

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!

Denim Drive Distribution Event

Saturday, July 31st
10 am to Noon
Kids Kottage Gym.

The Reno Rodeo Foundation will be providing new clothing to foster children of all ages!

Denim Drive Distribution event on Saturday, July 31st from 10 am to Noon at the Kids Kottage Gym.

Please use the following link to register your foster children

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=zzh4oqcab&oeidk=a07ei8twldt530a>

[222c](#). Please add *each of your foster children when you register* so the RRF can be prepared with everyone's sizes on hand.

The deadline to register is Wednesday, July 21st at 5pm. Please note that clothing can only be distributed to foster children at this event.

We hope to see you there!"

Matt Polley will be going live on the second and fourth Friday of every month!

Do not miss Bridges out of Poverty Live!

Dates will be emailed out once scheduled.

Please contact Matt Polly for more information or to register.

MPolley@washoecounty.us

BRIDGES
out of
POVERTY



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@washoeounty.us to RSVP
- **Adoptive Parent Therapeutic Support Group:** For pre- & Post-Adoptive Families. **Wednesday 5-6** vis Zoom. Please contact jcasarez@washoeounty.us or danderson@washoeounty.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=Y2R2eEVKV0RzU0I5VjRjZWZNNmhUQT09>
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@washoeounty.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@washoeounty.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 were missed.

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

Top Tips for Getting a Certificate

- No Fast Forward** - 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** - 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** - 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** - 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@supportus.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.

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@washoeounty.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!

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!

Child Centered Strategies for Supporting Families

Children from hard places manifest the trauma they have experienced in many different ways. Caregivers report the child in their care acting out in ways such as running away, lying, stealing, and arguing but also with children who shut down, become isolated, and stop communicating. Despite the services and trainings available to support families, caregivers often report they continue to feel unprepared and not provided with adequate tools to support children who display significant intensity of behaviors in their home display. This panel will provide a brief overview of recent media events highlighting caregiver's responses to the behaviors of the children in their homes and engage participants in a discussion in approaches to assist in the moment. The panel will be interactive, providing a significant question and answer segment as well. (1.5 Hours)

Entrenamiento de Seguridad de Pasajero Infantil

Esta capacitación le ayudará a aprender cómo mantener a su hijo viajando de manera segura en su vehículo. Esta capacitación cubre cómo seleccionar un asiento de seguridad para niños apropiado, explica las diferencias entre la posición orientada hacia atrás y hacia adelante, analiza las consideraciones sobre dónde se puede colocar el asiento en su vehículo, cómo instalar los asientos para el automóvil y cómo sujetar correctamente a los niños en el asiento para el automóvil. Se demuestra y corrige el uso indebido de los asientos de seguridad para niños, y se abordan preguntas comunes sobre la seguridad de los niños pasajeros. (1.0 hour)

How to Build a Better World, One Child At A Time

Successful futures for our children are directly tied to their healthy development as human beings. One way to approach the vast topic of positive youth development is through the framework of the "40 Developmental Assets." Join us for an in-depth discussion about how the 40 Developmental Assets can be a powerful tool to help caregivers support young people to become caring, responsible adults. This dynamic presentation will assist participants in the creating of strategies for the child welfare professional to partner with caregivers to support the 40 Developmental Assets in their daily involvement with children. These strategies will support the caregivers to provide a nurturing home environment where their children will thrive physically, emotionally, and cognitively. (1.0 Hours)

LifeBook Training

Foster children need a sense of value and a way to maintain connections while in foster care. Lifebook's document a child's journey through foster care. This training helps to define what a Lifebook is for foster children. It discusses the importance of a Lifebook. The training teaches participants options for pages to work on with the child. It reviews the parameters and expectations of a Lifebook. Lifebook's can prepare a child for reunification and/or adoption. The training helps to engage a child with the book. (1.0 hours)

Affirming Care of LBGTQIA+ Youth

In this presentation you will learn about child development and gender and orientation. LGBTQ+ youth are over-represented in the child welfare system, and this presentation explains that affirmation can be life changing for youth. You will learn about the psychological evaluation process, puberty blockers and hormone therapies, and the importance of seeking help from affirming professionals (0.5 hours)

Understanding & Supporting Children with Oppositional Defiant Disorder

Is your child angry and irritable? Vindictive? Defiant? Our presenters explain the criteria for an ODD diagnosis, and several parenting strategies you can use to help with these behaviors. (0.25 hours)

Interested in Adoption?

