

RURAL NEVADA CAREGIVER COURRIER

JUNE 2022

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

REUNIFICATION
IN ACTION!
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CELEBRATING REUNIFICATION MONTH

Tips on Supporting Reunification from The FC Recruiter & Childwelfare.gov

In Nevada, About 57% of children are reunifying with their first families compared to the national average of 48% (Childwelfare.gov). QPI teaches us that we can achieve the best outcomes for families when every member of the team is on the same page. In recent decades, Agencies nationwide are recognizing how important foster and relative caregivers are to the reunification process. This June, we celebrate the successes and second chances given to families through foster care. We commend our caregivers that walk along side a family's journey to regrowth and we celebrate all other stakeholders that help build families back together.

Child Welfare Information Gateway conducted a series of interviews with birth and foster parents—many of whom are partnership advocates with either the Birth Parent National Network (BPNN) or the Birth and Foster Parent Partnership (BFPP)—to help dispel some of the myths each may hold about the other.

What's In This Issue:

- June is Reunification Month
- Tips for foster parents on supporting reunification
- Rural NV Graduates
- Training & Support Groups
- Resources & Reminders
- Announcements & Other Info

FOSTER PARENTS ARE



VITAL MEMBERS TO THE FAMILY REUNIFICATION TEAM

The factsheet below shares their advice and highlights the many opportunities to help children, youth, and families in need.

LEANING ON YOUR CASEWORKER AND AGENCY

Your caseworker can help you go beyond simply “checking the boxes” of a case plan to actively partnering toward reunification by promoting a positive relationship with the birth family. Caseworkers can help make sure birth parents get to know their foster caregivers. A recipe for success includes caseworkers, caregivers, and families who prioritize partnership.

KEEPING AN OPEN MIND AND AN OPEN HEART

How child welfare professionals and foster care providers interact with the families they serve can have an impact on child and family well-being and chances for reunification. The points below reflect the importance of resisting the urge to judge.

CHILDREN IN THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM ALREADY HAVE FAMILY MEMBERS WHO LOVE THEM.

The children in your care are not with you because their parents don't love them. They are with you because their parents or primary caregivers are struggling with a specific problem or need. Neglect may have occurred because the primary caregiver has challenges that, in most cases, can be overcome with the right support, treatment, and encouragement.

HELP, TRUST, AND EMPATHY MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE.

Birth parents don't choose to be involved with child welfare. Their involvement may be a result of their circumstances or, in many cases, of their own history. Temporarily losing custody of a child can result in an emotional roller coaster of grief, anger, and guilt. Putting yourself in the birth parents' shoes and asking yourself how you might feel in the same situation can give you an idea of what they might be going through and, more importantly, what they might need to be successful. You are most likely to build trust with birth parents when they believe you are trying to support them and understand how they feel—an essential part of any successful relationship.

A MOMENT IN TIME DOES NOT DEFINE A FAMILY.

Sometimes one heated moment can change lives, break up families, and have serious consequences for children or youth. Understanding that individuals are more than the sum of their mistakes or behaviors is important for moving forward.

YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW. KNOWLEDGE IS POWER.

There is a story behind the circumstances and actions that lead to child welfare involvement, and remember, there are two sides to every story. What you see may not represent that child's truth or the full extent of the child's family history.

MAINTAINING CONTACT AFTER REUNIFICATION OR OTHER PERMANENCY

Strong partnerships between birth and foster families can continue long after families have been reunified or after an adoption or other permanency option has been achieved. This ongoing relationship can help increase important social connections for children, youth, and families as well as their sense of stability and belonging. It can also provide families with extended support (e.g., someone to call when a parent needs a word of encouragement, or a babysitter) that can help prevent further child welfare involvement.

