



MAR- APRIL 2024

RURAL NV CAREGIVER COURIER

BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Throughout the country, many gather to honor an important cause with the aim to prevent child abuse and neglect. Pinwheels for Prevention® is a national campaign held every April for Child Abuse Prevention Month. The main focus is to spread awareness throughout communities across the nation, helping ensure each child has the opportunity to live out a safe, stable, and nurturing childhood by putting prevention first. In this agency we often see the aftermath of when child abuse and neglect is not prevented. How many of you have worked with a family & have pondered how different their life with be if they had the right support? When child abuse prevention is 100 percent effective, we will no longer have a need for foster homes. Could you imagine what it would take to get there?



PINWHEELS FOR PREVENTION ACCROSS NEVADA



Get involved with PCAN programming in your area!

CARSON CITY

Mark Your Calendar 04/05/2024

Go Blue Day!

WEAR BLUE to show your support for all children and their right to a great childhood, because our children are Nevada's future!

POST YOUR GO BLUE DAY PICTURES WITH #GOBLUENV

@pcanv @pcanevada

CASA OF CARSON CITY PRESENTS:

Planting The Seeds Of Change

LET'S ALL GROW A LITTLE HOPE

MUSIC CHILDREN'S GAMES PRIZES

5K WALK/RUN SPONSORED BY DIVISION OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES

WHEN:
April 27, 2024
11:00am - 2:00pm

WHAT:
Resource Fair and Community Event
National Prevent Child Abuse Month

WHERE:
McFadden Plaza
Carson City, NV

Walk Us Home
5k For Foster Homes

Saturday April 27th, 2024

Bob McFadden Plaza, Carson City NV

**KICK OFF PINWHEEL
PLANTING
&
GO BLUE DAY
FREE
APRIL 5 10 AM @
LEGISLATIVE MALL**

**PLANTING SEEDS OF CHANGE
FAMILY BLOCK PARTY
FREE
APRIL 27 11AM @ MCFADDEN
PLAZA**

**WALK US HOME 5K FOR
FOSTER HOMES
FREE FOR FOSTER
FAMILIES
APRIL 27 10 AM @
MCFADDEN PLAZA**

CHURCHILL COUNTY

APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH.

PINWHEELS FOR PREVENTION
Prevent Child Abuse Nevada

**BUILDING
A Hopeful
Future
TOGETHER**

**PINWHEELS FOR PREVENTION
CARNIVAL
FREE
APRIL 25 5:30 PM @
PENNINGTON LIFE CENTER**



PINWHEELS FOR PREVENTION ACCROSS NEVADA

Get involved with PCAN programming in your area!

NYE COUNTY



COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

FREE

MARCH 30 10AM @ PETRACK PARK

HUMBOLDT COUNTY



PINWHEELS FOR PREVENTION EVENT

FREE

**APRIL 6 11AM @THE COURT HOUSE
50 W 5TH ST, WINNEMUCCA, NV 89445**

TRAININGS, EVENTS AND OTHER



RESPITE CO-OP: ALMOST READY TO LAUNCH!

THE RESPITE CO-OP IS A VOLUNTARY LIST OF LICENSED FOSTER PARENTS & NON-PRIMARIES IN DCFS THAT ARE WILLING TO SHARE THEIR NAME AND CONTACT INFO WITH OTHER LICENSED FOSTER HOMES TO REACH FOR RESPITE PURPOSES. RESPITE OPPORTUNITIES CAN BE LARGE & SMALL.

UTILIZE IT FOR THINGS LIKE:

- OUT OF STATE TRIPS
- PARENT'S NIGHT OUT
- ARRANGE SCHOOL CARPOOL
- REST & DESTRESS
- IN BETWEEN DAYCARE/SCHOOL SPOTS
- ETC.

REGISTER



NEXT RURAL NV QPI MEETING:

3/20/2024 @ 11 AM

Via Microsoft Teams

Meeting ID: 250 330 605 003

Passcode: wAJjSB

OR

Email kevin.quint@dcfs.nv.gov for meeting link



DCFS ONLINE CAREGIVER CORNER

3/6/2024 @ 8 PM

Via Microsoft Teams

Meeting ID: 226 213 731 940

Passcode: CL2nkX

OR

Email shelby.riley@dcfs.nv.gov for meeting link



A QPI APPROACH TO KINSHIP CARE

The "Champions Practice Exchange" is an interactive community of dedicated, trained QPI Champions.

