



Expanding Access to Early Ed in Nevada: ECILP & the Nevada Ready! State Pre-K Program

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WHAT IS NEVADA READY! STATE PRE-K?

- NR!PK is a state-funded program building Nevada's capacity for high-quality pre-k services
- The program requires school districts and independent centers to meet key criteria:
 - Teacher qualifications
 - Income and age eligibility of students
 - Program length and duration
 - Curriculum Standards
 - Class Size Ratios
 - Evaluation Participation
 - Family Engagement
 - QRIS Participation



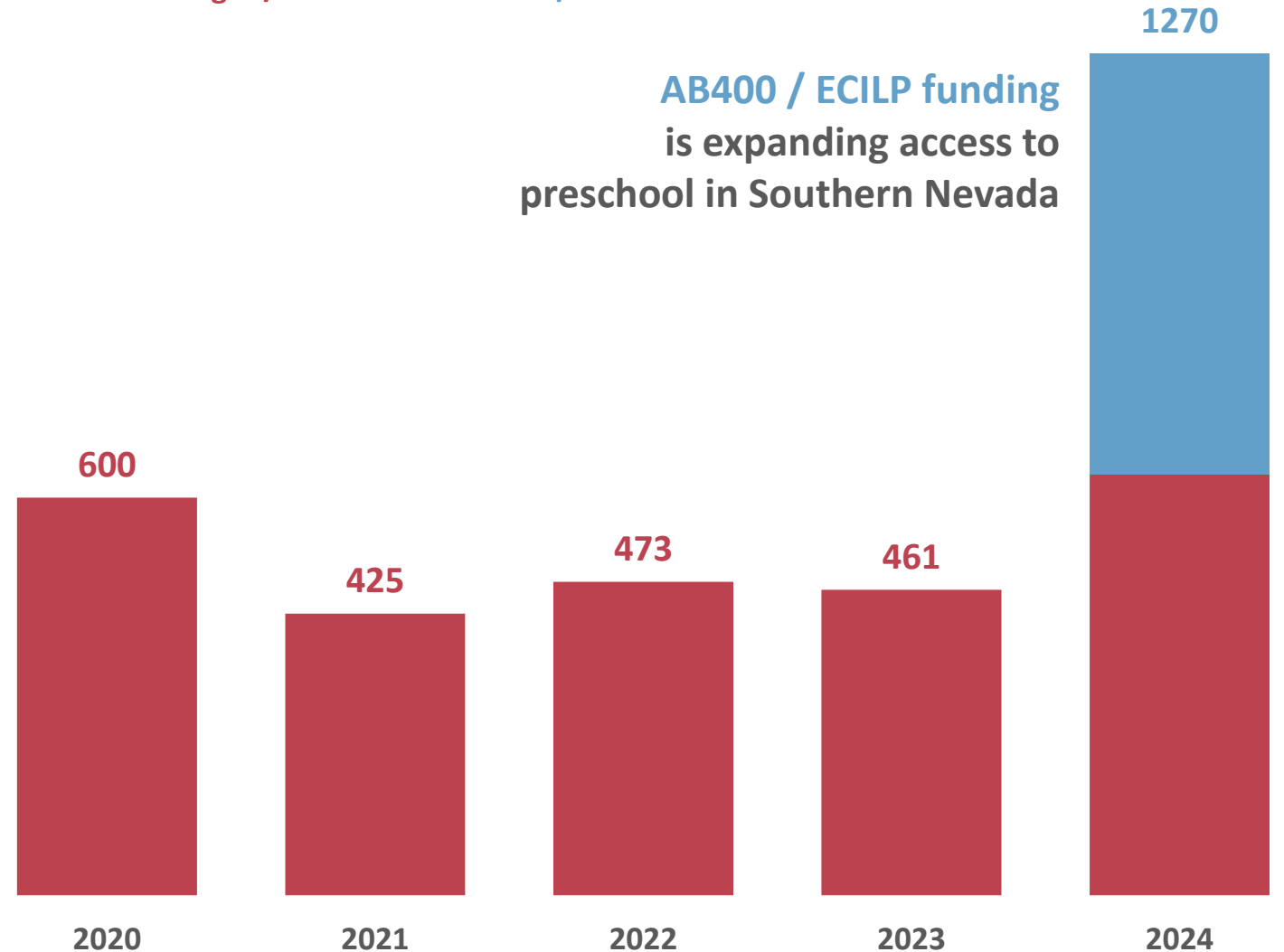
HOW IS UWSN USING ECILP/AB400 FUNDS?

- Nevada Office of Early Learning & Development (OELD) **allocated 635 seats (\$5.3M)** to UWSN in 2023
- UWSN awarded **additional 635 seats (\$3.3M) through ECILP/AB400** to expand the number of seats, centers, classrooms, and teachers supported
 - Seats: **+635** (1,270 total)
 - Centers: **+8** (32 total)
 - Classrooms: **+40** (79 Total)
 - Teachers: **+40** (79 Total)

UWSN-Administered Nevada Ready! Seats (FY 2020-2024)

**Southern Nevada Only*

■ OELD Budget / BA2709 ■ ECILP / AB400



**UWSN administered additional Nevada Ready! State Pre-K seats in Northern & Rural Nevada in FY22 (60) and FY23 (133)*

HOW IS UWSN CENTERING EQUITY?

