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PCA Nevada News & Highlights



2018 Pinwheel Summary

To help promote National Child Abuse Prevention Month in April, Prevent Child Abuse America and local chapters nationwide use the Pinwheels for Prevention campaign to remind us that we can each play a part in promoting the social and emotional well-being of children and families in our community.

This year's 10 COUNTIES reported their participation in about 44 Pinwheels for Prevention activities in the state of Nevada. **You can view the summary report** <u>here</u>



Opioid & Prescription Drug Speaker Series.

Tuesday, July 24, 2018 4:30 pm-6:00 pm University of Nevada, Las Vegas Building: Moot Court

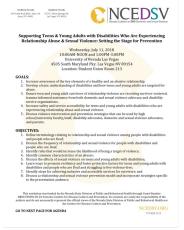
Event is free and open to the public. Parking is free for registered attendees. Additional information, as well as registration details can be found *here*.

Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence

JULY 11, 2018

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Registration begins at 9:30 AM

This training will give attendees the opportunity to increase their awareness of the key elements of a healthy and an abusive relationship while also developing a basic understanding of disabilities and how teens and young adults are targeted for abuse. Click here for full flyer and here to complete registration.



PCA America News & Highlights

Statement on Family Separation at the Border

In regards to the current situation at the southern U.S. border and current policy of separating children from their parents, Prevent Child Abuse America President & CEO Dan Duffy released the following statement:

"As a nation, we must set the highest standard possible in our unwavering pursuit to prevent the abuse and neglect of children. Everyone agrees that separating children from their families at our border is not a healthy or acceptable policy and counteracts our national value of protecting children. We recognize the proven science surrounding toxic stress and the lifelong negative consequences trauma can have on a child and their brain development. The data overwhelmingly demonstrates that putting a child in a confusing and frightening situation, away from their parents or caregivers, can, and will lead to long-term, negative health outcomes. It is imperative that both sides of the political aisle, the Administration and Congress, come together immediately to find a solution that strengthens families, does not separate them, and supports the well-being of all children."

Please click here to read the statement: <u>http://preventchildabuse.org/latest-activity/statement-border-policy/</u>

For more information about this issue, please see the following resources:

- <u>ABA letter/legal analysis</u> opposing the administration's "zero tolerance" policy. The
 letter represents a combination of policy objection and legal analysis, rooted largely in
 child welfare law.
- <u>AAP statement</u> opposing family separation at the border
- <u>ZERO TO THREE website resources</u> on separating babies from their parents at the border

2017 Annual Report Released

Prevent Child Abuse America has published the 2017 Annual Report. The report details strengths, points of growth, and other highlights of service through out the year. As the report coincides with the 45th anniversary of Prevent Child Abuse America, a retrospective on the start of the organization and the initial advocacy methods are discussed, as well as how the organization plans to implement future goals the years following. You can read the Annual Report here.



Family Activities and Events



Southern Nevada Family Events

Henderson Fourth of July
Celebration
July 4th, 2018 @ 6:00pm - 9:00pm
Heritage Park
350 E. Racetrack Rd
Henderson, NV 89015
More Information Here

Summerlin Council Patriotic Parade
July 4th, 2018 @ 9:00am
Hills Center Drive
1910 Spring Gate Lane, Las Vegas,
Nevada, 89134
More Information Here

Back to School
Health and Resource Fair
July 14th, 2018 @10:00am-1:00pm
400 Shadow Ln
Las Vegas, NV 89106
More Information Here

Back to School Fair
July 21st, 2018 @ 8:00am -11:00am

<u>Desert View Hospital</u>

369 S. Lola Lane
Pahrump, NV 89048

More Information Here

Cox Back To School Fair
July 21, July 28, August 4 & August 11
@ 10:00am-4:00pm
Various Locations in Las Vegas
More Information Here



Northern Nevada Family Events

Reno Philharmonic American Salute
July 4th, 2018 @
5:00pm - 9:30pm
Wingfield Park
2 S Arlington Ave
Reno, NV 89501 United States
More Information Here

Classic Film Festival 2018
July 15th, 22nd, and 29th @ Dusk
Northeastern Nevada Museum
1515 Idaho St, Elko,
Nevada 89801
More Information Here

Carson City Fair
July 25th - July 29th, 2018 @ All
day
Fuji Park Fairgrounds
601 Old Clear Creek Road
Carson City, NV 89701
More Information Here

Want to be in the know for future family fun??

PCA Nevada has **MORE** family friendly events on our website!

