Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Fall 2016 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 collaborate with many community partners on a variety of projects involving early childhood education, improving school climates, and creating healthier communities. In addition, as the home of Prevent Child Abuse Nevada, NICRP organized a number of Pinwheels for Prevention events throughout the state to raise awareness for April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. The updates below highlight some of the most recent accomplishments that our state and local community partnerships have helped us to achieve.

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,
NICRP is proud to announce a new partnership with Camp MakeBelieve Kids!

This collaboration aims to study how a recently developed social emotional learning program for middle school students - Strategies & Tools to Embrace Prevention with Upstream Programs (STEP UP) - can help to prevent negative behaviors by decreasing risk and enhancing protective factors.

We would like to thank the Nevada Coalition for Suicide Prevention and the Nevada Office of Suicide Prevention for their support and encouragement of this partnership.

SAVE THE DATE!
16th Annual Nevada State Child Abuse, Neglect, and Prevention Safety Conference

Promoting Mindful Approaches to Strengthen Families & Communities

June 8th, 2017
in Southern Nevada

CONGRATULATIONS!
Tara Phebus, MA
Executive Director, NICRP

New Report Release!
2015-2016 Health Status of Children Entering Kindergarten

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 9th 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.

Click HERE to see the full report.

Policy & Advocacy

The Nevada Institute for Children’s Research and Policy is an active voice in Nevada regarding public policy as it pertains to the children and families of our communities. Check out the following resources. As the session progresses, updates will be available on the Policy page of the NICRP website.

2017 Children’s Legislative Briefing Book
Policy briefs that provide a snapshot of some of the most pressing issues facing Nevada’s children.

Children’s Bill Tracking List
Regularly updated list that outlines the status of bills pertaining to children in the 2017 Nevada Legislative Session.
NICRP is proud to announce that we have a new Associate Director:

Amanda Haboush-Deloye, PhD

Amanda has been working at NICRP since 2006. She has been instrumental in the continued success of NICRP and its research, policy, and advocacy efforts. Currently, Amanda is also the Programs Director for Prevent Child Abuse Nevada.

Read more about Amanda's recent accomplishments here!

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**Public Health Bill Tracking List**

Regularly updated list that outlines the status of bills pertaining to public health in the 2017 Nevada Legislative Session.

**Children's Week at the Legislature**

March 13-16, 2017

Children's Week is a four day event at the NV Legislative building, hosted by NICRP and the Children's Advocacy Alliance, to bring together community organizations and families to advocate for education, health, and safety. Please visit the event webpage to see how you can get involved.

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**Recap of Events from Child Abuse Prevention Month!**

**NICRP is home to Prevent Child Abuse Nevada and is proud to have helped Nevada organizations host events throughout the state for Child Abuse Prevention Month!**

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**What is Pinwheels for Prevention?**

The Pinwheels for Prevention is a nationwide campaign created to promote change in how our communities think about prevention and how we can deliver on our commitment to America's children. The pinwheel is an uplifting reminder of childhood and the bright futures all children deserve. More information about this campaign can be found HERE!

This year, over 10,000 pinwheels were distributed throughout the state in order to promote the happy, healthy childhoods that all kids deserve! Check out our 2016 Pinwheels for Prevention Statewide Summary to learn more about the statewide campaign efforts!