Mason

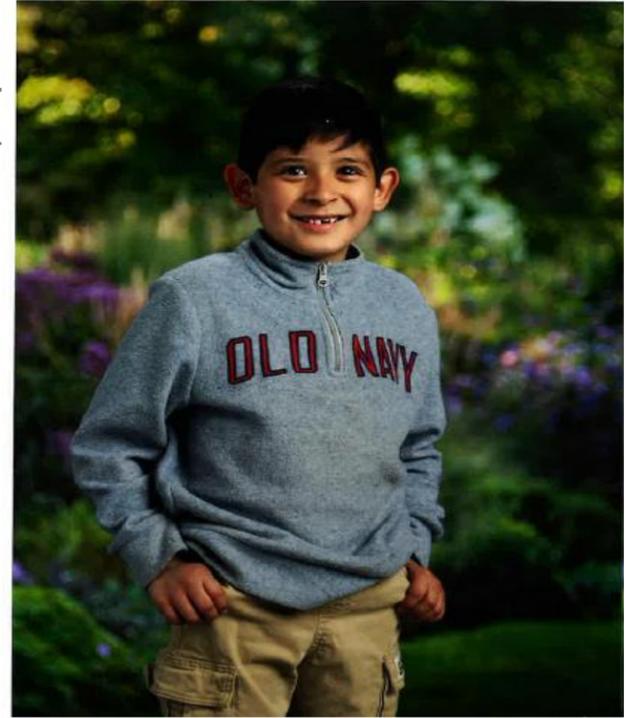
7-year-old

LOOKING FOR A FOREVER HOME

Mason is a sweet and charismatic boy full of energy whose smile lights up any room. Mason is an all-around active boy who enjoys going to the park, playing tag and seeing how high he can go on the swings. Amongst his favorite activities are ice skating, roller skating and playing video games, such as Minecraft and ROBLOX on his iPad. Mason wants to learn to play basketball and learn to swim so he can go swimming in Lake Tahoe, which is one of the places he enjoys visiting. When he grows up, Mason dreams of becoming a Youtuber, famous for making Oobleck slime and his back up plan is becoming a scientist, so he can study the corona virus.

Mason just completed 1st grade and reports that his favorite subject in school is recess. He reports that his favorite foods are pizza and cereal and really disliking carrots. Mason loves animals, especially monkeys and puppies.

Mason's forever family will need to be patient, committed and understanding of the trauma and loss that he has experienced. Mason needs a loving family willing to put the time into helping him continue to grow and earn his trust. If you are interested in learning more about Mason, please contact **Brenda** at Bsilis@washoecounty.us



DeMarco

9-years-old

LOOKING FOR A FOREVER HOME

Are you an active family who loves exploring and learning new things? Then do we have the kid for you! This sweet, adorable little boy with the cheesy, infectious grin is a people pleaser for sure! DeMarco loves to share and help others. He thrives from one-on-one attention, enjoys conversing and generally relishes connecting with others.

Now that DeMarco has the opportunity, he is exploring every sport and outdoor activity he can try. He loves his bike, his scooter, hiking, soccer, and football. If that is not enough, he also loves swimming. Well, really anything to do with water play. DeMarco is looking for an active family who will keep up with all his newly found interests while allowing him the opportunity to continue discovering. Oh, and do not forget about Mine Craft. If you can check off all those boxes, you might just win DeMarco's heart.

