes	Logical Skip	Yes
۷.	Staff or contractors of state and county agencies	Νο	Logical Skip	Logical Skip

Table R.II (continued)

	Response	Response	Response
w. Other type of mandated reporter (specify)	Yes - Doulas	Logical Skip	Yes - Doulas

<sup>1</sup> Responses in this column can equal logical skip when the given type of mandated reporter is not included in the state's definition of mandated reporters or when no training is required for mandated reporters (Table R.II). Responses in this column can be yes when a state has universal mandated reporting (Table R.I) and all mandated reporters require training (Table R.II).

<sup>2</sup> Responses in this column can equal logical skip when the given type of mandated reporter is not included in the state's definition of mandated reporters or when no mandated reporters are subject to penalties (Table R.I). Responses in this column can be yes when a state has universal mandated reporting (Table R.I) and when all adults

or all mandated reporters are subject to penalties (Table R.I).

# Domain S: Screening reports of child abuse and neglect

Table	S.I.	Screening	policies
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		Response
1.	Statewide centralized screening	No
2.	How screening is decentralized	Some counties/region have own screening unit
3.	Information required to screen in report	
a.	Identifying information of child	Yes
b.	Location and contact information of child and family	No
c.	Type and severity of suspected maltreatment	Yes
d.	Date of suspected maltreatment	No
e.	Identifying and other information of alleged perpetrator(s)	Yes
f.	Other (specify)	No

### Table S.II. Screening decision process and activities

	Response	Required cases	Conditions or types of cases
1. Decision processes used during screening			
a. Supervisory review	Yes	Required for all	—
b. Team-based decision	No	Logical Skip	_
c. Individual screener	No	Logical Skip	—
d. Other (specify)	No	Logical Skip	—
e. Unknown	No	—	_
2. Variability of decision process used for screening			
a. Consistent statewide	Yes	—	—
b. Varies locally	No		_
3. Certain activities or information are required as part of screening	Yes		
<ol> <li>Activities or information required as part of screening</li> </ol>			
a. Safety or risk assessment	Yes	Required for some	Reports with present or impending danger
b. Review agency records for prior involvement with child protective services	Yes	Required for all	Not applicable
c. Other (specify)	No	Logical Skip	Not applicable
5. Types of safety or risk assessment used during screening			
a. Structured decision making	No	—	—
b. Other (specify)	Yes - The type of assessment or procedure is not specified	_	_
6. Consistency of screening activities/information			
a. Consistent statewide	Yes	_	—
b. Varies locally (specify)	No	_	_

#### Table S.III. Screeners

		Response
1.	Screener of abuse and neglect reports	
a.	Caseworkers (frontline staff)	Yes
b.	Case managers (supervisors)	Yes
C.	Staff in specialized screening unit	Yes
d.	Other (specify)	No
2.	Qualifications of screener	
a.	Associate's degree	No
b.	Bachelor's degree	Yes
C.	Master's degree	No
d.	Training for screening (specify)	No
e.	Years of experience (specify)	No
f.	Other (specify)	No
3.	Degree in social work or related field for	Yes, required
	screeners	
4.	Tribal involvement in state or local public child welfare agency's process to screen Tribal cases	Yes, Tribes directly conduct screening - All federally recognized tribes

# Domain I: Investigations of child abuse and neglect

Table I.I. Investigations policies	Table I.I.	Investigations	policies
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		Response
1.	Findings from child maltreatment investigations can lead to criminal penalties	Yes
2.	Investigator for reports	
a.	Caseworkers (frontline staff)	Yes
b.	Case managers (supervisors)	Yes
c.	Staff in specialized investigations unit	Yes
d.	Law enforcement	No
e.	Other (specify)	No
3.	Qualifications of investigator	
a.	Associate's degree	No
b.	Bachelor's degree	Yes
c.	Master's degree	No
d.	Training for conducting investigations (specify)	Yes - Initial training: Nevada Child Welfare Training Academy Pre-Service Training Program; Ongoing training: At least 30 hours of continuing education in the field of child welfare practice every 2 years from the date of hire, including 4 hours related to ethics in the practice of social work
e.	Years of experience (specify)	No
f.	Other (specify)	No
4.	Degree in social work or related field for investigators	Yes, required
5.	Level of evidence required for substantiation (founded/indicated/confirmed)	Preponderance of evidence
6.	Investigation determination can result in an "inconclusive" finding	Yes