More Factsheets & Reunification Resources

[How can birth and foster parents partner to achieve reunification?](#)

[Getting to Reunification Visiting TIPS](#)

[Family Time/Visitation: Road to Safe Reunification](#)

[Foster Care Success Stories](#)



[Click for Full Factsheet](#)



Rural Nevada Graduates



**Mail Graduation Cards to
Shelby Riley**

**2533 N Carson St. 100
Carson City, NV 89706
For Graduates in care**

**Have an elementary,
middle, or high school
graduate?**

[Click to request grad
cards!](#)

**Did you know there is a
50% chance foster youth
will graduate high
school?**

**Let's honor our kids for
beating the stats!**

OR

**Mail a real card from
your phone or computer
on**

Postable

MORE JUST IN TIME TRAINING: www.qpinevada.org



Trainings & Support Groups



Nevada Statewide Kinship Support Group

"All in This Together"
Partnering with birth parents
a 5-week curriculum of support
and learning

~~Wednesday, March 2nd @ 5pm~~
~~Friday, April 1st @ 5pm~~
~~Friday, May 6 @ 5pm~~
Friday, June 3rd @ 5pm

Meetings are online via Zoom.

Email Rose@fosterkinship.org for additional information or view our public calendar at www.fosterkinship.org/contact

702-546-9988



NEVADA STATEWIDE PARTNERSHIP MEETING

Kinship, Foster, and Adoptive families can join us for our Nevada Statewide partnership meeting to share strength, receive support & resources, and get additional training opportunities.

Participants will receive one hour of re-licensing credit

~~Thursday, 2/17 @ 5PM~~
~~Thursday, 3/17 @ 5PM~~
~~Friday, 4/15 @ 5PM~~
~~Friday, 5/20 @ 5PM~~
Friday, 6/17 @ 5PM

Meetings are online via Zoom.

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THE TRAUMA RESEARCH FOUNDATION PRESENTS:

Inspired Parenting- Parenting from an Attachment/ Trauma Perspective
FREE MONTHLY SERIES PRESENTED BY DAFNA LENDER

CLICK [HERE](#) TO REGISTER

TOPICS COVERED IN THIS 8-PART SERIES

- ~~February 23, 2022 – How to incorporate more playfulness into day to day parenting~~
- ~~March 23, 2022 – How to regulate a child who is acting silly/chaotic~~
- ~~April 20, 2022 – How to provide a sense of organization and structure for a child~~
- ~~May 25, 2022 – How to regulate your reaction to your child~~
- June 22, 2022 – How to respond to a child's nonverbal signals
- July 20, 2022 – How to deal with aggression and out of control behaviors
- August 17, 2022 – How to validate a child's feelings
- September 21, 2022 – How to handle problem behaviors like a sore loser, a child who lies, steal

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Resources & Reminders

COME ONE ★ COME ALL

STEP RIGHT UP AND JOIN THE FUN!
CHRISTMAS IN JULY
JULY 30th
 Saturday 11:00AM - 2:00PM
 Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows
 2680 E 9th St, Reno, NV 89512

THIS EVENT IS FREE TO ALL YOUTH IN NEED

We will provide roughly 850+ students from the Northern Nevada area with backpacks, school supplies, hygiene items, lunch, and a little carnival fun in the sun. Students from pre-kindergarten through high school will be welcome and distribution will be on a first come first serve basis.



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Flip Flop Right Over & Bring a Friend

Sign-up for Comprehensive Teen Health Education Classes

Classes will include medically accurate information on many topics, such as:

- Changes to the body during puberty
- The facts about STIs, and HIV
- Pregnancy
- Condom Demonstration & Birth Control Methods/Choices
- Identifying and handling peer pressure
- Communication & negotiation skills for healthy relationships

The program is designed to help youth make healthy choices and avoid obstacles to achieving their goals.

For: Youth 13-15 Years of Age
 When: Wed and Fri—June 8th, 10th, 15th, and 17th
 Time: 10-12:30 **Lunch provided**
 Where: Carson City Health and Human Services
 Main Conference Room
 900 East Long Street, Carson City, NV

Attend the four days and Receive a Gift Card

Register First: Call 775-283-7529—Vicky Chandler
 Or Email: vchandler@carson.org

AHEP Adolescent Health Education Program
 Sponsor

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 Sponsor

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Summer TechCamp™ 2K22

For the last 22 years, Students Ages 9-15 have fun and learn about computer recycling, testing, assembly and operation. At the end of the Camp, they take home a their own computer that they have built.

