CHILDREN’S WEEK AT THE LEGISLATURE
APRIL 1 - 4, 2013

MONDAY APRIL 1st
Children’s Day at the Legislature

8am to 10am – Networking Breakfast
Location: Legislative Building, Room 3100
Sponsored by: Clark County Black Caucus, UNLV Nevada Institute for Children’s Research and Policy (NICRP), Children’s Advocacy Alliance (CAA)

9am – Welcome & Introductions
- Denise Tanata Ashby, Children’s Advocacy Alliance (CAA)
- Tara Phebus, UNLV Nevada Institute for Children’s Research and Policy (NICRP)
- Miriam Shearing, Former NV Supreme Court Justice & CAA Board Member
- Justice Nancy Siatta, Nevada Supreme Court

9:30am — Advocacy Training
Get an overview of the legislative process and how to advocate effectively for children & families in Nevada.

10am – Bears on Parade
Children’s Parade through Legislative Building

11am to 1pm – Child & Family Resource Lunch
Location: Legislative Building Room 3100
Sponsored By: Sierra Association of Foster Families (SAFF), Children’s Advocacy Alliance (CAA), Progressive Democrats Association (PDA) - Clark County

- Legislators have the opportunity to explore our informational resource fair located in the Legislative Lobby and in Room 3100. Learn about the programs that are offered to families throughout the state.
- Also enjoy lunch with families that are visiting the legislative building.

1:30pm to 5:00pm—Legislative Hearings
See schedule posted in Room 3100.

TUESDAY APRIL 2nd
Child Safety

8am to 10am – Open Breakfast Buffet & Networking
Location: Legislative Building, Room 3100
Sponsored by: Baby’s Bounty, Children’s Advocacy Alliance (CAA)

9am to 9:30am – Focus on Prenatal Care and Immunizations
- Overview of Pending Legislation – Denise Tanata Ashby, CAA
- Prevent Child Abuse NV Pinwheels for Prevention – Amanda Haboush, PCA-NV

8am to 10am – Pinwheel Planting Ceremony & Press Conference on Legislative Lawn
- Amanda Haboush, Prevent Child Abuse Nevada, UNLV NICRP
- Sonya Horsford, UNLV Lincy Institute
- Keia Guia, Million March Against Child Abuse
- Dee Klymman, Shaken Baby Syndrome
- Ollie Hernandez, WAYCUP

12:30pm to 2:30pm – Open Lunch Buffet & Networking
Location: Legislative Building, Room 3100
Sponsored by: Prevent Child Abuse Nevada (PCA-NV), St. Jude’s Ranch, Boy’s Town, Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth (SAFY)

1:00pm — Assemblyman Andy Eisen & Senator Barbara Cegavske

1:15pm – Child Sex Trafficking
Speakers: Attorney General's Office

1:30pm to 5:00pm—Legislative Hearings
See schedule posted in Room 3100.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 3rd
Early Childhood

8am to 10am – Open Breakfast Buffet & Networking
Location: Legislative Building, Room 3100
Sponsored by: Southwest Gas – Carson City, Easter Seals

9am to 9:30am – Presentations
- Overview of Pending Legislation
- Local Early Childhood Advisory Councils

11am to 1pm – Networking Lunch with members of Early Childhood Community
Sponsored by: United Way of Southern Nevada, SNAEYC, NevAEYC, SNECAC

12pm to 4pm – Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Meeting

1:30pm to 5:00pm—Legislative Hearings
See schedule posted in Room 3100.