Table I.II. Required	activities/information	for investigation
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		Response	Required cases	Conditions or types of cases
1.	Certain activities or information required for the investigation process	Yes		
2.	Specific activities or information required for investigation			
a.	Review agency records for prior involvement with child protective services	Yes	Required for all	Not applicable
b.	Visit to child's home	Yes	Required for all	Not applicable
C.	Interview or observation of child victim	Yes	Required for all	Not applicable
d.	Interview or observation of other children living in child's home	Yes	Required for all	Not applicable
e.	Risk or safety assessment	Yes	Required for all	Not applicable
f.	Evaluation of home environment or home study	Yes	Required for all	Not applicable
g.	Interviews with child's parents, caregivers, or other adults residing in child's home	Yes	Required for all	Not applicable
h.	Check of criminal records for adults in home	Yes	Required for all	Not applicable
i.	Check of child welfare or central registry for prior child maltreatment allegations against adults in home	Yes	Required for all	Not applicable
j.	Medical evaluation	No	Logical Skip	Not applicable
k.	Mental health evaluation	No	Logical Skip	Not applicable
١.	Interview alleged perpetrator	Yes	Required for all	Not applicable
m.	Interview reporter or collateral source	Yes	Required for all	Not applicable
n.	Other (specify)	No	Logical Skip	Not applicable

# Domain W: Child welfare response

### Table W.I. Differential or alternative response

1.         Differential/alternative response         Yesimplemented in specific counties or regio and Washoe Counties           2.         Types of maltreatment eligible for differential/alternative response         Only certain types of maltreatment are eligible for differential/alternative response           3.         Types of maltreatment not eligible for differential/alternative response         Only certain types of maltreatment are eligible           a.         Cases involving child fatalities and near-fatalities         Yes           b.         Substance-exposed infants         No           c.         Physical abuse         Yes           e.         Neglect         Yes           f.         Abandoned infants         No           g.         Other (specify)         Yes - Institutional abuse or neglect; Active dru Failure to thrive or severe malnutrition; Manufa illegal substances; Medical neglect indicating medical condition that could cause substantia immediate harm           4.         Eligibility for differential/alternative response determined by a risk determination         No           5.         Tools used to determine risk for differential/alternative response         Logical Skip           7.         Other (specify)         Yes           6.         Risk level eligible for differential/alternative response         No           7.         Other cases or conditions         No <tr< th=""><th></th></tr<>	
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response       7. Other types of cases or conditions eligible for differential/alternative response         a. No other cases or conditions       No         b. No immediate safety concerns       Yes         c. No or few prior reports of child abuse or neglect       No         d. Other (specify)       Yes - Cases without repeated abuse/neglect; Currently an open case or currently in protect custody; Alleged perpetrator is not a Child We Agency employee or volunteer, foster parent, prospective adoptive parent, or school employee	
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differential response services; No active drug actively suicidal parents or children; No weapo threaten or harm anyone in the house	ve elfare yee or refusing raid; No
8. When is determination made for differential/alternative response	
a. At the time of screening to assign to differential No response	
b. After a report is screened in Yes	
c. Other (specify) No	

Table W.I (continued)

		Response
9.	Referrals to community services for cases engaged in differential response	
a.	No	No
b.	Yes - for all cases	Yes
c.	Yes - when families express interest	No
d.	Yes - when there is a determination of risk	No
e.	Yes - other (specify)	No