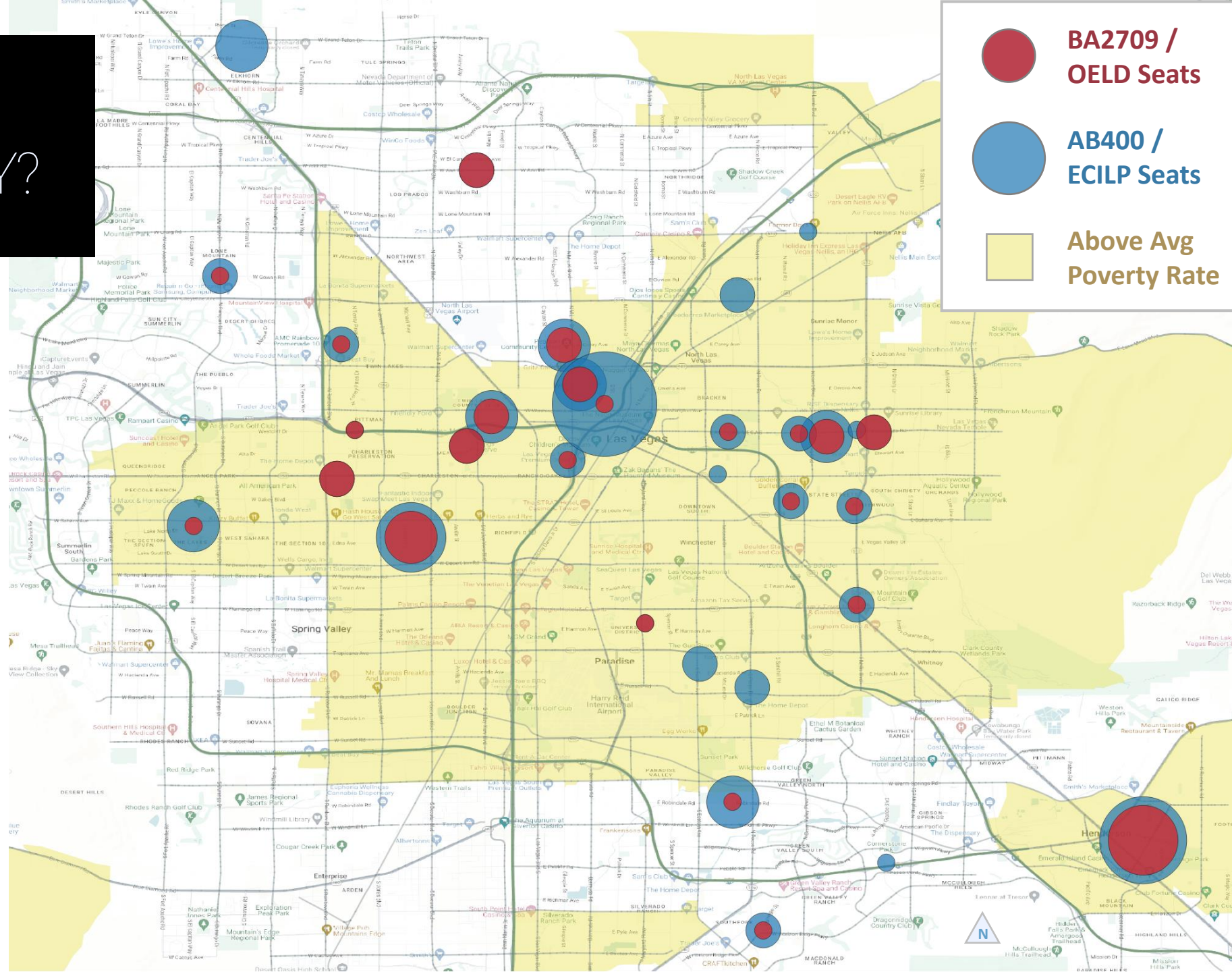
- ECILP funding increasing access in zip codes with **pre-K enrollment rates** below the state average (34%):

- 23 sites/30 (77%)
- 483 seats/635 (76%)

- ECILP funding increasing access in zip codes with **poverty rates** above the state average (12.5%):

- 23 sites/30 (77%)
- 460 seats/635 (72%)

- 635 seats **supporting LMI households** (up to 250% of FPL)
- 5 sites **supporting children w/ special needs**
- 460 seats **supporting 3-year olds**



IMPLICATIONS FOR K-12 EDUCATION

- Improved learning outcomes (kindergarten readiness, elementary reading proficiency, high school graduation)
- Socio-emotional learning and development (self-regulation, emotional intelligence, community awareness)
- Improved quality of care and instruction (QRIS ratings, curriculum development, alignment with K-12 objectives)
- Expanded options for education-related career pathways via early education career development and credentials



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Little Steps Early Learning Academy

QUESTIONS AND FOLLOW UP REQUESTS

Thank you for your time and attention!

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