THURSDAY APRIL 4th
Wellness

8am to 10am – Open Breakfast Buffet & Networking
Location: Legislative Building, Room 3100
Sponsored by: March of Dimes, Immunize Nevada

9am to 9:30am – Focus on Prenatal Care and Immunizations
- Overview of Pending Legislation
- Immunize Nevada
- March of Dimes
- Senator Joe Hardy
A Snapshot of Nevada’s Child Serving Organizations:

The Nevada Institute for Children's Research and Policy (NICRP) looks out for Nevada's children. Our mission is to conduct academic and community-based research that will guide the development of policies, programs and services which will enhance the health and well-being of Nevada's children. **The Goals of NICRP include:** Conducting research and reporting on children's issues, providing information that will advance children's causes in Nevada, collaborating with community groups, educators, parents and policy makers to promote a focus on children's issues, and representing Nevada's children on a nationwide basis to ensure that their interests are addressed. For more information, visit [http://nic.unlv.edu](http://nic.unlv.edu)

Nevada PEP, the statewide Parent Center offers education, empowerment, and encouragement for parents of children with disabilities from birth through 26 years old. Nevada PEP provides a variety of training workshops on special education and disability related topics as well as support groups. Our ultimate goal is to provide opportunities for home, community, and school success for children with disabilities, including those who are at risk or who have serious emotional disturbances, their families and service providers. For additional information, call us at 702.388-8899 or visit us at [http://www.nvpep.org/](http://www.nvpep.org/)

The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) is dedicated to improving the well-being of all young children, with particular focus on the quality of educational and developmental services for all children from birth through age 8. Local Chapters include Nevada Association for the Education of Young Children (NeVAEYC), Southern Nevada Association for the Education of Young Children (SNAEYC), Reno Association for the Education of Young Children (RAEYC), and Southern Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council (SNECAC). For more information, visit [http://www.nevaecy.org/](http://www.nevaecy.org/)

Advocates to End Domestic Violence (AEDV) is a private, not-for-profit organization. We were formed in 1979 by two formerly battered women who saw a need for a domestic violence program in Carson City, Nevada. We have grown from a small two-bedroom apartment, to a full service program that operates a 51-bed shelter and provides a wide variety of services designed to protect and support battered women and their children in the community. Our mission is to provide a safe, supportive environment where domestic violence victims can re-examine their view of themselves and work towards a violence free future. We accept a woman as she is and encourage her positive growth toward independence and self-sufficiency. For more information, visit [http://www.aedv.org/](http://www.aedv.org/)

Children's Hospital of Nevada at UMC is devoted to making sick and injured children healthy and well by combining compassionate, family-centered care with modern technology. For more information, visit [https://www.childrenshospitalofnevada.org](https://www.childrenshospitalofnevada.org)

Babies born into poverty are identified through collaboration with City and Clark County social service agencies, hospitals, safe havens, homeless shelters, schools and family court. A caseworker submits a written request and Baby’s Bounty assists by providing each baby with a diaper bag filled with new and gently used clothing, receiving blankets, diapers, bottles, toiletries and essential gear, including a safe sleep environment (such as a portable crib), car seat, baby carrier and bathtub. The caseworker picks up and delivers the items to the family, very often as soon as the baby is released from the hospital. To date, Baby’s Bounty has provided essential items to more than 900 babies. Over 60 diaper bags are distributed per month and dozens of car seats, portable cribs and bathtubs. The principal goal of Baby’s Bounty is to ensure that every newborn in need has the most essential items to thrive. For more information, visit [http://babysbounty.org/](http://babysbounty.org/)

Immunize Nevada is a statewide nonprofit organization committed to improving and protecting the health of Nevadans through increased immunizations. Immunize Nevada offers statewide immunization outreach through continuing education opportunities for healthcare providers; community outreach through media and marketing programs; and advocating for pro-immunization policies at the state level. The organization’s primary functions include: Supporting healthcare professionals by providing education opportunities, conferences, webinars, training, office tools and incentives, Bringing together regional, state and national partners to collaborate on immunization projects and programs. Serving as an expert resource to community members and providing outreach on the importance of immunizing and the risks of not immunizing, and Advocating for pro-immunization policies at the state level. For more information, visit [http://www.immunizenevada.org/](http://www.immunizenevada.org/)

Healthy Communities is a multi-sector collaboration across the region aimed at supporting the success of every child by connecting resources that work to nurture their success so they are able to reach their maximum potential, and live healthy, productive lives. The work is not a program, but a new way of doing business by which all community partners share accountability for improvement, while recognizing the unique and important role they play. The United Way of Southern Nevada is proud to serve as the lead agency for this community-based collaboration.
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At Prevent Child Abuse Nevada, we believe in prevention, in doing what we can to ensure that children live in safe, stable and nurturing environments. We believe healthy child development is the foundation for community and economic development, the building blocks of a flourishing society and a stable national chapter. Get Involved Today!

