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RURAL NV CAREGIVER COURIER

BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER IS...

NATIONAL



MONTH

NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH

Every November, families, advocates, and communities across the country observe National Adoption Month. National Adoption Month started in Massachusetts in 1976 when then-Governor Michael Dukakis initiated "Adoption Week." The movement quickly gained momentum, and in 1984, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed the first National Adoption Week. In 1995, President Bill Clinton expanded the event to cover the entire month of November. Since then, November has been a time for people across the country to come together to recognize the love, challenges, and growth that adoption brings to families. For many children in foster care, the journey to a permanent family is filled with both hope and uncertainty. National Adoption Month provides an opportunity to shed light on the realities faced by thousands of youth who wait in foster care for a loving, stable home. While many children are successfully placed each year, approximately 114,000 children in the United States are still awaiting adoption. In rural Nevada there are 13 children being

recruited for their forever home. The field of adoption is evolving with increased awareness around trauma-informed care, family preservation, and post-adoption support services. For foster and adoptive parents, National Adoption Month is a reminder that you're part of a larger movement. Together, adoptive families, communities, and advocates are working toward a future where every child has a loving, supportive, and stable family.

LINKS & VIDEOS

[THRIVING AFTER PERMANENCY PROGRAM BY FOSTER KINSHIP](#)

[NV ADOPTION REUNION REGISTRY](#)

[NEVADA'S PROCLAMATION ON ADOPTION MONTH](#)

[U.S PRESIDENT PROCLAMATION ON ADOPTION MONTH](#)

[SOUND OF HOPE: STORY OF POSSUM TROT](#)

[WAYS TO CELEBRATE YOUR CHILD'S ADOPTION](#)

[ONLINE HEALTH AND SAFETY FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH](#)

SUPPORT GROUPS TRAININGS & PROGRAMS



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:

11/20/2024 @ 11 AM

Via Microsoft Teams

Meeting ID: 277 708 469 865

Passcode: imUvnT

OR

Email sguzzetta@dcfs.nv.gov for meeting link



ADOPTIVE PARENTS HOLIDAY SUPPORT GROUP - C.A.S.E.

11/18/2024 6PM

FROM THE CENTER OF ADOPTION SUPPORT AND EDUCATION



REGISTER NOW



FOSTER CHANGE MEMBERSHIP

FREE TO ANY LICENSED FOSTER OR KINSHIP FAMILY IN NEVADA.

FOSTER CHANGE

LEARN MORE



**Family Support
Program**

**RAISE the
FUTURE**

Connect Youth. Support Families. Create Hope.

TBRI TRAINING
VIEW UPCOMING TBRI
TRAININGS



IN HOME COACHING
IN HOME OR VIRTUAL COACHING FOR
TBRI TRAINED FAMILIES



SUPPORT GROUPS TRAININGS & PROGRAMS



**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](#)



Just in Time
Training

NEVADA QPI JUST IN TIME TRAININGS

WWW.JITNEVADA.ORG



CHAMPIONS
PRACTICE EXCHANGE

CHILD-CENTERED TRANSITIONS

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 **Child-Centered Transitions** on:

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



youth law center

QPI NATIONAL MONTHLY WEBINAR CHILD CENTERED TRANSITIONS NOVEMBER 5TH AT 11AM PST VIA ZOOM



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QPI MONTHLY


WEBINAR SERIES

QPI NATIONAL MONTHLY WEBINAR EXPLORING GRIEF AND LOSS IN OUR QPI WORK NOV 21, 2024 11:00 AM VIA ZOOM



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TRAININGS, EVENTS AND OTHER




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
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.



NOVEMBER MISCELLANEOUS

Future Planning
Game of Real LIFE
Holiday Planning
Voting & YAB

DECEMBER

No
Workshops

UPCOMING INDEPENDENT LIVING WORKSHOPS

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

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

READING CORNER

Stories can serve as a catalyst—for healing, for conversation, for understanding, for learning, for empathizing, and so much more.

Developmental bibliotherapy is used mainly in community or educational settings, to help children or adults address common life issues. Talking to children about what is happening in their foster care journey can model good self-awareness. It can help make sense of complex life issues or help youth in not feeling alone in their struggles. On this page we offer suggested readings for both youth and adults involved in the foster care system. Have you ever read any of these books or recommend another good read?

