**Nevada Transitions Roadmap through Innovative Partnerships (Nevada TRIP) Timeline**

* September 11 – Congresswoman Lee [press release](https://susielee.house.gov/media/press-releases/congresswoman-lee-announces-nearly-10-million-support-youth-disabilities)
* September 14 – Congratulations! Nevada Department of Education (NDE) application reviewed and approved for funding email from Cassandra Shoffler
* September 15 – Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) [press release,](https://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/us-department-education-awards-nearly-199-million-improve-career-opportunities-students-disabilities-through-partnerships?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=) Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) [Grantees](https://rsa.ed.gov/about/programs/disability-innovation-fund-pathways-to-partnerships/grantees?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=)
* September 26 – NDE press release meeting with Public Information Officer Elizabeth Callahan
* October 2 – NDE Office of Inclusive Education (OIE) met with NDE Student Investment Division (SID) Department Support Services to ensure preparedness to receive Disability Innovation Fund (DIF) Pathways to Partnerships award ($9,964,894.81).
  + NDE SID Department Support Services contacts are:
    - Celeste Arnold, Administrative Services Officer III ([celeste.arnold@doe.nv.gov](mailto:celeste.arnold@doe.nv.gov))
    - Brian Howard, Budget Analyst II ([brian.howard@doe.nv.gov](mailto:brian.howard@doe.nv.gov))
* October 10, 2023 –
  + RSA 84.421E Post Award Virtual Meeting
    - Overview of the DIF Grant components and requirements
      * Reporting requirements outlined:
        + Annual Performance Report (APR) – RSA Project Officer will provide detailed instructions
        + End of Year Report – highlight accomplishments and track fiscal parts of grant
        + Final Performance Report (end of 5 years, due September 30, 2028) – analysis of entire 5-year program including financial information and due dates listed in cooperative agreement
      * Performance and project measures will be developed in collaboration with federal partners and Mathematica over the first 90 days of the project period
      * Cooperative agreements – RSA/Mathematica will develop template (currently awaiting template as of 11/13/23)
      * Meetings for NDE Project Directors
        + Monthly and quarterly meetings with RSA assigned Project Officer – who attends will be determined by topics (for example, performance measures, how much money you’ve drawn down, how budget is going, etc.)
        + Quarterly Project Directors meetings with DIF cohorts
        + Monthly meetings with Mathematica/evaluators
      * Contracts/Subawards:
        + You can only subgrant to eligible entities (per Federal Register)
        + You can only make a subgrant as you proposed in your application
        + Sub-awardees have no ability to subgrant again – they caan contract out
        + Copy of subaward documents must be sent to Project Officer for any changes (outside of what was what listed in the grant application)
  + 84.421E DIF Program Evaluation Kickoff Virtual Meeting
    - Introduction to technical assistance
      * Technical assistance partners:
        + Stout Vocational Rehabilitation Institute (SVRI) at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, TransCen, University of Maryland’s Center for Transition and Career Innovation (CTCI)
    - Mathematica team and partners:
      * Project leadership
        + Project Director: Laura Kosar
        + Project Manager: Rebekka Nickman
      * Team leads
        + Evaluation: Gina Livermore and Amaka Osuoha
        + Grants monitoring: Janine Bologna and Amy Howell
        + Technical assistance: Danielle Vibbert and Gloria Jackson-McLean
      * Survey data collection partner: M. Davis and Company (MDAC)
    - Upcoming Activities
      * Technical assistance meetings (November 2023 -Ongoing)
      * Grants monitoring meetings (November –Ongoing)
      * Performance measures finalized (January 30th, 2024)
      * Technical assistance needs assessment (January 2024)
  + NDE OIE, NDE SID Department Support Services, and Nevada Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) met to ensure work programs aligned and were submitted by the October 24 deadline for inclusion in the December Interim Finance Committee (IFC) agenda
    - October 11 – Celeste Arnold shared NDE work program with VR partners
    - October 24 – VR confirmed:
      * VR work program submitted
      * Technology Investment Notification (TIN) in process
      * Request for Proposals (RFP) forms submitted to State Purchasing for website/application
      * RFP committee: Sheena Childers (VR), Brian Arnold (NDE SID), Ashley Price (NDE OIE)