Fourth of July Craft Activities



Star Wand

Materials:

Red and blue craft felt

1 Wooden dowel

White ribbon

Scissors

Hot glue gun (or fabric tacky glue)

Glitter glue, paint, and markers

How to:

Trace a large star shape on either piece of felt. Cut out the shape, being sure to cut both pieces of felt or each individually per your preference. Glue each star to the dowel and attach a ribbon once dry. Decorate the stars using glitter, markers, or even paint!

Adapted from this craft idea.



Red, White, and Blue Pops

Ingredients/Materials:

- 1 cup Cranberry juice
- 1 cup Lemonade
- 1 cup Blue sports drink
- 8 3oz Paper or plastic cups
- 1 Baking sheet
- 8 Craft sticks

Instructions:

Arrange cups on a baking sheet and divide cranberry juice evenly among them. Place baking sheet in the freezer for 1 hour, or until juice is mostly firm. Insert a craft stick into the frozen juice, making sure it is standing upright. Divide lemonade evenly among cups to make a second layer. Freeze for around 2 hours, or until hard. Pour blue sports drink in cups to create the final layer and freeze until solid, around 3 hours. Remove completed treats from cups and serve.

Adapted from this treat idea.

Tips for Parents!

Firework Safety

- Buy ready-made fireworks rather than making your own, even from a kit
- Make sure an adult is present at all times

- Don't allow little kids to operate fireworks, even sparklers
- Buy only legal fireworks that have a label with instruction for proper use. If your fireworks don't have an instruction label it is probably illegal to use
- Always use firework outside with a bucket of water or hose
- Light fireworks one at at a time. Keep the fireworks far away from your unlit fireworks
- Soak all fireworks in a bucket of water before throwing them away
- Point fireworks away from people. If you're lighting a firework, wear eye protection and don't lean over the firework

Adapted from these tips.



Updates on Children's Policies

Nevada Policy Updates

Upcoming Legislative Committee Meetings For Health, Education, and Child Welfare

Wednesday, August 1, 2018 @ 9:00 AM: Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice

- Room 4412 of the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 E. Washington Ave., Las Vegas, NV.
- Videoconferenced to Room 3137 of the Legislative Building, 401 S. Carson St., Carson City, NV.

National Policy Updates

Status of Bills Addressing the Opioid Crisis

Opioid Update: Bills Target Families in Treatment and Recovery

Congress continued its work to pass bills targeting the opioid epidemic. Last week in the Senate, the Finance Committee marked up the Helping to End Addiction and Lessen (HEAL) Substance Use Disorders Act 2018 which folded over 20 bipartisan bills into a Manager's Package. The HEAL Act makes services and supports available to eligible recipients via Medicare and Medicaid programs. Three of the bills in the package address low-income children and their families: S. 2924 Supporting Family-Focused Residential Treatment Act; S. 2926 Improving Recovery and Reunifying Families Act; and S. 2923 Building Capacity for Family-Focused Residential Treatment Act. The HEAL Act builds on the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) which passed in March and promotes keeping families together during residential treatment as well as supporting referrals, counseling, parenting and activities associated with supporting families recovering from addiction. The HEAL Act and other Senate proposals are expected to be compiled into a package to be voted on by the full Senate in the coming weeks. Read the HEAL Act

here: https://www.finance.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/HEAL%20Substance%20Us

e%20Disorders%20Act%20Mark%20Final%206.7.18.pdf

In the House, several bills focused on aspects of the opioid crisis were passed through a bipartisan agreement last week. Included in the package were:

- <u>H.R. 5294</u> —Treating Barriers to Prosperity Act of 2018, a bill to address the impact of drug abuse on economic development in Appalachia by Rep. Barletta (R-PA)
- <u>H.R. 5752</u> Stop Illicit Drug Importation Act of 2018 by Rep. Blackburn (R-TN)
- <u>H.R. 6902</u> REGROUP Act of 2018, a bill to reauthorize the comprehensive opioid abuse grant program by Rep. Rothfus (R-PA)
- <u>H.R. 5889</u> Recognizing Early Childhood Trauma Related to Substance Abuse Act of 2018 by Rep. Brat (R-VA)
- <u>H.R. 5890</u> Assisting States' Implementation of Plans of Safe Care Act by Rep. Garrett (R-VA)
- <u>H.R. 5891</u> Improving the Federal Response to Families Impacted by Substance Use Disorder Act by Rep. Grothman (R-WI)
- <u>H.R. 5892</u> To establish an Advisory Committee on Opioids and the Workplace by Rep. Lewis (R-MN)
- House Amendment to <u>S. 1091</u> Supporting Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Act to address the impact of the opioid epidemic on families as by Sen. Collins (R-ME).

The House and Senate have both stated that a comprehensive package of opioid bills will be sent to the President for signing this summer.

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www.preventchildabusenevada.org

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