ALSO READ

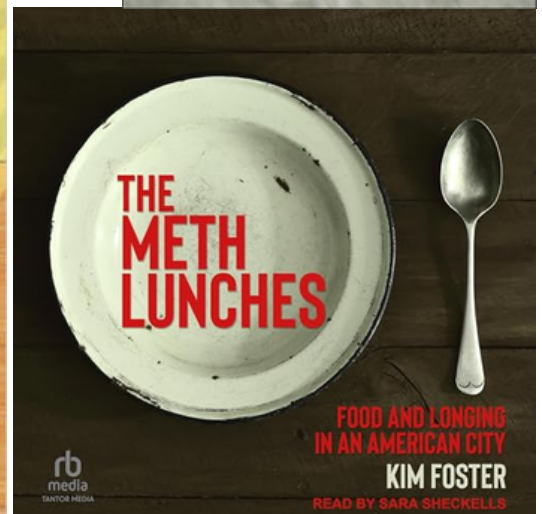
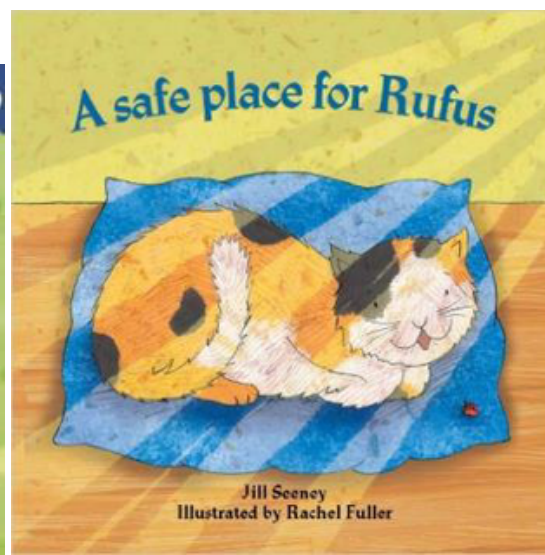
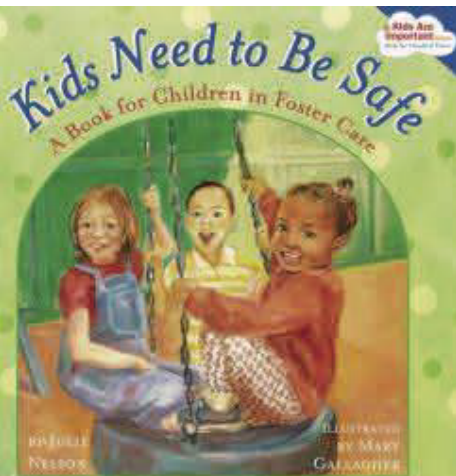
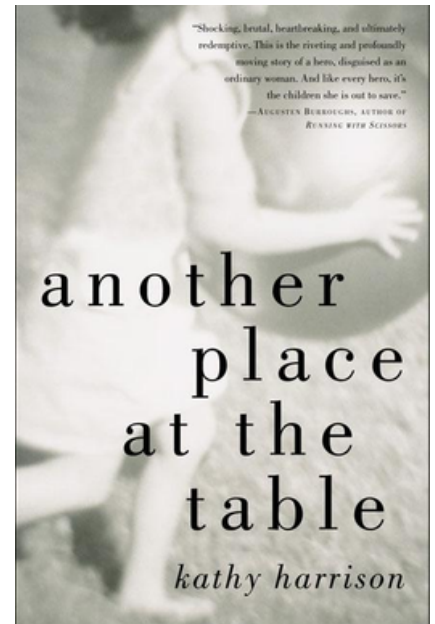
READING AS HEALING: HOW
BIBLIOTHERAPY CAN BENEFIT
FAMILIES – ADOPTUSKIDS BLOG

FREE ON THE 1ST!

FREE DIGITAL DOWNLOADS OF
FOSTER FRIENDLY BOOKS ON THE
1ST OF EACH MONTH

BOOKS FOR YOUTH AND TEENS

BOOKS FOR CAREGIVERS





Adoption Spotlight

Damien
12 YEARS OLD

This young man is friendly, caring, and loves dogs. He enjoys problem solving, building things, being outdoors, and playing sports. He desires a loving family who is patient, caring, and is trauma informed.



For more information email

AdoptionRecruiter@dcfs.nv.gov

[CLICK TO SEE ALL WAITING CHILDREN IN
DCFS](#)



RURAL NV QPI CHAMPION NOMINATIONS 2024

DCFS wants your help recognizing our community members doing the work for youth in foster care. Click Below to nominate a Champion in Rural NV Foster Care.

[Results will be announced in our January newsletter.](#)

All nominations will also be submitted to the national QPI Champion Nominations that will be announced in a webinar in December 2024. Details TBA

NOMIATE NOW



ANNOUNCEMENT & OTHER NEWS

Welcome

NEW FOSTER HOMES

AMY & SHANE MINICK
(ALAMO, NV)

DENISE & JAMES GALLAHER
(YERINGTON, NV)

JOHN & TERRI MAYES
(ELY, NV)

CASEY & KEVIN ALBARADO
(MINDEN, NV)

HELPFUL LINKS:

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

[Just In Time Training](#)

[NEVADA LICENSED CHILD CARE
DIRECTORY](#)

[SUBSCRIBE TO THE NATIONAL QPI
NEWSLETTER](#)

[DIGITAL FOSTER PARENT
HANDBOOK](#)

JOIN THE COMMUNITY

RURAL NV FOSTER PARENTS & PARTNERS OF QPI



CLICK TO JOIN



WIN A GIFT CARD
TAKE THE RURAL
NV QPI 2024
SURVEY

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