Participants will meet to connect and strengthen their QPI practices through shared learning around challenges, opportunities, and insights related to three strategic topic areas that meet quarterly.

Join us for A QPI Approach to Kinship Care on:

Tuesday, March 5th at
2pm Eastern / 1pm Central /
12pm Mountain / 11am Pacific



youth law center

NEXT NATIONAL QPI WEBINARS:

A QPI Approach to Kinship Care

3/5/2024 @ 11 AM



REGISTER NOW

STRENGTHENING RELATIONSHIPS: BIRTH PARENTS, FOSTER PARENTS & CASE WORKERS

The "Champions Practice Exchange" is an interactive community of dedicated, trained QPI Champions.

Participants will meet to connect and strengthen their QPI practices through shared learning around challenges, opportunities, and insights related to three strategic topic areas that meet quarterly.

Join us for Strengthening Relationships on:

Tuesday, April 2nd at
2pm Eastern / 1pm Central /
12pm Mountain / 11am Pacific



youth law center

Strengthening Relationships: Birth Parents, Foster Parents & Case Workers

4/2/24 @ 11AM



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TRAININGS, EVENTS AND OTHER

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS!

JUNE 1 – JUNE 5 @ PALI RETREAT

ELIGIBILITY

CAMP TO BELONG NEVADA PRIORITIZES
SIBLINGS LIVING IN SEPARATE HOMES.

CAMP TO BELONG NEVADA WILL CONSIDER
ANY SIBLINGS WHETHER CURRENTLY IN DCFS
FOSTER CARE, KINSHIP PLACEMENT,
INDEPENDENT LIVING, OR ADOPTIVE HOME.



REGISTER NOW



**Want to help your child
improve their play and language use at home?**

- We are looking for parents with **children with developmental delays ages 3-5.**
- Participation is free and voluntary in this research study.
- You and your child can participate from home.
- You will receive support from a licensed special education teacher.
- There is no compensation for participation.

What do you need to participate?

- Internet access at home
- Join 30 min Zoom sessions 2-3 times per week for 2-5 months

UNLV | COLLEGE OF
EDUCATION

For more information contact
Jessica Ain ainj@unlv.nevada.edu
or Alain Bengochea alain.bengochea@unlv.edu



LEARN MORE

The Division of Child and Family Services-Advanced Foster Care Program presents:

Child Sexuality: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly



Topics Covered in the Training Include:

Sexual Child Development: What is Normal?

Sexual Abuse Signs

Age Appropriate discussions regarding Sex Education
What to do? and What not to do?

Recognizing and Protecting your youth from potential predators

Information regarding CSEC and LGBTQ+IA

NEXT DCFS IN HOUSE TRAINING *VIRTUAL*
Sexual Child Development: What is Normal?
3/4/2024 @6PM to 8:30PM

OR

3/7/2024 @ 9AM to 11:30AM


**Licensed homes will earn 2 training hours and
Social Workers will earn 2.25 C.E.U.'s**
Email

kmckiddie@dcfs.nv.gov

OR

**Sunshine.perry@dcfs.nv.gov
to register.**

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T.I.P.S.
Trauma-Informed Parenting Strategies

Nevada Statewide Support Group on how to provide calm, connected, and consistent care to children who are healing from past trauma.

Facilitated by Michelle Rupe, TBRI® Practitioner
MRUPE@FOSTERKINSHIP.ORG

With support from Family Advocates Alisha McIntosh and Cindy Tarrant

"Understanding the trauma our children have been through allows us to understand as caregivers how to meet the need behind the behavior"
-Michelle Rupe



STATEWIDE CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP
Third Thursdays of the month @6PM
In person or via Zoom
8691 W Sahara Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89117
<https://zoom.us/j/5655501139>
Passcode: kinship



CALIFORNIA ALLIANCE OF CAREGIVERS PRESENTS

TEXTURED HAIR CARE

MONTHLY LEVEL 1 VIRTUAL CLASSES

- Overview of basic hair care, types, textures, and skincare
- Overview of protective styles and product recommendations
- Introduction to individual braiding

