

NEWSLETTER

RESOURCE/ RELATIVE/ FICTIVE KIN/ ADOPTIVE PARENTS

COVID-19 CORNER

If **ANY** household members exhibit any symptoms of COVID-19, even if mild, **OR** if they have been exposed to a COVID-19 positive person, **OR** if anyone in the household tests positive for COVID-19, that they must:

1. Contact the health department or their medical provider for guidance on testing
2. Immediately self-isolate the household until medically cleared. This includes any in-person contact including visitation, meetings, appointments etc.
3. Notify the child(ren)'s caseworker(s) and the licensing worker within the same business day



Nurture *the* Village

Do you have friends and family ask you about foster care or adoption?

Our Recruitment and Team is a wealth of knowledge and would come to your village (virtually) to help spread the word about foster and adoption. Even in times of COVID our Recruitment and Training are meeting and training resource parents through Zoom. They are able to answer any questions your friends and family may have. Lets work together so every child has a home.

WCHSA is challenging you to talk to three people in your network about becoming a foster parent! Those who refer the most people who attend an orientation will be in the running for a prize...

To schedule, refer or learn more about this call the Recruitment and Training team at 337-4470!

ATTENTION Adoption Only and Flex Families!

If you are an adoption only or a flex family please fill out an All About Me and send it to Laura Caprioli lcaprioli@washoecounty.us. This will help our recruiters get to know your family and find the perfect match. You can find All About Me examples on the QPI website ([QPI Nevada Just in Time Training | Documents and Resources](#)) under Co-parenting/ Visitation or you can create your own! We hope you have fun creating your families All About Me

All About ME!

My name is...

My pet...

My family...

My favorite food...

My favorite thing is...

BRIDGES
out of
POVERTY



This is a **mandatory** training requirement for your license renewal.

Dates of training:
Saturday, April 17, 2020
10:00am-12

Please contact Matt Polly for more information or to register.

MPolley@washoecounty.us

Resource Parent, relative, Fictive Kin & adoptive Support Groups

WE ARE LOOKING TO ENHANCE OUR SUPPORT GROUPS

- **Fatai Langi** offers support group on the **2nd and 4th Wednesday** of every month from **8:30-9:30pm**. Please contact Koula@3angelscare.org to RSVP.
- **Resource Parent Advisory Board** support group is the **4th Tuesday of every month** at **11:00am-12:30**. Please contact kspring@washoecounty.us to RSVP
- **Adoptive Parent Therapeutic Support Group:** For pre- & Post-Adoptive Families. **Wednesday 5-6** vis Zoom. Please contact jcasarez@washoecounty.us or danderson@washoecounty.us for any question or if you want to attend
- **Relative Support Group:** Every **Thursday at 7pm**. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73578283111?pwd=Y2R2eEVKV0RzU0l5VjRjZWZNNmhUQT09>
Meeting ID: 735 7828 3111
Passcode: qp4zU6
- **Be in the Loop Group:** Be in the loop group is a monthly meeting where WCHSA staff, resource parents, and birth parents meet and work collaboratively to improve Quality Parenting within Washoe County. This meeting is held the **Third Thursday** of every month at **noon** on TEAMS. We would love for you to join. Please email Kylee Spring kspring@washoecounty.us to be added to the invite

REMINDER

We are trying to get more support groups together especially in Spanish! Please email Kylee Spring if you would like to start a support group. Kylee can help make that happen!
kspring@washoecounty.us



We are working on getting an updated list and would love to get the word out to others. Please reach out with any other support groups that I have missed.

Just in Time Training
Training you need, when and where you need it.

Top Tips for Getting a Certificate

- No Fast Forward** (No icon): You will see a box beneath the video where the link to the quiz will be available. But if you fast forward anywhere in the video, the link will not be enabled.
- Avoid Cell Phone** (Phone icon): You can watch any of the videos on a cell phone. BUT, beware of viewing on a cell phone if you need a certificate. You may be more likely to close the screen or restart the video which will affect your ability to access the link to the quiz.
- 3 Tries And Locked** (3 Strikes icon): You are only allowed 3 attempts to pass the quiz – even if you took the quiz months ago. If you are locked out, we will need to unlock your account before you can try again.
- Download** (Download icon): Upon passing the quiz, please download (or right click) your certificate before printing or emailing for credit.