If you'd like to learn more about this exuberant, active little boy please reach out to: Tawnya Robertson at Trobertson@washoecounty.us

Jessica

16-years-old

LOOKING FOR A FOREVER HOME

Jessica is an individual in the best sense of the term, and a remarkable self-advocate. Initially she can be shy and her trust must be earned. When she is comfortable, Jessica is outgoing and insightful beyond her chronological age. Jessica has a good sense of humor and appreciates that quality in others. Jessica is hopeful to meet a family who will embrace her uniqueness, and will benefit from a home where she is the only child to open and flexible parent/s.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact Mitch Matthews, LSW mmatthews@washoecounty.us



Washoe County School District

This month QPI Nevada is featuring Nevada Education & Scholarships! Please head over to our QPI Nevada site for loads of Education Resources ([QPI Nevada Just in Time Training | Education Resources](#)) You can find Frequent Asked Questions, Washoe County School Districts 2021-2022 School Calendar as well as tons of other educational information. Attached to this email is also the Washoe County school District Bell Schedule

2021 – 2022 WC SD BELL SCHEDULE		
HIGH SCHOOLS	Bell Schedule	Wed. Release
Academy of Arts, Careers & Technology	8:00-3:00	1:55 PM
Damonte Ranch	8:00-2:30	1:45 PM
Galena	8:00- 2:30	1:45 PM
Gerlach K-12	7:45-2:45	3:00 PM
Hug	7:45-2:20	1:44 PM
Incline	7:50-2:30	1:45 PM
Innovations	8:00-2:58	N/A
Inspire Academy (6-12)	8:00-2:06	1:23 PM
McQueen	7:45-2:35	1:45 PM
North Star Online School (K-12)	No bell schedule open - 8-4	N/A
North Valleys	8:00-2:35	1:45 PM
Reed	7:45-2:35	1:45 PM
Reno	7:40-2:30	1:45 PM
Rise Academy - Adult Ed. Open:	Classes: M-Th 9:30am-12:00pm & 6:00pm-8:30pm Fridays 9:00am-1:00pm HISET Testing-afternoons/Sat.	N/A
Spanish Springs	8:00-2:30	1:45 PM
Sparks	8:00-2:35	1:45 PM
TMCC	8:00-3:20	N/A
Turning Point	No schedule open 7:20-1:54	1:10 PM
Wooster	8:00-2:30	1:45 PM
MIDDLE SCHOOLS	Bell Schedule	Wed. Release
Billinghurst	7:30-2:00	1:15 PM
Clayton-Pre AP	7:30-2:00	1:15 PM
Cold Springs	7:45-2:15	1:30 PM
Depoali	7:30-2:00	1:15 PM
Desert Skies	7:20-2:00	1:15 PM
Dilworth-STEM	7:30-2:00	1:15 PM
Herz	7:30-2:00	1:15 PM
Incline	7:50-2:25	1:40 PM
Mendive	7:30-2:00	1:15 PM
O'Brien-STEM	7:30-1:53	1:13 PM
Piccolo (PK-12)	9:30-3:30	2:45 PM
Pine	7:30-2:00	1:15 PM
Shaw	7:30-2:00	1:15 PM
Sky Ranch	7:30-2:00	1:15 PM
Sparks	7:30-2:00	1:15 PM
Swope	7:30-2:00	1:15 PM
Traner	7:30-2:00	1:15 PM
Vaughn	7:25-2:00	1:15 PM