February 21, 2024 5:00 - 7:00 PM | [REGISTER](#)
March 9, 2024 9:00 - 11:00 AM | [REGISTER](#)
April 10, 2024 5:00 - 7:00 PM | [REGISTER](#)
May 8, 2024 5:00 - 7:00 PM | [REGISTER](#)
June 12, 2024 5:00 - 7:00 PM | [REGISTER](#)
July 13, 2024 9:00 - 11:00 AM | [REGISTER](#)
August 14, 2024 5:00 - 7:00 PM | [REGISTER](#)
September 18, 2024 5:00 - 7:00 PM | [REGISTER](#)
October 9, 2024 5:00 - 7:00 PM | [REGISTER](#)
November 13, 2024 5:00 - 7:00 PM | [REGISTER](#)
December 11, 2024 5:00 - 7:00 PM | [REGISTER](#)

MONTHLY VIRTUAL TEXTURED HAIR CARE
By the California Alliance of Caregivers
Learn to care for textured or curly hair



We are Thriving After

THRIVING AFTER POST -PERMANENCY
Provided by Foster Kinship
Offering a Variety of Services to support families who have achieved permanency through a guardianship or an adoption.



MARCH EDUCATION

Success in School
Exploring College
Financial Aid
Admissions

APRIL CAREER PLANNING

Exploring Careers
Choosing A Career
Career Paths
Certificates & Trades

UPCOMING INDEPENDENT LIVING WORKSHOPS
For youth age 14 & up

Wednesdays from 4:00pm-4:30pm
Zoom ID: 487 374 3854

TRAININGS, EVENTS AND OTHER

FOSTER CHILDREN EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP NOW OPEN



COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION
of Northern Nevada

DEADLINE 4/30/2024

APPLY NOW



NEW MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM IN ELKO

Connect Nevada: Strengthening Youth, Empowering Families is your resource to help youth and families

Do you know a young person aged 3 through 20 who has one or more of these symptoms?

- Experiences depression or anxiety, or takes any medications
- Drug or alcohol use
- Attempts to harm themselves or others
- Has been in or is at risk of any out-of-home intervention



Call 1-833-396-4310 to see if they qualify for Nevada's new program.

Connect Nevada:
Strengthening Youth,
Empowering Families

**What is Connect Nevada:
Strengthening Youth, Empowering Families?**

Magellan
HEALTHCARE.

It is a free program—provided by the Nevada Division of Child and Family Services and administered by Magellan Healthcare—for youth and families who qualify.

Through the program, Nevadans receive life-changing support so that children can stay safely in their home, school and communities.



You can call Magellan at 1-833-396-4310 to find out if a youth qualifies for the program.

Scan the QR code to learn more.

Youth may qualify for the program regardless of their current insurance or Medicaid eligibility.

MagellanoftNevada.com

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SPRING BREAK SPORTS CAMP IN CARSON CITY



ALL SPORTS
SPRING BREAK
camp

AGES 6-10

ONLY 75\$

APRIL 1-5
FROM 9 A.M. TILL 12 P.M.

A FUN OPPORTUNITY FOR KIDS TO GET OUT, PLAY AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS!