We are here to help! We want you to have the best experience possible. If you need assistance (including unlocking your account) email center-support@usf.edu and provide us with your NAME, TITLE of the video or quiz, which STATE you reside in and the ISSUE you are having. We will respond within 24 hours Monday through Friday.

New Training updates:

QPI WEBSITE:

[HTTP://WWW.QPINEVADA.ORG/](http://www.qpinevada.org/)

Below are amazing new trainings that are on the QPI website that you can get renewal training hours!

Why am I Bias?

Embrace Families' Diversity Action Team is committed to be the change we want to see for our kids, in our community, and in the world. The bias we aim to address, and change is particularly difficult as so much of it is based on unconscious beliefs, associations or attitudes. Taking time to understand how this implicit bias color our perceptions of those around is a critical first step. This training is designed to help us understand and address implicit bias, especially in the context of how it impacts the children and families we serve. **1.5 hours**

Danger Warning! Social Media Sex Trafficking Recruitment is on the Rise since COVID 19 Pandemic

Since the onset of the pandemic especially, social media is increasingly being exploited to contact, recruit, and sell children and youth for sex. Some traffickers use online ads to target victims, or they will send friend/follow requests to young people in their region, proceed to strike up a conversation, and develop online friendships. These conversations may start off friendly and innocent, but then the traffickers will begin to use manipulation to charm their potential victims. The online friendship quickly evolves to a romantic relationship, and this is where the sextortion techniques are used to lure their victims into human trafficking. During this session, attendees will learn to recognize signs of social media recruitment, and how traffickers lure their victims on the internet. Attendees will learn about the dangers of popular social media dating sites and apps. This session will also discuss popular emojis and their hidden meaning used to communicate sexual gesture when texting or communicating on internet sites and social media apps. **1.5 hours**

At Home Behavior Support for Online Learning

With learning take place significantly more at home, it can be a struggle to keep children engaged and on task. This presentation goes over behavior strategies and supports for online learning for caregivers and families based on best practices. **1 hour**

Help with IEPs and 504s for Online/ Hybrid Learning

IEP and 504 Plans are critical to a child's success in school, especially during online learning. It is important to understand what the current circumstances and effects will have on a child's plan and what rights caregivers/children still have for continued educational success. This presentation will answer critical questions such as what caregivers and children are legally entitled to during emergency times/virtual learning, how to write/update plans with important information and supports for online/hybrid learning, and how to work with schools to support children at this time. **1 hour**

Washoe Quality Parenting Spotlight Award!

We want to celebrate all team members that touch the lives of children and family in our community and need your help to do so! As you have seen there has been videos going out to resource families and WCHSA staff shining a spotlight on people who are nominated. These nominations can be resource parents, WCHSA staff or any community member we want to hear and shine the spotlight on everyone!

Our mission is to give recognition to every person who is helping children and families. All that has to be done to nominate is to fill out the Quality Parenting Washoe Spotlight Nomination form that can be found on the QPI website (<http://www.qpinevada.org/>). After you fill it out send it to Kylee Spring, QPI Liaison (kspring@washoecounty.us) and she will do the rest of the work. Remember you can nominate resource parents, caregivers, birth parents, WCHSA staff, or community providers.

Let's celebrate together and showcase our amazing community and all the people involved!



Advanced Child Behavior Solutions, LLC

Advanced Behavioral Solutions provides Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services. These services are intended for children 0-12 (sometimes older) who are engaging in problematic behaviors, including toileting issues. ABA services start with a functional behavioral assessment (FBA) of the problem behavior. The goal is to understand the function of the behavior in terms of what maintains the behavior in order to design intervention and/or provide caregiver training. Below are the services available:

- Functional Behavioral Assessment
- Assessment Write-up, to include intervention plan
- Caregiver training/consultation (regarding the intervention plan)

To help determine if ABA services might be of help, please contact your caseworker.

