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,
Tara Phebus, MA  
Interim Executive Director, NICRP

Release of the 2014-2015 Nevada Kindergarten Health Survey Report

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.

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:
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.

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:


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.
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:

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