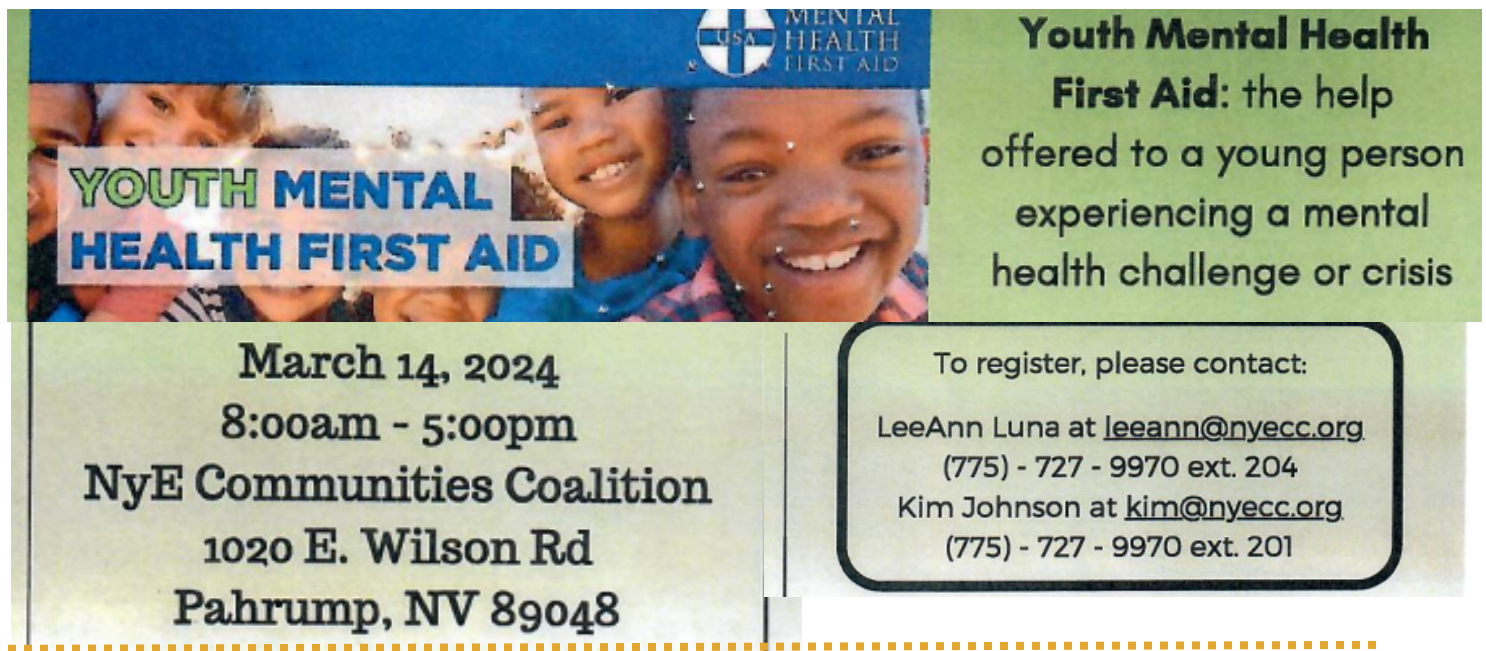
CARSON CITY MAC
1860 RUSSELL WAY

REGISTER ONLINE:
WWW.CARSON.ORG/CCPS



REGISTER NOW

FREE YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID CLASS IN PAHRUMP



YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

Youth Mental Health First Aid: the help offered to a young person experiencing a mental health challenge or crisis

March 14, 2024
8:00am - 5:00pm
NyE Communities Coalition
1020 E. Wilson Rd
Pahrump, NV 89048

To register, please contact:
LeeAnn Luna at leeann@nyecc.org
(775) - 727 - 9970 ext. 204
Kim Johnson at kim@nyecc.org
(775) - 727 - 9970 ext. 201

PARENTING SUPPORT GROUPS IN PAHRUMP

<p>Support Group for Parents and Guardians</p> <p>Monday Mornings 10 AM & Evenings 6 PM</p> <p>Keney Behavioral 70 S Hwy 160 Suite 104</p> <p>Pahrump, NV 89048</p>	<p>Seating is Limited</p> <p>For more information contact LeeAnn Luna</p> <p>NyE Communities Coalition</p> <p>1020 E Wilson Rd.</p> <p>Pahrump, NV 89048</p> <p>775-727-9970 Ext. 204</p> <p>LeeAnn@nyecc.org</p>
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ANNOUNCEMENT & OTHER NEWS



Just in Time
Training

HAS MOVED!



WEBSITE

WWW.JITNEVADA.ORG



JOIN THE COMMUNITY

RURAL NV FOSTER PARENTS & PARTNERS OF QPI



CLICK TO JOIN



HELPFUL LINKS:



[Agency Forms and Documents
for Foster Parents](#)



[QPI Just In Time Training](#)

Welcome

NEW FOSTER HOMES
AMI & MICHAEL WOODYARD
LUND, NV
JILLIAN & DARREN BRADY
MINDEN, NV
GEORGIA NEAL & NICHOLAS
ELLING
WNNEMUCCA, NV

FOSTER PARENT RECRUITMENT

Challenge

HERE ARE THE RULES:

1.PRINT OUR TRAINING FLYER. [Download Flyer](#)

2.POST IT AT YOUR WORK, GYM, CHURCH, KID'S SCHOOL, FACEBOOK GROUPS SOCIAL MEDIA OR WHEREVER YOU CONGREGATE WITH YOUR COMMUNITY.

3.TAKE A PICTURE/SNAPSHOT AND EMAIL IT TO SHELBY.RILEY@DCFS.NV.GOV WITH THE LOCATION YOU POSTED IN.

ALTERNATIVELY, YOU CAN SEND THE FLYER IN AN EBLAST AND CC SHELBY ON THE BLAST

A LUCKY WINNER WILL BE DRAWN ON APRIL 1ST 2024

HELP US GAIN MORE AMAZING FOSTER HOMES IN RURAL NEVADA!