Interested in Adoption?

Piper & Kaylee

10 & 8-year-old

LEGAL RISK

Piper and Kaylee are two beautiful girly girls with big hearts and even bigger dreams. They enjoy the outdoors, playing outside, going to the park and being active riding their bikes. Piper and Kaylee are very creative; they enjoy coloring vibrant pictures, just like their personalities. Their goals and dreams change often ranging from wanting to be social workers, singers or fashion designers. Faith and family is important to both girls. Piper and Kaylee are sweet and loving little girls with big emotions. Both girls express wanting to have siblings and pets in their forever family. Piper and Kaylee need a loving home, where they can feel safe, know the routine and expectations. These two cuties will keep their adoptive family on their toes. If you are interested in learning more about Piper and Kaylee, please contact **Brenda** at Bsilis@washoecounty.us



Alyha, Nevaeh, Marcos, Carlos & Alice

7, 5, 4, 2, & 1-years-old

LEGAL RISK

Meet these amazing 5 siblings, who dream of forming their own rock band. Alyha, Nevaeh, Marcos, Carlos and Alice are happy, loving and active kiddos who enjoy being in each other's company. All children are affectionate and turn to one another for comfort and fun. Alyha, Nevaeh, Marcos, Carlos and Alice pray over their meals and faith and family is very important to them.

These siblings will keep any family on their toes, but will sure fill their days with joy, love and laughter. They need a loving home, where they can feel safe, know their routine and expectations and have guidance as they develop and grow. If you are interested in learning more about Alyha, Nevaeh, Marcos, Carlos and Alice, please contact **Brenda** at Bsilis@washoecounty.us



Yuleny "Laney"

September 2019

LEGAL RISK

Laney is a happy and energetic little girl. Her favorite hobby is pulling herself up on furniture and exploring the house with her push toy. Laney's most treasured item is her light up book and her dinner of choice is meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy. Laney bonds well and is strongly attached to her primary caregiver. She likes meeting new people...especially when they have dogs! Laney is a good dancer and enjoys watching Wheel of Fortune. Laney responds well to a consistent routine and like to be held when she is upset.

Laney was in the NICU until 2 ½ months. She has been with the same family since leaving the hospital. Presently, Laney has several appointments each week. It is worthy to note the services provided have been transformative in terms of Laney meeting milestones. Laney will require additional support into adulthood. Any family wishing to be considered must commit to maintaining Laney's appointments as recommended. Laney's foster mom wants a prospective family to know aside from all her appointments, Laney is a typical (in the best sense!) baby girl!

This happy little girl is in search of a family who can provide unconditional love and commit to her long-term success.

If you interested in learning more about Laney contact: Mitch Matthews, LSW Children's Division - Washoe County Human Services Agency mmatthews@washoecounty.us



Washoe County School District Update

SCHOOLS REOPENING – Slowly but surely, Shirley!

- Per Governor Sisolak’s 038 Directive indicating schools are allowed to increase capacity to 75%
- Schools reopening per available staffing levels – EACH SCHOOL is making decisions independently based on “individual school” resources and capacity
 - Trying to maintain current learning models to maintain consistency wherever possible
- Busses still at 66% capacity, but increased flexibility so 2 students can share a seat, thereby increasing bus capacity by 8-12 students per bus
- Activities and tutoring on site at school– increasing!
- Sports are back! Please see guidelines on WCSD site. Direct link <https://www.washoeschools.net/Page/16651>

TRANSPORTATION

- All out of zone transportation requests are submitted through [Claire Potichkin](#), our WCSD Foster Liaison via the WCSD Transportation Request Form located in the [Sharepoint/WCSD](#) folder
 - Requests take up to 3 days to process so alternative transportation must be made in the interim
- REIMBURSEMENT - Please don’t forget that IF transportation is requested and IF there is no bus available to accommodate the request, reimbursement is available to parents “or anyone that is willing to drive”! Quick and easy! A short/sweet contract is drawn up and reimbursement is disbursed once per month for the previous month – by check or automatic deposit – one round trip based on attendance and no tracking mileage necessary!

