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NICRP Fall Newsletter

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Fall 2015 issue of the NICRP Newsletter. NICRP works to provide community reports on issues that impact Nevada's families as well as information on events that benefit children and families.



In this issue we provide an update on a few of NICRP's activities over the past several months. We have welcomed four new, full-time staff members to the NICRP research team. We have also been fortunate to receive a \$1 Million grant with our partner, Children's Advocacy Alliance. Additionally, NICRP collaborated with community partners to celebrate the 8th Annual Step Up for Kids Day in Las Vegas, Carson City, and Reno in September. Finally, this issue provides short summaries of the Year 7 Kindergarten Health Survey Report that was released in September and two national reports detailing poverty and the status of uninsured children Nevada.

These are only a few of the projects that NICRP is working on and we encourage you to take a look at our [website](#) for more information on these and our other projects and initiatives.

Sincerely,

and/or Follow us on:



Tara Phebus, MA  
Interim Executive Director, NICRP

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## Introducing our Newest NICRP Staff Members!

NICRP would like to welcome the newest members of our research team:

Patricia Haddad  
*Research Assistant*

Mirzah Trejo  
*Research Assistant*

M. Amaris Fuller  
*Asst. Research Analyst*

Valeria Gurr  
*Program Coordinator*

Each of these individuals is a great asset to our team, and their help in organizing events and collaborating with community partners is instrumental to continuing the mission

## Release of the 2014-2015 Nevada Kindergarten Health Survey Report

### Health Status of Children Entering Kindergarten in Nevada



The Kindergarten Health Survey continues to be distributed in the state of Nevada as a way to gather data on the health status of children entering the school system. Now in its 8th year, NICRP, in partnership with all Nevada School Districts and the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health conducts this survey in order to help identify specific areas for improvement and

provide information to policy makers that can help guide decisions that impact children's health.

Some highlights from this year's report include:

- A 39.7% decrease in the number of uninsured children since the previous year.
- A 7.6 increase in the number of individuals who report having no trouble accessing health care services
- A 6.9% increase in children who are underweight
- A 5.4% increase in children who are overweight or obese

Details of all survey items and data trends since 2012 can be seen in our full report.

[Full Report](#)

This report can also be found on our website at [http://nic.unlv.edu/reports\\_](http://nic.unlv.edu/reports_)

For any questions regarding this report please contact:  
Amanda Haboush-Deloye at 702-895-1040

## NICRP Releases Two National Reports

### Nevada Status on Poverty

In collaboration with the Food Bank of Northern Nevada and the Coalition on Human Needs, NICRP has released the 2014 Nevada Poverty Report:

of NICRP.

For more information  
about our newest  
members and all of our  
current staff, please  
visit:

[NICRP Staff](#)

### **NICRP & CAA Receive \$1 Million Grant!**

*NICRP and the  
Children's Advocacy  
Alliance (CAA) were  
awarded a \$1 Million  
grant by the W.K.  
Kellogg Foundation to  
continue their efforts to  
advocate for  
improvements to quality  
early childhood  
education.*

See the full story [here](#).

### **Strong Start Advocacy Trainings**

NICRP, along with the  
Children's Advocacy  
Alliance (CAA) is  
providing free  
advocacy trainings for  
professionals, parents,  
and other community  
members.

### [Too Many Nevadans Remain in Poverty:](#)

*Investments in Human Needs Programs Needed, but Cuts Threaten to  
Leave More Behind.*

Click on the link above to view the full report about disproportionate  
poverty in Nevada and what can be done to address human needs  
associated with poverty.

### **Nevada Status on Uninsured Children**

In collaboration with the Georgetown Center for Children & Families, and  
the Children's Advocacy Alliance, NICRP has released the 2014 Children's  
Health Insurance Rates Report:

[Children's Health Insurance Rates in 2014:](#)  
*ACA Results in Significant Improvements*

Click on the link above to view the full report and see how Nevada  
measures up to the rest of the country in its rates of children without  
health insurance coverage.

## **8th Annual Step Up for Kids Success Story**

Nevada's held events statewide to participate in the 8th Annual National  
Step Up for Kids Day.

To celebrate and bring awareness to children's issues in Clark  
County, NICRP, Children's Advocacy Alliance, and the Southern Nevada  
Early Childhood Advisory Council hosted Step Up for Kids at the Springs  
Preserve in Las Vegas. Additional events were hosted in Northern  
Nevada by the Children's Cabinet in Carson City on September 29th and  
in Reno on September 30th. A variety of activities were made available for  
children who attended and information was distributed to parents to  
support resources for education, health, and safety.

Click here for a [Full Summary Report](#) of the events.

*We would like to thank our  
sponsors and community  
supporters who made this event  
possible:*

**Sponsors:** Baby's Bounty,  
Children's Advocacy Alliance,  
Children's Day Nevada,  
Empowering to Excel, Freed's Bakery, Kaplan Early Learning Company,  
Lakeshore Learning Store, Las Vegas Urban League, Meadow Gold, UNLV  
Nevada Institute for Children's Research and Policy, Southern Nevada Early  
Childhood Advisory Council, Vegas PBS, Whole Foods.



These trainings provide information, resources, and tools to help people speak up for the needs of children and make their voice heard to policy makers.

*Trainings are available in English & Spanish and can be scheduled for groups of 5 or more. CEUs may be available.*

*To schedule a training at your organization, please contact:*

Mirzah Trejo  
(702) 895-1040.



**Community Co-Supporters:**

Acelero Head Start Clark County, Baby's Bounty, Bikers Against Child Abuse, Children's Advocacy Alliance, Clark County Department of Family Services, DFS Parenting Project, Dignity Health St. Rose Dominican, Discovery Children's Museum, Eagle Quest, East Valley Family Services, Entravision, EXA 94.5FM Radio Station/Eric Palacios, Family Services Parenting Project, Girl Scouts of Southern Nevada, Family to Family Connection, Financial Guidance Center, Foster Kinship, Foundation for Positively Kids, Immunize Nevada, Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada Inc., Las Vegas Urban League - Early Childhood Connection, LVCCLD, Lyon County Human Services, Metro Volunteer Program, Mojave Max, Nevada Early Intervention Services, Nevada Children's Center, New Discoveries Behavioral Health & Family Services, Nevada Child Seekers, Nevada Department of Education - Office of Early Learning & Development, Nevada PEP, Nevada PTA, Olive Crest of Nevada, Outside Las Vegas Foundation, Pahrump Honey Company, Parents as Teachers, Prevent Child Abuse Nevada, Reflections Dance Center, SAFE House, SNAEYC, Southern Nevada Health District, Sunrise Children's Foundation, The Children's Cabinet, The PRACTICE, The Stop It Foundation, Trapeze Las Vegas, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension - Partners in Parenting, and Whole Foods.

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