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS	Bell Schedule	Wed. Release
Allen	9:30-3:30	2:45 PM
Anderson	9:00-3:00	2:15 PM
Beasley	9:15-3:15	2:30 PM
Beck	9:00-3:00	2:15 PM
Bennett	9:00-3:00	2:15 PM
Bohach	9:30-3:30	2:45 PM
Booth	9:00-3:00	2:15 PM
Brown	9:30-3:30	2:45 PM
Cannan	9:15-3:15	2:30 PM
Caughlin Ranch	9:00-3:00	2:15 PM
Corbett	9:30-3:30	2:45 PM
Desert Heights	9:30-3:30	2:45 PM
Diedrichsen	8:45-2:45	2:00 PM
Dodson	9:15-3:15	2:30 PM
Donner Springs	9:30-3:30	2:45 PM
Double Diamond	9:15-3:15	2:30 PM
Drake	8:30-2:30	1:45 PM
Duncan-STEM	9:00-3:00	2:15 PM
Dunn	9:00-3:00	2:15 PM
Elmcrest	9:00-3:00	2:15 PM
Gomes	8:55-3:00	2:15 PM
Gomm	9:30-3:30	2:45 PM
Greenbrae	9:00-3:00	2:15 PM
Hall	9:00-3:00	2:15 PM
Hidden Valley	9:00-3:00	2:15 PM
Huffaker	9:30-3:30	2:45 PM
Hunsberger	9:30-3:30	2:45 PM
Hunter Lake	9:00-3:00	2:15 PM
Hunter Lake - PASS	9:00-3:30	2:15 PM
Incline	9:20-3:20	2:35 PM
Inskeep	9:30-3:30	2:45 pm
Juniper	9:00-3:00	2:15 PM
Lemelson-STEM	9:00-3:00	2:15 PM
Lemmon Valley	9:15-3:15	2:30 PM
Lenz	9:00-3:00	2:15 PM
Lincoln Park	9:30-3:30	2:45 PM
Loder	9:00-3:00	2:15 PM
Mathews	9:30-3:30	2:45 PM
Maxwell	9:00-3:00	2:15 PM
Melton	9:30-3:30	2:45 PM
Mitchell	9:15-3:15	2:30 PM
Moss	9:15-3:15	2:30 PM



2021-2022 Balanced Calendar

Month	No School on Shaded Days	# of School Days	Notes
July 2021	No School on Shaded Days	# of School Days = 21	
August 2021	No School on Shaded Days	# of School Days = 17	August 3 - First Day for Teachers August 3 - 5 - Teacher Professional Development August 6 - Teacher Work Day August 9 - First Day of School August 9 - 13 - Kindergarten Testing August 16 - First Day of Kindergarten
September 2021	No School on Shaded Days	# of School Days = 21	September 6 - Labor Day
October 2021	No School on Shaded Days	# of School Days = 15	October 4 - 8 - Fall Break October - 13 *PSAT Testing October 15 - End of Grading Period October - 18 - 22 Conference Week October 29 - Nevada Day Observed * PSAT TESTING SUBJECT TO CHANGE
November 2021	No School on Shaded Days	# of School Days = 18	November 11 - Veterans Day November 24 - 26 Thanksgiving Break
December 2021	No School on Shaded Days	# of School Days = 12	December 16 - Last Day of Grading Period December 17 - Teacher Work Day December 17 - Dec 31 - Winter Break
January 2022	No School on Shaded Days	# of School Days = 20	January 1 - New Year's Day January 3 - School Resumes January 17 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 2022	No School on Shaded Days	# of School Days = 19	* February 14 - 18 - Spring Conference Week for some schools. Please check with your school for details. February 21 - President's Day
March 2022	No School on Shaded Days	# of School Days = 13	March 1 - ACT Testing March 11 - End of Grading Period March 14 - 25 - Spring Break
April 2022	No School on Shaded Days	# of School Days = 21	
May 2022	No School on Shaded Days	# of School Days = 21	May 30 - Memorial Day
June 2022	No School on Shaded Days	# of School Days = 3	June 3 - End of Grading Period June 3 - Last Day of School

Contingency Days: June 6,7,8	Number of Days Per Quarter	44	39	48	49	180
	Number of Days Per Semester	83	97	180		