TECH SUPPORT

- Family Tech Support through WCSD Mon/Weds/Fri 7:00am-2:30pm and Tues/Thurs 11:30am – 7:00pm CALL 775-789-3426
- Additional Learning Supports
 - Middle School <https://www.washoeschools.net/Page/15861>
 - High School <https://www.washoeschools.net/Page/15863>
- This info is accessible through the home page on the [WCSD website](#)

NEXT SCHOOL YEAR 2021-2022

- **Fall enrollment is upon us!**
 - ✓ Schools are notifying families to complete enrollment
 - ✓ If a student attends an out of zone school (their School of Origin) – foster families may be receiving a notification from the wrong school (typically the zoned school).
 - Remember, our kids are allowed to remain in their current school while in custody AND through the end of the school year that the case closes.
 - IF we do not have custody and the family is considered CIT ([Children in Transition](#), aka Homeless [living in a motel, doubled up, living with a non-guardian]), these students have the same legal protections to remain in their schools of origin.
 - WCSD is working swiftly to correct all of the schools where the rollover enrollment is incorrect, so please work with the school when possible and reach out to your worker (or me) if you need help getting your student enrolled in his/her existing school.
 - ✓ Students matriculating to Middle or High School have the right to attend the school that their current school would matriculate to.
 - If the team wishes for the student to attend the zoned school rather than the one, they would naturally matriculate to – this is also a school change and your worker will need to follow the HSA process for that.
- **Distance Learning – Opt In – VERY IMPORTANT**
 - ✓ Assuming schools completely reopen, this is the plan!!
 - **Families opting into full distance learning will be required to utilize the WCSD NorthStar Online School. Deadline for enrollment is Friday, May 28th, 4:00pm**
 - See site for details <https://www.washoeschools.net/northstar>
 - Edgenuity will still be utilized for credit recovery and we anticipate there will be some other exceptions, but do not have the details yet.

Reno Rodeo

2021 Reno Rodeo Kids Day FREE Event on June 20th

Cowboy up and join us for Reno Rodeo Kids’ Day 2021 on June 20. The FREE event will take place at the Reno Livestock Events Center, Indoor Arena from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. Kid friendly activities of all kinds are offered. The Mutton Bustin’ Championship will be happening at Kids’ Day as well. Come out, join us and enjoy the western lifestyle. This is a FREE EVENT and no reservations are necessary. Event is subject to cancellation due to COVID. If you would like more information please contact Violet Richards, Kids’ Day Chairman at vrrichards@outlook.com



Additional trainings

REMSA Community Outreach 2021 Car Seat Inspection Checkpoint Schedule



Point of IMPACT

Date	Time	Location
Saturday, March 20th	10 am – 1 pm	Women and Children’s Center of the Sierra 3905 Neil Rd # 2, Reno
Saturday, April 17th	9 am – 12 pm	Foster Kinship– Traner Middle School 1700 Carville Dr, Reno
Saturday, May 15th	9 am – 12 pm	Reno Housing Authority– Essex Manor 7760 Carlyle Drive, Reno
Saturday, June 19th	9 am – 12 pm	Neuro Restorative 3980 Lake Placid Drive, Reno
Saturday, July TBD	9 am – 12 pm	TBD
Saturday, August 21st	9 am – 12 pm	Children’s Cabinet 1090 South Rock Blvd, Reno
Saturday, September 25th	9 am – 12 pm	TBD
Saturday, October 16th	10 am – 1 pm	Raley’s 1630 Robb Drive, Reno
Saturday, November 6th	10 am – 1 pm	UNR Early Head Start 785 W. 6th St., Reno

Dates and locations are subject to change. Checkpoint dates are available online at www.remsahealth.com/outreach.

