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**NICRP is now the  
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Prevent Child  
Abuse Nevada!**

**More information  
coming soon.**

**Applying the Science  
of Early Childhood  
Development  
to Policy and Practice  
in Nevada**

Winter 2011

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Winter 2011 edition of the NICRP newsletter. NICRP provides community reports on issues affecting children in Nevada to help YOU determine what changes need to occur to improve the lives of our children.

During this holiday season, we continue to face challenging times in Nevada and it is more important now than ever before to become an active advocate for the children in our community, our state, and our nation.

I want to take just a moment to remind everyone that the 2011 Legislative Session will commence this February. NICRP continues to track children's bills on a weekly basis and updates are posted to our [website](#). We will also be releasing the NICRP Legislative Briefing book in January. Remember to contact your legislators and speak up for the issues that matter most to you.

We appreciate your continued commitment to children's issues and look forward to working with you to make our state and our nation a place where children can thrive.

Sincerely,

Denise Tanata Ashby, JD  
Executive Director, NICRP



**Now Available:  
2009 Annual Report of**

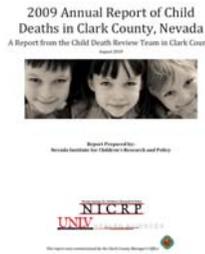
NICRP, Casey Family Programs, and The National Conference of State Legislatures hosted a symposium on December 2, 2010 to explore scientific research, policy opportunities and innovative practices in early childhood development.

In addition, we developed an action plan for Nevada to improve early childhood systems and integrate primary prevention.

If you were unable to attend, please visit the symposium website for updates and resources that were distributed throughout the day.

<http://nic.unlv.edu/casev>

## Child Deaths in Clark County, NV



In October 2010 the 2009 Report of Child Deaths in Clark County was released. In 2009 the team reviewed 283 cases, which represent a 9% decrease from the number in 2008. This year's data show a 34.5% increase in the number of deaths due to overdose (primarily prescription medications), and a 10% increase in drowning deaths. Additionally, there was a 22% decrease in deaths due to suffocation and a 19% decrease in motor vehicle incidents. For the full report and a two page summary of findings, please click the

links below.

[Summary](#)  
[Full Report](#)

## Now Available: Executive Summary of the NICRP Evaluation of Educational Materials for Injection Safety

Nevada was selected as one of only two states to pilot test and evaluate the One & Only Campaign materials. These materials were designed to help provide education and promote awareness about safe injection practices. NICRP conducted this evaluation in conjunction with the Nevada State Health Division and we are pleased to release the [Executive Summary](#) portion of the final report.



Please contact us if you have any questions about the report or contact the state coordinator, **Joseph Theile** [jtheile@health.nv.gov](mailto:jtheile@health.nv.gov), if you would like to get involved with the campaign at a local level.

## Make Every Child Matter During the 2011 Legislative Session

Every Child Matters in Nevada, an initiative of NICRP, is dedicated to raising the visibility of children's issues and making them a priority topic during the 2011 Legislative Session.



Free Lapel Pins Now Available

**EVENTS:** During the session, we will be active in Nevada raising the visibility of children's issues. Please join us for the following:

### Group Meetings with Legislators

Want to join us to speak individually with legislators?  
Please complete the [Involvement Survey](#) to let us know your interest.

### Legislative Reception to Meet Nevada's Child Advocates

Tuesday January 11th 6pm-8pm  
Cambridge Boy and Girls Club  
[RSVP Today](#)

### Children's Day at the Legislature

**Monday April 18th**

We will be coordinating meetings, educational sessions, and other events at the legislature April 18- April 21. Please get involved and help us organize events for this week. Complete the [Involvement Survey](#) to let us know your interest.

**Advocacy Trainings  
Scheduled by Request**

If your organization would like us to conduct advocacy and/or informational trainings regarding the Nevada State Legislature, please contact us.

**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, testify during session, and contact your legislators to VOICE YOUR OPINION! For more information, please visit our website at [www.everychildmatters.org/nv](http://www.everychildmatters.org/nv).

Sincerely,

Staff at NICRP

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