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FREE Treat Kids & VOTE Bags

Now Available!!!

Is your organization having an event for Halloween? Every Child Matters in Nevada has trick or treat bags available for parents and children. These bags are free to any requesting organization while supplies last. Please contact us if you are interested.

Quick Links

[Check Out Our Website](#)

Celebrating Ten Years

Dear Friends,



The Nevada Institute for Children's Research and Policy is proud to release our first quarterly newsletter. We hope to use these newsletters to tell our community partners about all the projects we are working on as well as let you know about reports as they are released. We hope that this can keep the community informed about children's issues. Please feel free to forward this to anyone else that you think may be interested in reading about our current research projects.

Thank you for your continued support!

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Pictured Left to Right: Sandy Miller, Barbara Buckley, Louise Helton, Denise Tanata Ashby

Nevada Institute for Children's Research and Policy celebrated their 10 Year Anniversary at the UNLV Foundation Building in May. A ceremony was held to recognize the research and policy efforts over the past ten years.

Also, in honor of our 10 year anniversary, a contest was held among local high school students to design a new logo for NICRP. We received over 50 entries from four different schools in the valley, including Coronado, Area Technical Trade Center, Palo Verde and Green Valley. The Logo Contest winner, as well as 2nd and 3rd place winners received cash prizes and gift certificates donated by local organizations and individuals. The winners are 1st Place Mackenzie Stewart from Coronado HS, 2ndPlace Rebecca Grimes from Green Valley HS, and 3rd Place Eddie Juarez from Area Technical Trade Center. Thank you to Blick Art Materials, Walmart, Chili's, Midnight Printing, Barbara Gray Krause Designs, Target, and Dr. Mary Guinan for their contributions to further the education of these student artists.

NICRP Legislative Briefing Book



The NICRP is working with community partners across the state to compile the NICRP 2009 Legislative Briefing

Every Child Matters in Nevada

Every Child Matters in Nevada, in collaboration with the UNLV Nevada Institute for Children's Research and Policy, is an organization dedicated raising the visibility of children's issues and to make them a priority topic of policy debate throughout the 2008 presidential and local campaigns. This project does not rate or endorse candidates.

We will be active in Nevada over the next several months raising the visibility of children's issues at candidate appearances, promoting these issues in the media, communicating with concerned citizens, developing campaign partnerships, hosting candidate forums, and distributing get out the vote materials to child care centers, preschools, and other sites which care for children. Please visit our website for a list of upcoming event or join our list serve to receive weekly emails. Every Child Matters has developed flyers (English and Spanish), fans, stickers, bumper stickers, and brochures for public dissemination. If you are interested in receiving materials for yourself or to disseminate through your organization please contact us. Some of our materials are also on our website at www.everychildmatters.org/nevada.

There are many things that you can do to help improve child welfare in Nevada such as, Volunteer at Every Child Matters events, Participate in rallies, Attend local candidate and Presidential forums, Inform our group of upcoming children's events, encourage you candidates to complete the ECM Candidate Questionnaire (located on our website), and VOTE!!!

Clark County Child Death Review Annual Report

Since 2005 NICRP has done the data collection and management for the local Child Death Review Team. The Clark County Child Death Review Team is a multidisciplinary team comprised of members from various agencies including law enforcement, school district, physicians, health district, child welfare, coroner's office, non-profit prevention agencies, etc. This group meets on a monthly basis to review the deaths of children in Clark County with the goal of understanding the circumstances and creating recommendations for prevention. The group's mission is to prevent future child deaths through community awareness and education campaigns, or changes to existing agency practice. In 2007, through funding from the Clark County Manager's Office, NICRP created the first Clark County Child Death Review Annual Report. This report contained information regarding child deaths from calendar year 2006. This report was released in July 2007.

This summer NICRP completed its second annual Clark County Child Death Review Report. This report not only contains statistics regarding the review of 2007 child deaths, but also compares several demographic and risk factors to the previous year. The 2007 report was presented to the Clark County Commissioners on October 7, 2008. The full report is available on the NICRP website.

Clark County Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Interim and Annual Report

Since 2006 NICRP has organized the data collection and chairs the Legislative Affairs workgroup for the local Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program. The Clark County Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) combines the efforts of the Epidemiology, Environmental Health and Nursing divisions of the Southern Nevada Health District and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas partners to track, investigate and provide case management for children affected by lead poisoning, and to conduct primary prevention activities in Southern

Book. The purpose of the Children's Legislative Briefing Book is to provide a quick snapshot of some of the most pressing issues facing Nevada's children in order to provide advocates and policymakers with a stepping stone in creating positive changes to improve the lives of Nevada's children. While this book will not cover every issue facing our children, it is intended to highlight those of greatest concern, covering issues in education, health, safety and security, and the juvenile justice system. This Briefing Book is intended to be a compilation of statistics and policy recommendations from across the state, authored and supported by the practitioners, agencies, organizations, individuals and others who work with and advocate for the well-being of children in Nevada. The NICRP 2009 Legislative Briefing Book is anticipated to be available later this Fall. Please check our website for updates!

Nevada and in the future throughout the state of Nevada. The CLPPP has a primary workgroup meeting once a month and a quarterly Strategic Advisory Counsel meeting each quarter to inform community partners and agencies of CLPPP activities and work on collaboration efforts. This past year NICRP assembled the first Interim report, now available online at www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/clppp, to inform the community and legislators of the current need to expand the efforts of the CLPPP. NICRP is also assists with the Annual Report which will be released in October. This report reviews the overall mission of the CLPPP, highlights previous years accomplishments and challenges, analyzes the current project years data and accomplishments, and reviews future goals.

Upcoming Projects

- Kindergarten Health Survey
- Barriers to Accessing Health Care:
- Recommendations for Improving Policies, Practices and Systems in Nevada's Public Health Insurance Programs
- Performance Audit of Nevada's Child Welfare Agencies
- Study of Girls in the Juvenile Justice System

Funding

For more information about how to sponsor a project, collaborate with NICRP or make a donation or gift, please contact our Executive Director, Denise Tanata Ashby, at (702) 895-1040 or via email at denise.tanata@unlv.edu.