Francisco Ceballos, Community Programs Coordinator
(775) 858-5700 ext. 3139

PLEASE JOIN US APRIL 17TH For Our COMMUNITY STRONG EVENT

**SAT. APRIL 17TH
9AM TO 12PM
AT TRANER MIDDLE
SCHOOL**

Enjoy complimentary coffee and donuts, a Carseat Safety Checkpoint, while walking from booth to booth of Northern Nevada Community Resources and Services—all in one place.



Presented by:



Contact BJ Foster @
(775) 333-5190 or
BelindaFeCISNevada.org

Contact Ashley Daniel @
(775) 374-4770 or
AshleyeFosterKinship.org

Coming Together to Support Northern Nevada Families

ADOPTION OPTIONS

APRIL 14 (Webinar)
6:30PM MDT
5:30PM PDT
ONLINE

[Adoption Options \(FREE Informational Webinar\) | Raise The Future](#)

Provided by Raise the Future
Trainer: Jessica Hartwig

THE ADOPTION EXCHANGE is now



Connect Youth. Support Families. Create Hope.

This two-hour informative orientation is specifically designed for families interested in adoption or those in the beginning stages of adoption.

The class will cover the following topics:

- The Process: Things to Consider
- Types of Adoption
- Choosing an Agency
- Application Process
- Home Study/Family Assessment
- Waiting
- Placement and Finalization
- Paying for your Adoption
- Questions/Answers

Check our website for class dates and times!
RAISETHEFUTURE.ORG/UPCOMING-CLASSES

Register for this class online.

Registration is mandatory to participate.

Together Facing the Challenge



Specialized Foster Care:

WCHSA has been re-certified in Together Facing the Challenge training; related, quarterly WCHSA provides the 7 Session TFTC Training. Trauma-Informed Training is also available quarterly. Those interested in either/both training can contact Claire McNamara (CMcNamara@washoecounty.us) or Chris Empey (Cempey@washoecounty.us).

Family Engagement Center

- Please remember that all Care providers must walk your children into the FEC to check them in and complete the screening. If you need help watching the other children in your car, you can call the FEC 352-3230 and ask for assistance or text your engager.
- The FEC takes the safety of all people into consideration when making changes necessary to combat COVID-19. Protocols in place benefit clients, care providers, children, and staff.
- Children should have visits (Family Time) at least once per week but we are opening up more times to allow at least two per week for most children/families. Please remember that visitation is extremely important to our clients and kids and is a major influence on successful reunification.
- If you were not aware, IWEB visits (virtual visits between children and their parents who are incarcerated in the Washoe County Jail) can and should be arranged in/through the foster home. Fees are covered by the agency and you can obtain the IWEB instructions/monthly code from your assigned caseworker or HSSS.
- Please welcome Patty Daniels to the FEC team as an Engager. Patty comes to us from the Crossroads campus where she was a HSSS working directly with women in recovery. She will be covering Tuesday-Fridays and our open Saturday hours.
- Please welcome Tim Hurst to the FEC as our front desk attendant. Tim comes to us from the Runner unit and has a lot of experience with many of you foster parents and children in care.
- Please submit ideas/questions about the FEC to Jesse Brown at jbrown@washoecounty.us.

QPI KEYWORD

Fostering Relationships Through Visitation (FRVT)

FRTV is a relationship building model where the foster parent facilitates visits and other forms of contact with the birth parent to build a positive co-parenting relationship. During visits the foster parent coaches and encourages parents to follow their child's lead, encouraging play-based engagement and connection with their children and strengthening the parent-child bond. Parents are taught to understand their child's reactions during visits, making them feel less rejected, which has been shown to support ongoing consistent visitation. Foster parents and birth parents also collaborate on how to best meet the child's needs, empowering parents to stay involved and connected with their children. Foster parents are also encouraged to serve as mentors to parents, providing guidance on parenting and support throughout the reunification process.