### Table W.II. In-home services, foster care, and permanency

	Response
1. In-home services provided for unsubstantiated cases to maintain intact families	Yesimplemented statewide
2. In-home services provided post reunification	Yesimplemented statewide
3. Permanency	
a. Kinship guardianship as a permanency option	Yes
b. Subsidized guardianship	Yes
c. Subsidized kinship guardianship	Yes
d. Subsidized adoption	Yes
4. Foster care case management staff	
a. State/county public agency staff	Yes
b. Contracted provider staff	Yes
c. Tribal agency staff	No
5. Qualifications of foster care case managers	
a. Associate degree	No
b. Bachelor's degree	Yes
c. Master's degree	No
d. Training for case management (specify)	Yes - Initial training: Nevada Child Welfare Training Academy Pre-Service Training Program and 5 week classroom training and 5 week on-the-job training on agency specific procedures; Ongoing training: At least 30 hours of continuing education in the field of child welfare practice every 2 years from the date of hire, including 4 hours related to ethics in the practice of social work
e. Years of experience (specify)	No
f. Other (specify)	No
6. Degree in social work or related field for foster care case managers	Yes, required

Table W.III. Tribal foster care and Tribes that directly operate Title IV-E programs through an agreement with HHS

	Response
1. Tribal involvement in foster care for Tribal cases	No, Tribes within state do not provide foster care
2. Tribes directly operate a Title IV-E program through an agreement with US HHS	No
3. Number of Tribes that directly operate a Title IV- E program through an agreement with US HHS	Logical Skip
4. Specify Tribes that directly operate a Title IV-E program through an agreement with US HHS	Not applicable

#### Table W.IV. Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA)

		Response
1.	Federal ICWA requirements codified in state law	Yes
2.	Federal ICWA requirements that are codified in state law	
a.	Identifying a child's Tribal status	Yes
b.	Use of active efforts to prevent removal/reunite families	Yes
C.	Notification of child's parents and Tribe for child custody proceedings	Yes
d.	Actively working to involve a child's parents and Tribe during the custody proceedings	Yes
e.	Identifying a foster care or pre-adoptive placement using ICWA preferences provisions	Yes
f.	Use of qualified expert witnesses	Yes
3.	State law codifying ICWA includes state- recognized Tribes	No

#### Table W.V. Extended foster care

		Response
1.	Foster care extension for youth older than age 18	Yes
2.	Age youth are allowed to remain in extended foster care	Up to age 21 (until 21st birthday)
3.	Youth must proactively request, provide consent, or opt-in to receive extended foster care	Yes
4.	Criteria for youth to remain in extended foster care	
a.	There are no criteria to remain in extended foster care	No
b.	Enrolled in school	Yes
c.	Employed	Yes
d.	Participating in workforce development/training program	Yes
e.	Comply with independent living/self-sufficiency plan	Yes
f.	Receive independent living or other services	No
g.	Medical condition exemption	No
h.	Other (specify)	Yes - Save enough money to pay for their monthly expenses for at least 3 months; Secure housing; Have adequate income to meet their monthly expenses; Identify an adult who will be available to provide support; If applicable, have established appropriate supportive services to address any mental health or developmental needs; If a child is not capable of achieving one or more of the goals, the child must have goals that are appropriate for the child based upon the needs of the child
5.	Reentry to extended foster care allowed for youth older than age 18 who aged out or left foster care	No
6.	Conditions for youth to reenter extended foster care	Logical Skip

# Domain C: Child welfare system context

### Table C.I. Child welfare system context

		Response
1.	State- or county-administered child welfare system	Hybrid
2.	State operates under legal consent decree or other court-ordered monitoring	No

## **Supplemental Notes on State**

#### Definitions

In 2024, the state removed the reference to drug lab in its definition of child maltreatment.

In the definition of maltreatment, the state describes several environmental conditions and may consider failure to thrive, illegally providing a controlled substance to a child, failure to protect, and factitious order by proxy as maltreatment under those conditions.

Nevada defines a child as a person under the age of 18 or a person who is in school but has not graduated.

#### Reporting

Attorneys are not required to make a report of abuse or neglect of a child if they acquired knowledge of the abuse or neglect from a client during a privileged communication.

#### Child welfare response

The Nevada Child Welfare Training Academy has two levels of workers: (1) case managers who have a bachelor's degree in an area other than social work and (2) social workers who are licensed in the state of Nevada. Most new workers are required to have a degree in social work and be a licensed social worker.

Nevada uses twenty-six criteria to identify potential safety threats that indicate a child(ren) is unsafe, and a report cannot be assigned for differential response.

In 2023, Nevada drafted new policies for extended foster care, including reentry. These policies are expected to be implemented in July 2025.

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