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Dear Friends,

Our state and our country have experienced difficult economic times over the past few years that have severely impacted non profit organizations, social programs, businesses, and families in Nevada.



FREE Halloween 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 in receiving these FREE Trick or Treat bags.

This November, we have the opportunity to decide who will represent our state at both the local and federal levels. Immediately following this important election, our state legislators will be going into the 76th Legislative session in February 2011. Now, more than ever, it is important to get involved in the process and make your voice heard.

This special issue of the NICRP Newsletter is dedicated to providing you with information and tools to advocate on behalf of children in Nevada.



We encourage you to use your voice for those who cannot speak for themselves and vote for candidates that will support the children of Nevada.

Thank you for your continued support!

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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

Free Advocacy Training

Learn how to be more effective in your advocacy work in a half-day workshop. Through brief training, simple tools, and take-home resources you will become empowered to more actively engage in and influence the public policy process around healthcare issues.

LAS VEGAS

Monday, September 27th
1:00PM-5:00PM
Health Insight
Community Room
6830 W. Oquendo Road

RENO

Wednesday, October 6th
1:00PM-5:00PM
South Valleys Library
15650A Wedge Parkway

Free Registration:

www.familytiesnv.org/training/events

Call: Melissa toll-free at 866-326-8437

Training funded by Community Catalyst.

NICRP Legislative Briefing Book



2009 Legislative Briefing Book

Prepared in cooperation with:
The Children's Advocacy Alliance
Southern Nevada Area Health Education Center



The NICRP is working with community partners across the state to compile the NICRP 2011 Legislative Briefing Book. The purpose of the 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

organization dedicated raising the visibility of children's issues and making them a priority topic of policy debate throughout the 2010 local campaigns. This organization does not rate or endorse candidates.

EVENTS: 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.



Educational Breakfast for Policy Makers

October 2, Fitzgerald's Hotel in Las Vegas
October 9th Academy of Arts, Careers, and Technology in Reno

(details below)

Candidate Meet & Greet

October 13, 6-8pm

**Lied Discovery Children's Museum in Las Vegas;
Free Museum Admission and Free Food**

RESOURCES: 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.

GET INVOLVED: There are many things that you can do to help improve the quality of life for children 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 your candidates to complete the ECM Candidate Questionnaire (located on our website), and VOTE!!!

Educational Breakfast for Current and Potential Policy Makers:

ECM-NV will be hosting two educational breakfast seminars for current and potential policy makers to discuss the needs of children in our state.

Please RSVP if you wish to attend either event.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/25MQTC3>

Southern Nevada: October 2nd 9:00-10:30am

LOCATION: Fitzgerald Hotel 12th Floor

Highlight: Release of The 2009 Annual Report of Child Deaths in Clark County

This breakfast will feature speakers to discuss specific challenges in Southern Nevada related to child abuse and neglect, access to health insurance, poverty, afterschool programming, and early childhood education. Also, NICRP will release the 2009 Annual Report of Child Deaths in Clark County. This report provides statistics on causes of child deaths from 2006-2009 as well as recommendations for

those of greatest concern, including education, health, safety and security, and the juvenile justice system. [Past briefing books are available to preview on our website.](#) prevention.

**Northern Nevada: October 9th
9:00-10:30am Breakfast;
10:30-11:30 Community Meet & Greet**

LOCATION: Academy of Arts, Careers, and Technology

Highlight: Improved Nutritional Standards for Nevada's Children

This breakfast will feature speakers to discuss specific challenges in Northern Nevada related to child abuse and neglect, access to health insurance, poverty, afterschool programming, and early childhood education. This breakfast will highlight the importance of child nutrition and policy efforts for local and national improvements.

Coming Soon

In our next regular NICRP newsletter, look for updates on these exciting projects:

- Third Annual Kindergarten Health Survey
- 2009 Annual Report of Child Deaths in Clark County
- One and Only Campaign Nevada Evaluation of Educational Materials for Injection Safety
- Clark County Community Health Needs Assessment

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