Additional information concerning positive visitation is available at <http://www.qpinevada.org/>



Have a Heart Washoe is a website that has tons of information. There is information about the agency, programs, and children still looking for their forever home. Please check it out and refer your friends and family to jump over to the site to learn about how you can help our kids through mentoring, fostering, and adoption.

HaveaHeartWashoe.com

Who do you know?

Do you know someone who might not be ready to foster but may be willing to provide an occasional, short-term Safe Place bed for a youth in crisis? If interested in learning more, please email Kylee Spring. kspring@washoecounty.us

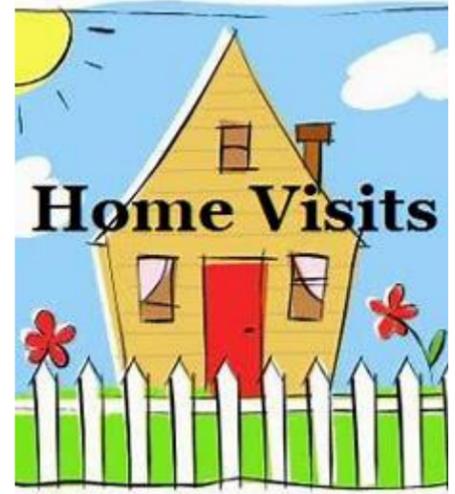


ATTENTION

Washoe County Case Workers and Licensing Personnel may conduct a home visit of a licensed foster home at any point, either scheduled or unannounced. Please be aware that the expectation during a home visit by any WCHSA staff is that all areas of the home are accessible, including but not limited to living spaces, bathrooms, and all bedrooms, including those of foster children, foster parents, biological children, boarders, and direct care staff. Although there may be areas of the home that are restricted from foster children, the entirety of the home should be available for inspection to confirm safe environments and regulation compliance.

This expectation is per **NAC 424.130 Section 3**, "A licensing authority representative shall inspect the entirety of each foster home and any attached property, including, without limitation, areas of the foster home and property that are not accessible to children, for safety. The licensing authority representative may take notes and photographs during the inspection." and per **NAC 424.355**, "A foster home should be reasonably accessible to ...visits from agency staff."

Please contact your licensing worker for questions or clarification. If you are unaware of who your licensing worker is please contact Kylee Spring kspring@washoecounty.us



Spot to Share

The Haddox Family

The Haddox family recently had three children reunified with their birth parents. This reunification journey was more than two years! Prior to the children's transition the Haddox family had a goodbye party with close family and friends. The Haddox family had cards for the children at their party for everyone to sign and they took photos that they put on Shutterfly.

The Haddox family also has a "Yes Day" where the children asked to watch a movie together! In the morning they had a fancy breakfast with crepes and whipped cream. They even sat at a fancy table and drink milk from wine goblets.

The Haddox family was amazing with all three of the children answering all questions and making them feel comfortable to be excited about going back to their birth family while still feel sadness about leaving the Haddox's home.



One of the children wrote a beautiful card to the Haddox family. In that card it discussed how much the Haddox family will be in her heart and that they will always be a family even though they don't live together. She also wrote about all the good things they have done together even the little things like snuggling by the fire.

With the youngest child the Haddox family helped him buy gifts for all the daycare teachers that he was able to provide them on his last day. He was also able to get a photo with each teacher as well.

Prior to the children leaving the family looked over all the photos and video that they have ten though the years. The Haddox family also provided the birth family books since the reading at night was a routine. This way the birth family can carry on that tradition.

The children had friends in the community and the Haddox family facilitated the ability with the friend's parents to provide their address to the birth family to be able to stay in touch even after the transition. The Haddox's children provided a gift to the to the children to include picture frames, best friend bracelets. The birth family stated that the children are able to still call and visit the Haddox family!