* October 12 – NDE OIE met with NDE SID District Support Services Grants Management Unit (GMU) and received instructions on moving forward to smoothly distribute funds to Nevada Transitions Roadmap through Innovation Partnerships (Nevada TRIP) sub-awardees (specifically the process for adding Nevada TRIP sub-awardees to ePAGE who were not already in ePAGE)
  + NDE District Support Services Grants Management Unit contacts are:
    - Amber Reid, Administrative Services Officer III ([areid@doe.nv.gov](mailto:areid@doe.nv.gov))
    - Deborah Aquino, GMU Supervisor ([deborahaquino@doe.nv.gov](mailto:deborahaquino@doe.nv.gov))
* October 17 – NDE [press release,](https://doe.nv.gov/News__Media/PressReleases/2023/Nevada_Department_of_Education_Secures_$10_Million_Grant_for_Innovative_Project_to_Improve_Outcomes_for_Students_with_Disabilities/) VR [press release](https://cms.detr.nv.gov/Content/Media/Nevada%20TRIP%20to%20Enable%20More%20Transition%20Services%20for%20People%20with%20Disabilities%20.pdf)
* October 25 – Met with RMC Research Corporation to discuss next steps
  + Reviewed Nevada TRIP evaluation timeline:
    - More intense development in years 1-2
    - More focus groups and evaluations in years 3-4
    - Move to NDE taking over evaluation of project by end of year 5
* October 31 –
  + Submitted all ePAGE Access Questionnaires completed by partners to Deborah Aquino (GMU)
    - ePAGE trainings through GMU forthcoming
  + Submitted Nevada TRIP Allocation Memo to begin process to bring DIF P2P grant funds into ePAGE
    - Signature from Program Deputy (Ann Marie Dickson) obtained on 11/6/23
    - Sent to Student Investment Division for review/approval on 11/6/23
  + Began process to contract RMC Research Corporation as our Nevada TRIP evaluator
    - Request to Initiate (RTI) Solicitation Form is moving through NDE:
      * Signature from Program Director (Julie Bowers) obtained on 11/2/23
      * Signature from Program Deputy (Ann Marie Dickson) obtained on 11/9/23
      * Sent to Student Investment Division for review/approval 11/13/23
* November 7
  + RSA DIF Program Project Directors Meeting
    - [DIF Model Demonstration Programs](https://ncrtm.ed.gov/dif?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=) (click Past DIF Programs or Current DIF Programs for details):
      * Past (2015-2021) Automated Personalization Computing Project (84.421A)
      * Past (2016-2021) Transition Work-Based Learning (84.421B)
      * Current (2021-2026) Career Advancement Initiative (84.421C)
      * Current (2022-2027) Subminimum Wage to Competitive Integrated Employment (84.421D)
      * Current (2023-2028) Pathways to Partnerships (84.421E)
    - Purpose of quarterly meetings: meet, share ideas, collaborate on overall DIF programs
    - The National Clearinghouse of Rehabilitation Training Materials ([NCRTM](https://ncrtm.ed.gov/)) is a vehicle to support DIF dissemination efforts and maximize the impact of products developed with DIF grant funds (please see attached PowerPoint for details)
    - Presentation on 84.421C Wisconsin Project
    - Next meeting is Tuesday, February 6 at 10:00 am Pacific Time
  + H421E230026 - NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - Monthly Meeting
    - DIF Program Team: Dr. Diandrea Bailey, Karin Grandon, Cassandra Shoffler
    - Mathematica staff: Janine Bologna, Gloria Jackson-McLean, Sabrina Fay
    - Monthly meetings will include Julie, Jen, Ashley, Mathematica, and RSA Project Officer (Cassandra is currently assigned to all 20 which is not sustainable - RSA Project Officer for Nevada will be announced in the next few weeks)/additional staff members depending on topic
    - Monthly updates are due the last Monday of each month, template to be provided includes several categories (e.g., fiscal, project, and data)
    - Cooperative Agreement – will receive template within the month, anticipated due date February 202, will remain in effect for the 5-year term of the grant (no longer do this every year)
    - Partner Memorandum of Understanding – One MOU will be submitted with the application letters of intent from an authorized representative to sign a formal MOU from all required partners, identifying the general responsibilities of each partner within 180 days of award date
* November 8 – Teams Congresswoman Lee and Governor Lombardo Meeting
  + Shared an overview of Nevada TRIP and ways to support our efforts moving forward including:
    - Legislation (for example, no subminimum wage)
    - Connections to business and industry to develop work-based learning opportunities, internships, apprenticeships, etc.
    - Marketing

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* November 14 – 84.421E Program Evaluation: Technical Assistance Kick-off Meeting
* Now-December – Develop performance and project measures in collaboration with federal partners and Mathematica over the first 90 days of the project period
* Upon receipt of the template-February – Cooperative Agreements
* Now-March – Memorandum of Understanding