Teacher Work Days:	August 3,4,5,6
	December 17

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS	BELL SCHEDULE	WED RELEASE
Mt. Rose (6-8)	MS 8:00-2:30	1:45 PM
Mt. Rose (K-5)	ES 8:30-2:30	1:45 PM
Natchez	8:10-2:30	1:45 PM
Palmer	9:00-3:00	2:15 PM
Peavine	9:30-3:30	2:45 PM
Pleasant Valley	9:30-3:30	2:45 PM
Poulakidas	9:30-3:30	2:45 PM
Risley	9:00-3:00	2:15 PM
Sepulveda	9:00-3:00	2:15 PM
Silver Lake	9:00-3:00	2:15 PM
Smith, Alice	9:30-3:30	2:45 PM
Smith, Kate	8:45-3:00	2:15 PM
Smithridge-STEM	8:45-3:00	2:15 PM
Spanish Springs	9:10-3:15	2:30 PM
Stead	9:00-3:00	2:15 PM
Sun Valley	9:30-3:30	2:45 PM
Taylor	9:00-3:00	2:15 PM
Towles	9:00-3:00	2:15 PM
Van Gorder	9:30-3:30	2:45 PM
Verdi	9:15-3:15	2:30 PM
Veterans-STEM	9:00-3:00	2:15 PM
Warner	9:00-3:00	2:15 PM
Westergard	9:00-3:00	2:15 PM
Whitehead	9:00-3:00	2:15 PM
Winnemucca	9:00-3:00	2:15 PM

Foster Care Licensing

Below you can find an updated list of our Foster Care Licensing workers and their caseloads by zip code as well as their contact information. Remember our licensing workers are there to answer any questions you may have and support you!

Don't hesitate to reach out to your worker!

FOSTER CARE LICENSING - CASELOADS BY ZIP CODE

SANDRA ESPINO (775) 337-4435 SEspino@washoecounty.us	ANASTASIA COOPER (775) 560-7773 ACooper@washoecounty.us	BARBARA JAIME (775) 785-5671 Bjaime@washoecounty.us	JESSICA SHEPHERD (775) 337-4576 JShepherd@washoecounty.us	CODI SOAP (775) 337-4541 CSoap@washoecounty.us
89439	SPECIALIZED FOSTER	89436	89434	89431
89441	ENHANCED HOMES	89509	89450	89433
89503		89506 South of Stead Blvd, Panther Valley, Golden Valley, Lemmon Valley	89451	89512
89523			89501	89508
89519			89502	89704
Spanish-speaking homes			89510	89506 North of Stead Blvd, Cold Springs, Bordertown, Silver Knolls
			89511	
			89521	
			89706	

Spot to Share

Thank you everyone who was able to make it to our Resource Parent Appreciation Event! Here are a few photos from the event! We hope those who attended, enjoyed!



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

Family Engagement Center (FEC) Resources

Accessing new clothing, diapers, shoes, etc. for kiddos coming into care is difficult for most resource families to do at the ‘drop of a hat’. I am happy to announce that with ‘leftover’ monies from our 2020 Pennington Foundation grant, the FEC was able to purchase a large amount of new clothing items and diapers for kiddos. At this time, however, the items purchased are ONLY for NEW kids coming into care. If you receive a new placement, give the FEC a call (775-352-3230) or stop by (905 E. Prater Way in Sparks) to gather a few of the following items for kiddos 0-18:

- Diapers/wipes (including pull-ups, goodnites, etc.)
- Shoes
- Socks
- Underwear
- Pajamas
- Shorts and T-shirts.
- Bathing suits
- Hygiene items
- Etc.

In addition, for any foster home that has African American children, we have a large **supply of ethnic hair care products** just for them.



QPI KEYWORD

School of Origin

School of Origin means the school in which a child is enrolled at the time of placement into foster care. If a child’s foster care placement changes, the school of origin would then be considered the school in which the child is enrolled at the time of the placement change.



We are updating our Have a Heart website! 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. Once complete, 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.