The Haddox stated that "When people tell me they couldn't do foster care because it would break their hearts to say goodbye, I always tell them I'm a big girl and can handle a little heartbreak. This is true. It was worth it to love and care for them and I feel confident and proud that they were loved and cared for well these past two years and two and a half months. I wouldn't want them or us to miss that. We are all changed and have grown for the good as a result of this experience. How could I say "no" to such an opportunity? "

REMINDER: If you have a story to share for the next newsletter please contact Kylee Spring (kspring@washoecounty.us)

Respite

Some good news! Alternative Care (Respite) funding has been approved for the next fiscal year July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021. This means each foster home has 7 days to use during that timeframe. Please note that if you have unused days from this fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, unfortunately those days do not carry over.

Please read the attachments on this email for further details on paid alternative care.

Currently, foster families are able to utilize this funding to take foster children on a family vacation as a family unit as long as approved by the child's caseworker.

When submitting your request forms please copy and paste the following e-mail address:

HSA-RespiteRequests@washocounty.us instead of typing in the address yourself. The address is very case sensitive, and your request will not go through if the address is not entered exactly as shown. If you submit a paid alternative care request form and do not have a response within 4 business days, please reach out as that may indicate your request was not received. If you have questions, please contact Heather Wenker hwenker@washocounty.us





WASHOE COUNTY
HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

350 S. CENTER STREET
RENO, NEVADA 89501-2103
PHONE: (775) 337-4470
FAX: (775) 337-4495

Dear Foster Parent:

We are excited to announce that WCHSA has received alternative care funding through June 30, 2021! Each family* is eligible for **7 days of paid alternative care** per fiscal year. The ongoing availability of this reimbursement program will be dependent on funds being available each year. Please note that with the addition of this funding, KK respite will be for emergencies only based on availability, agency discretion, and approval.

Alternative care gives parents and children the chance to have short periods of time apart in which they can reset and recharge. It enhances the quality of care for the child, gives parents a deserved and necessary break, and ensures healthy and stable placements for all children by preventing parental exhaustion and burnout. Some parents also find that taking family vacations together is a means to recharge as a family. Therefore, alternative care funds may also be utilized to provide funding to include the foster children on a family vacation. WCHSA strongly discourages the use of alternative care for foster children so that families can take vacation without the foster children.

Requirements:

- **Prior approval** – The *WCHSA Paid Alternative Care Request Form* must be submitted no later than one week in advance.
- Use of an approved licensed foster parent, cleared direct care staff, babysitter, or other approved care provider to provide the alternative care. Enhanced/SFC+ are required to use the same level provider (ex. SFC+ to use SFC+ provider). Please review the attached Alternative Care Policy.
- Paid alternative care days can be taken in increments from one day to seven days. WCHSA will track number of days used, so contact Victoria Bowers to check your remaining balance.
- Paid alternative care days not taken by June 30, 2020 are not carried over and will be forfeited.

Payment:

- Reimbursement will be \$30/day, per child (regardless of "normal daily rate") for all providers when taking a child/children on a family vacation. For paid alternative care, all families will be paid at a rate of \$30 per day per child with the exception of children placed in Specialized Foster Homes:
 1. **Will be paid to the licensed foster parent performing the care** upon confirmation that the care was provided. In the case of other approved care providers, reimbursement will be paid to the foster parent requesting the care as they are expected to pay their care provider directly.
 2. Paid directly to the family if utilizing funds for a family vacation.
- The attached WCHSA Paid Alternate Care Request form must be submitted to take advantage of the respite reimbursement.

Use of alternative care beyond the seven days is allowed; however, it is the responsibility of the foster parent requesting care to pay the care provider directly. If you need assistance locating a care provider or have other questions about paid alternate care, please contact Victoria Bower at 337-4484.

*Homes licensed for adoption only are, unfortunately, not eligible for this program.

The attached *WCHSA Paid Alternative Care Request Form* must be completed and emailed to HSA-RespiteRequests@washocounty.us or a hard copy hand delivered to the 1st floor front desk at 350 S. Center Street.

