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NICRP Fall Newsletter  November 2013

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Fall 2013 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. In September, NICRP collaborated with community partners to hold the 6th Annual Step Up for Kids Day at the Las Vegas Natural History Museum. In October, we wrapped up work with the first pilot hospital in the Baby Safe Sleep program and gave a community presentation on the program’s progress. Finally, this issue also provides a short summary of the 2012 Annual Report of Child Deaths in Clark County that was just released earlier this month.

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 2012 Annual Report of Child Deaths in Clark County

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Child Deaths in Clark County

The 2012 Annual Report of Child Deaths in Clark County was released on Monday, November 18, 2013. The Child Death Review team in Clark County is a multidisciplinary team that reviews the deaths of children aged 0 to 17 years in order to make recommendations to prevent future child deaths. Since 2006, NICRP has been contracted to help coordinate team meetings and create an annual report of child deaths in an effort to track statistics and identify trends in Clark County. These data are used to craft recommendations for public awareness campaigns, policy changes and progress toward the reduction of child deaths in our community. This year's report contains information on cause and manner for all 2012 child deaths in Clark County, Nevada as well as comparisons to data from previous years.

This year we continued to see a decline in the total number of child deaths in our community, decreasing 28.6% since 2008 (from 311 in 2008 to 222 in 2012). Overall we did see some causes of death increase in 2012 - specifically motor vehicle accidents, from 10 deaths in 2011 to 19 deaths in 2012, and accidental suffocation deaths from 15 deaths in 2011 to 23 deaths in 2012. The report summary and full report provide a full breakdown of causes and manners of death for children in 2012.

Links to each of these reports are provided below.

Full Report  Summary

This report can also be found on our website at
http://nic.unlv.edu/reports.

For any questions regarding this report please contact Tara Phebus at 702-895-1040

Nevada's Statewide and Local Early Childhood Advisory Councils

Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council

The Nevada Council, established in 2009, works to strengthen state-level coordination and collaboration among the various sectors and settings of early childhood programs. The vision is that "Nevada's children will be safe, healthy, and thriving during the first eight years of life, and the system will support children and families in achieving their full potential."
Local Early Childhood Advisory Councils (Local ECACs) support and promote local strategies to serve all young children through community based providers. Each Council develops their own plan and goals to meet the needs of the community while aligning with the State ECAC priorities. Currently there are eight Local ECACs that represent seven counties and Nevada's Tribes and tribal organizations. For more information please visit the website Nevadaecac.com.

NICRP organizes the local council for Southern Nevada. Our council currently meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 1-3pm. For more information on the SN council, visit our website at snecac.com.

6th Annual Step Up for Kids Success Story

Nevada's 3rd annual Children's Day was Monday, September 23, 2013. To celebrate and bring awareness to children's issues in our State, Every Child Matters in Nevada, an advocacy initiative at the UNLV Nevada Institute for Children's Research and Policy, hosted Step Up for Kids at the Las Vegas Natural History Museum. This year's event was a huge success; over 300 families and children attended the event.

Click here for a Summary Report of the event.

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

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