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RURAL NV CAREGIVER COURIER

BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



BACK
TO
SCHOOL

SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION

As the summer days wane and the back-to-school season approaches, students across the country prepare for a new academic year. For children in foster care, this transition can come with unique challenges and opportunities. While the excitement of new classrooms, teachers, and friends is shared by all students, those in foster care often face additional hurdles that can impact their educational experience. Many youth experience frequent moves that destabilizes their educational potential. This can be emotionally taxing and children begin to lose out on the excitement of that first school day. Many foster youth also require support while in school. They may have a Individual Education Plan (IEP) or 504 Plan. They may have educational needs that have yet to be identified that you will play a part in supporting. It is therefore so important for foster parents to be involved in youth and their schooling.

You are encouraged to get to know your youth's teacher and schooling. Ensure you are connected with student support services or the Students in Transition office that provides resources and support for youth in foster care. Welcome back to school & thanks for fostering with us!

LINKS & VIDEOS

TIPS FOR TRANSITIONING BACK TO SCHOOL

HOW TO GET KIDS TALKING ABOUT THEIR SCHOOL DAY DON'T STRESS THE "SUMMER SLIDE"

READING AS HEALING

SUPPORTING LITERACY TOOL KIT

NV PEP ON DEMAND TRAININGS

THE 1ST 60 DAYS OF FOSTERING TOOLKIT

NAMI BACK TO SCHOOL KIT

ONLINE HEALTH AND SAFETY FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

TRAININGS, EVENTS AND OTHER



RESPITE CO-OP: NOW LAUNCHED!

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:

9/18/2024 @ 11 AM

Via Microsoft Teams

Meeting ID: 277 708 469 865

Passcode: imUvnT

OR

Email sguzzetta@dcfs.nv.gov for meeting link



DCFS ONLINE CAREGIVER CORNER

9/4/2024 @8 PM

Via Microsoft Teams

Meeting ID: 257 167 079 493

Passcode: jUHkoP

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

FOSTER CHANGE MEMBERSHIP

FREE TO ANY LICENSED FOSTER OR KINSHIP FAMILY IN NEVADA.



FOSTER CHANGE

LEARN MORE

ANGEL TREE FOR FOSTER YOUTH



ANGEL TREE IS COMING SOON!

CAREGIVERS: EACH DCFS OFFICE WILL DONATE CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR FOSTER YOUTH. PLEASE START ASKING YOUR YOUTH WHAT THEY WANT FOR CHIRSTMAS. MORE DETAILS COMING SOON.

TRAININGS, EVENTS AND OTHER



NV PEP OFFERS ON DEMAND TRAININGS JUST IN TIME FOR BACK TO SCHOOL!

Nevada PEP is a statewide organization serving families of children and youth with disabilities and behavioral health needs from birth to 26 and their service providers. They offer a variety of training workshops on special education, mental health care, and disability related topics.

TRAINING



Just in Time
Training

NEVADA QPI JUST IN TIME TRAININGS

WWW.JITNEVADA.ORG



QPI MONTHLY WEBINAR SERIES:

CHILD-CENTERED TRANSITIONS



SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

2 PM EASTERN / 1 PM CENTRAL /
12 PM MOUNTAIN / 11 AM PACIFIC

youth law center

**QPI NATIONAL MONTHLY WEBINAR
CHILD CENTERED TRANSITIONS
SEPTEMBER 19 AT 11AM PST
VIA ZOOM**



REGISTER NOW



**Family
Respite
Care**
of Nevada

RESPITE PROGRAM IN CARSON & ELKO

Family Respite Care of Nevada provides respite care services for children aged three months to 22 years, including daytime, evening, and Saturday services at our Family Center and Jr. & Teen Center.

[CLICK TO FILL OUT FAMILY INTEREST FORM](#)

TRAININGS, EVENTS AND OTHER



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
offered by DCFS partner Foster Kinship
<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



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.



SEPTEMBER DAILY LIVING

Housing Maintenance
Balancing Adulthood
Shopping & Cooking
Pet Ownership

OCTOBER COMMUNICATION

Improving Your Skills
Medical Appointments
Conflict Resolution
Self-Advocacy

UPCOMING INDEPENDENT LIVING WORKSHOPS

For youth age 14 & up on [ZOOM](#)

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

SPOTLIGHTS & NEWS

On this page you will find spotlights of staff you should get to know & a waiting child/ sibling group for adoption.

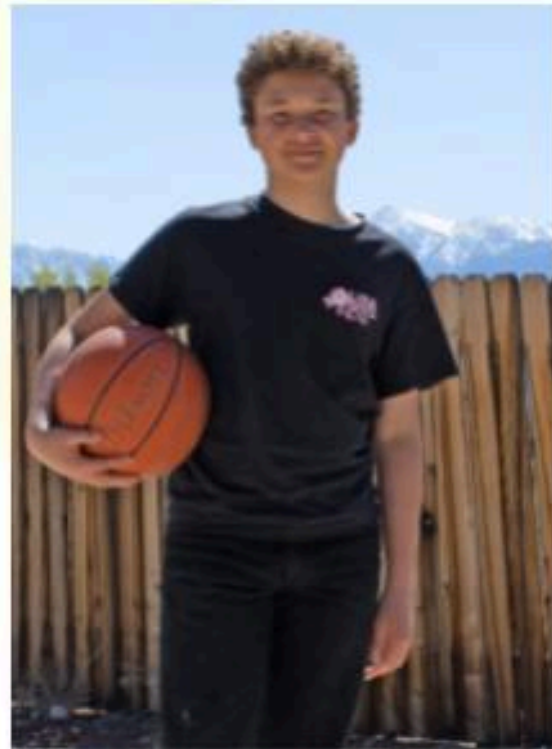
Adoption Spotlight

Wesley **15 YEARS OLD**

This young man enjoys sports, music, and outdoor activities.

He is outgoing and has goals for his future.

He is looking for a family to connect and bond with,
who will stick by him no matter what.



For more information email

AdoptionRecruiter@dcfs.nv.gov



FAREWELL KELLY

The Rural Nevada Foster Care Community would like to extend the warmest farewell to our MHC Kelly Mckiddie. Kelly has worked with DCFS for many years and has served as a crucial liaison to foster homes across the state. Kelly will be moving on to a position with the Mobil Crisis Team and will be dearly missed

ANNOUNCEMENT & OTHER NEWS

Welcome

NEW FOSTER HOMES

KYLE & JESSICA HOLLINGSHEAD
(CARSON CITY)

MICHAEL & KRISTY BINGHAM
(SPRING CREEK)



HELPFUL LINKS:



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



[QPI Just In Time Training](#)

JOIN THE COMMUNITY

RURAL NV FOSTER PARENTS & PARTNERS OF QPI



CLICK TO JOIN



FOSTER REIMBURSEMENT 2024



Base rate for family foster care – This includes room and board and personal incidentals.

Age	Daily Rate	Monthly Rate
0-12	\$28.21	\$858.02
13+	\$31.94	\$971.38

School Supplies (August of each year)

Age	Annual or One-time Rate
5 years through 12 years	\$17.00
13 years +	\$28.00

Initial Clothing Allowance (for all children entering foster care)

Age	Annual or One-time Rate
Birth through 4 years old	\$75.00
5 years through 12 years	\$105.00
13 years through 18 years	\$125.00
Emergency Clothing (1 time per year)	\$50.00