The Nevada Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Association, in partnership with local CASA programs, supports and promotes court appointed volunteer advocacy for abused and neglected children so they can live in safe, permanent homes. Nevada CASA Association supports the development, growth, and continuation of CASA programs throughout the state ensuring volunteer court advocacy for abused and neglected children in Nevada. For more information visit us at www.nevadacasa.org

The Clark County Democratic Black Caucus is a volunteer organization that advocates for the African American community in Nevada, working to improve the quality of life for all children and families through policy and legislation. For more information, visit http://ccblackcaucus.org/

Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth (SAFY) of America is a leading national nonprofit organization providing a full continuum of services for youth in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems. Founded in 1984, SAFY provides nationally-recognized family and children services in 28 offices across eight states including Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, South Carolina, Alabama, Oklahoma, Texas and Nevada.

Easter Seals Nevada provides exceptional services to help all people with disabilities or special needs and their families become self-sufficient through direct services, education and community partnerships.

Boys Town Nevada opened its doors in 1991, bringing an innovative approach to child and family care to those in need in the Las Vegas area. The site has five Family Homes, where boys and girls learn valuable skills that give them a foundation for a brighter future. The site’s Integrated Continuum of Care® also offers In-Home Family Services, and Community Support Services. The latter level of care includes Common Sense Parenting® classes and the Boys Town Behavioral Network, an internal team of program professionals who provide individualized care recommendations for children referred to Boys Town Nevada. These services and programs touch the lives of 20,000 children and families in Nevada each year. - See more at: http://www.boystown.org/locations/nevada/about-boys-town-nevada#sthash.BcaZdjvu.dpuf

The Children’s Advocacy Alliance (CAA) is a community-based nonprofit organization that mobilizes people, resources and reason to ensure every child has a chance to thrive and to make Nevada a better place to live and raise a family. CAA advocates for the well-being of Nevada’s Children. We bring people together to build consensus around priorities and to leverage our collective strength toward real changes in policy and practice. Our organization collects, analyzes and shares research and information with people who make decisions impacting Nevada’s children and families. We believe in building public will through education, outreach, and advocacy to solve expansive and chronic problems facing kids and families.

St. Jude’s Ranch for Children has a 40 year history of caring for abused, abandoned and neglected children. Founded in 1967 by Father Jack Adam, St. Jude’s Ranch for Children opened it’s doors to a single child in need of love and care. Since that first child, St. Jude’s Ranch for Children has provided healing and nurturing for more than 1,000 children. We are transforming the lives of abused and at-risk children, young adults and families by empowering them to create new chances, new choices and new hope in a caring community. Our programs offer a continuum of care for children and families to help break the cycle of abuse and neglect by mending spirits and renewing hope.

The March of Dimes is the leading nonprofit organization for pregnancy and baby health. With chapters nationwide, the March of Dimes works to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. For the latest resources and information, visit marchofdimes.com or nacersano.org. For free access to national, state, county and city-level maternal and infant health data visit marchofdimes.com/PeriStats.

We seek to build a party and government controlled by citizens, not corporate elites— with policies that serve the broad public interest, not just private interests. As a grassroots PAC operating inside the Democratic Party, and outside in movements for peace and justice, PDA played a key role in the stunning electoral victories of November 2006 and 2008. Our inside/outside strategy is guided by the belief that a lasting majority will require a revitalized Democratic Party built on firm progressive principles.
We would like to thank the Carson Nugget for their sense of charity and their dedication to community.

Children’s Week is Organized by:

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