 INTEGRITY

 EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION
350 S. CENTER STREET, RENO, NV 89501

 QUALITY PUBLIC SERVICE



WASHOE COUNTY
HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

350 S. CENTER STREET
RENO, NEVADA 89501-2103
PHONE: (775) 337-4470
FAX: (775) 337-4495

Date: _____

I, _____, am applying for alternate care funds to be
(foster parent)

paid to _____ to care for the following foster children:
(identified care provider or list self if utilizing funds towards a family vacation)

_____ (children's names, dates of birth, and caseworker)

for the following days:
_____ (date) to _____ (date) for a total of _____ (#) days.

In selecting the care provider, I have considered the unique needs and behaviors of each child and have communicated the supervision requirements to maintain child safety. All medical, dental, and therapeutic appointments, as well as visitation and school transportation, have been arranged and covered. I have discussed these arrangements with the child's caseworker and have verified the care provider is in good standing with licensing and/or the child's caseworker and able to accommodate the additional children.

Thank you,

Foster Parent Signature

**** FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN 1 WEEK BEFORE ALTERNATIVE CARE.**
Email to: HSA-RespiteRequests@washocounty.us

**** IF USING MORE THAN ONE CARE PROVIDER, PLEASE USE SEPARATE FORMS**

OFFICE USE ONLY

Approved Denied (explain) _____

Confirmed care performed _____

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 QUALITY PUBLIC SERVICE

Resources

RENO VOLLEYBALL CLUB

The Reno Volleyball Club is willing to offer discounts to children and youth in WCHSA foster care who would like to play volleyball. For more information, visit their website or contact Cindy Lawrence at 775-313-4124 or RenoVBC@aol.com.

SOCCKER SPROUTS

The Reno Sportsdome is offering discounts to foster youth who have an interest in soccer! For more information contact Shannon at sprouts@renodome.com.

RAISE THE FUTURE

Offers several webinar options on their website for families regarding adoption and foster care topics. View their main [Classes and Training](#) page as well as their [Upcoming Classes](#). In addition, they also have a free lending library. They offer a wide variety of books with topics ranging from; exposure, grief & trauma healing, mental illness, sexual abuse, special needs adoption, books for children and more. Visit their website above or call 1-800-451-5246 to learn how easy it is to borrow and return.

NEVADA EQUINE ASSISTED THERAPY (NEATS)

If you're interested in learning more about NEATS and how their services can help you or a youth in your home visit their website or call Laurie at 750-9823.

HEAD START

Has openings! The Community Services Agency (Head Start, State Pre-K and Early Head Start) would love to talk to you if you're interested in early education for your 0-3 or 3-5-year-old. Contact Megan Jack at (775) 786-6023 ext. 207 or mjack@csareno.org.

BIGGEST LITTLE BABY

Previously the Nurturing Nest, Biggest Little Baby is a birth and parenting community that offers a variety of free classes from pregnancy and childbirth to yoga. They also offer free weekly circles of support, toddler playgroups and breast-feeding circle to mention just a few.

A CHILD'S WORLD

Offers a community support group for parents of children with attachment or trauma issues. Receive one hour of training credit per group attended. Groups are the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 7-8:30p.m. (excluding December). **Please RSVP** to Sharon Willams at least 1 day in advance at 322-4650 or Sharonacwoffice@att.net.

WANDA'S BABY CLOSET

Have you ever heard of Casa de Vida? They're a great resource for our teen moms. What you may not be aware of is Wanda's Baby Closet who works in collaboration with Casa de Vida providing free baby clothes and supplies to our bio and foster parents. For information on how to access this amazing resource or to help your bio parent call (775) 329-3211.

KIWANIS CLUB

Has great bikes and accessories available at discounted prices! Contact them at (775) 337-1717 or check out their website above.

FREE TUTORING!

If your youth needs tutoring, please reach out to [Joseph](#) at Sierra Association of Foster Families (SAFF). As a reminder, SAFF can tutor students of all ages who are foster, adopted and/or have reunified.

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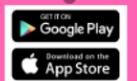
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