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



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

2021 Pennington Grant (Supplies, Clothing, and Christmas)

Greeting care providers, resource families, caseworkers, and others! Once again, the Pennington Foundation is graciously gifting foster children in Washoe County with an unbelievably large grant for 2021. All children in foster care (legal custody of Washoe County HSA) who reside in Northern Nevada will receive supplies, clothing, and Christmas gifts, totaling \$450 per child. The process will be somewhat like last year, with a few changes. Children who reside outside of Northern Nevada (regardless of placement) cannot be served through this grant/process, but we are working on alternative plans for those kiddos for the 2021 Christmas season. Please understand - to be efficient and consistent in the way we serve all eligible children, the deadlines put into place will be fully enforced barring emergencies (failure to read thoroughly or 'I forgot' will not constitute an emergency). Children in care within Washoe County will be receiving access to the grant in 3 separate sections – School Supplies (ages 5+), Fall/Winter Clothing (and supplies for ages 0-4), and Christmas gifts (for all ages). *****Please read this email thoroughly and carefully to ensure you understand the processes explained*****

SCHOOL SUPPLIES:

- For ages 5+: **School supplies and backpacks will be available for pick up from the FEC (Family Engagement Center – address below) August 3-6 and 10-13 from 8:30 am – 5:30 pm.** Please note that the supplies we provide will not cover ALL required school supplies. These will consist of basic items such as **backpacks (better than last year 😊), crayons, markers, scissors, colored pencils, pencils, pens, erasers, folders, sharpies, highlighters, dry-erase markers, pencil boxes/pouches, watercolors, glue sticks, composition notebooks, hand sanitizer, Kleenex, and rulers.** *You do NOT need to RSVP for this event, but you must be present to pick up the supplies during the times listed above. **It is imperative that kiddos are present for this event to pick out their own supplies.***

CLOTHING/SUPPLIES:

- For ages 0-4: Diapering supplies and/or educational materials - these will be available during one of our shopping events as described below.
- For all ages: Clothing will be available during one of our **in-person shopping events** in the Reno/Sparks area during the months of September and October. A reservation form will be sent out/available by August 31st to choose your date/time for shopping. **It is imperative that older kiddos be present for this event to pick out their own clothing/shoes/etc.**

CHRISTMAS:

- For all ages: Christmas Gifts will be available during one of our **in-person shopping events** in the Reno/Sparks area during the months of November/December. A reservation form will be sent out/available by September 30th to choose your date/time for shopping. Kiddos **should NOT** be in attendance for this event as these gifts should be surprises.

As mentioned above, reservation forms for shopping days will be sent out electronically in the coming months. I appreciate everyone's patience and understanding with this process and with the volume of emails and interactions that will need to be made to coordinate for over 725 children. With that being said, please note that all communication about this project will be done electronically through email, Facebook posts (on the Northern Nevada Foster Parent Group), newsletters, etc. so please be on the lookout for the information. It is vital that all materials (supplies, clothing, gifts, etc.) that children receive while in their foster/temporary placements are ALWAYS sent with them when they move, regardless of the placement type. Specific questions or further clarification about this project/grant can be made by emailing Rhonda Walker, FEC staff member, at RWalker@washoecounty.us.

Thank you and please reach out with concerns, questions, kudos, etc. We appreciate photos of kiddos shopping/picking out/receiving items, letters, and thank you cards – all of which we will provide to the Pennington Foundation at the end of the year.



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.

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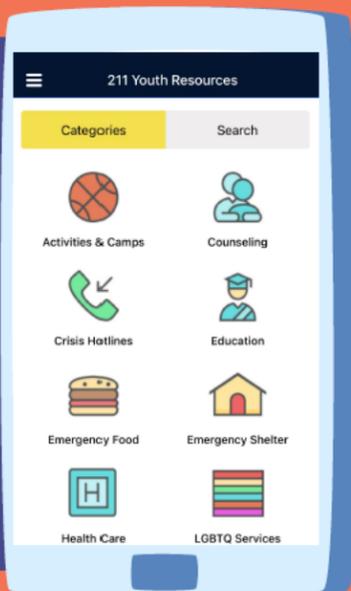
Has great bikes and accessories available at discounted prices! Contact them at (775) 337-1717 or check out their website above.

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.

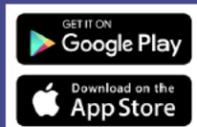
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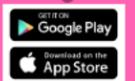
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