- There are 3 separate TechCamps, each lasting for 2 weeks and are held at 4630 US Highway 50 East, Carson City, NV
 - TechCamp Alpha Jun 13th - Jun 24th (OPEN for Registration)
 - TechCamp Bravo Jul 11th - Jul 22nd (OPEN for Registration)
 - TechCamp Charlie Aug 1st - Aug 12th (OPEN for Registration)
- Days & Hours: Monday - Friday • 1:30pm to 4:30pm.
- Space is limited to 16 students ages 9-15 in each camp.
- Registration of \$400 for 2 week camp includes computer system, camp shirt & hat, graduation ceremony and a lifetime of learning.
- Some Partial Scholarships available for families in need.

It's a "win-win" situation. By participating in the ComputerCorps "Every Home A Classroom" Summer TechCamp: you help your community, learn about computers and get to build and take home your own basic computer system. That includes a Monitor, Keyboard, Mouse, Speakers, DVD/RW, Wireless and Wired Internet Ready, Microsoft Windows 10 Pro & Microsoft Office Suite. Each student enjoys LEARNING, MEETING NEW FRIENDS, GAMES, AWARDS, SNACKS & FUN.

ComputerCorps™ is a nationally recognized 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to providing access to computer technology and skills training for under-served families, while eliminating eScrap in our nations landfills.

Call ComputerCorps™ at (775) 883-2323 for Registration Information.
 Volunteers Needed for Counselors and Team Leaders

www.computercorps.org email: admin@computercorps.org

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COME ONE, COME ALL FOR THE RENO RODEO!!!
JUNE 18TH, 2022



The Reno Rodeo Foundation has generously donated rodeo tickets to rural NV foster families!

These tickets are available to any member living inside your foster home! (please, no relatives that live outside the home, neighbors, or friends ~ we want there to be enough for all of our families!)

To request your tickets, provide the following to your licensing worker:

1. Foster parent's name
2. Number of people in the home needing a ticket
3. Phone number
4. Email address



RESERVE TICKETS BY JUNE 13TH 2022

ONCE RESERVED, TICKETS WILL BE MAILED

To learn more about the Reno Rodeo click here:
<https://renorodeo.com/>

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Resources & Reminders

Agency Forms and Documents for Foster Parents

Heads up!



Did You remember your placement letter?

When taking your child to the doctor you **MUST** present their placement letter that includes their **Medicaid ID**. Failure to do so may result in you being wrongfully charged for the child's medical bill

Please Document your child's Medication
[Click here to Download the Prescription Med Form](#)

Announcements & Other News

NORTHERN NV DCFS PRESENTS:

Care Giver Appreciation PICNIC 2022

AUGUST 6TH, 2022 11 AM TO 3 PM

Fuji Park Carson City

BBQ FOOD PROVIDED

PICNIC GAMES

MUSIC

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

RSVP: [CLICK HERE](#)



NV DCFS PRESENTS
**APPRECIATION
POOL
PARTY**

JUNE 18TH 1:30- 3:30
WHITE PINE AQUATIC CENTER
ELY, NV
PIZZA PROVIDED!
QUESTIONS:
CALL 775-289-9903

**This Newsletter is Turning
to Bi- Monthly!**

**See You In Our Next Issue
August 2022!**

WILL YOU WEIGH IN?

WE WOULD LIKE TO INTERACT WITH YOU THROUGH THIS NEWSLETTER AND PROVIDE INFORMATION THAT IS IMPORTANT TO YOU! PLEASE CLICK [HERE](#) TO TAKE A SHORT SURVEY ABOUT WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN FUTURE NEWSLETTERS!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE REMOVED FROM THIS MAILING LIST, PLEASE EMAIL Shelby.riley@dcfs.nv.gov



**MONTHLY QPI MEETING –
3RD WEDNESDAY AT 11AM.
EMAIL THE QPI COORDINATOR,
KEVIN QUINT, KEVIN.QUINT@DCFS.NV.GOV
FOR THE MEETING INVITE.**

**CHECK OUT THE QPI CALENDAR FOR
UPCOMING QPI MEETINGS, QPI WEBINARS,
PRACTICE EXCHANGE, AND UPCOMING
TRAININGS!**