Prevent Child Abuse Nevada Newsletter

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Pinwheels for Prevention Calendar of Events

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. As the new symbol for child abuse and neglect prevention, the pinwheel is an uplifting reminder of childhood and the bright futures all children deserve.

We are focused on community activities and public policies that prioritize prevention from the start to make sure child abuse and neglect never occur. We want to reinforce the notion that healthy child development serves as a foundation for both community and economic development.

If you’d like more information about this campaign click here.

How Can I Help?
If you are interested in assisting or volunteering for an event, please complete the survey or email PCA NV and we will connect you with the organizations that are organizing these events within your community.

For a current listing of events taking place in Nevada please see the attached list:
Calendar of Events

From all of us at Prevent Child Abuse Nevada
Hope you all have a happy St. Patrick’s Day Mon, March 17, 2014

Pinwheels 2014 List of Events

*Please note: Not all events have been posted. Please keep in check back often via our website and social sites for the most up-to-date information.

GO BLUE DAY! Friday, April 4, 2014

On behalf of Prevent Child Abuse America, Prevent Child Abuse Nevada encourages everyone to wear blue on Friday, April 4, 2014 in support of child abuse prevention.

Below is a flyer which can be distributed and shared.

Go BLUE Day Flyer

Remote Area Medical (RAM) Medical Events

Nevada was given an amazing gift last legislative session when the Volunteer Medical Services Act 228 passed, thanks to Assemblyman Tom Grady and Mr. Ernie Adler and advocates across the state. With this bill’s passage, thousands of people in both the North and South of Nevada have the opportunity for free medical, dental and vision care in April 2014!

A respected national organization called Remote Area Medical (RAM) has agreed to put Nevada on their schedule of international and American medical expeditions. They can bring a very large-scale medical clinic to both Northern and Southern Nevada. However, this will require considerable local effort and resources.

When and Where will the events be held in 2014?
Las Vegas: April 4, 5 and 6th at Bonanza High School

Reno: April 11, 12 and 13th at Hug High School

If I Need Services, Do I Need to Sign Up?
No, this is a first come, first served event with no eligibility requirements. RAM is set up to see up to 800 people per day. (first come, first served, no eligibility requirements)

How Can I Sign Up as a General Volunteer or As a Medical/Dental or Vision Volunteer?
Nevada volunteers and direct service providers are very much needed and welcomed, especially opticians, general practitioners, nurses, dentists, hygienists, etc.

You can call the Healthy Communities line at (775) 350-4597 with

SAVE THE DATE
NV State Child Abuse Prevention & Safety Conference
May 16, 2014 - Reno, NV

STOP CHILD ABUSE
Hosted by CAN Prevent & PCA Nevada

More information to follow soon.

SAVE THE DATE
2014 National Conference for America’s Children
May 18 - 21, 2014 in Jacksonville, Florida

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local questions about the RAM event, but you must sign up through the RAM online site at Click on the "Volunteers" tab, fill out the form and create your own password.

For more information visit [http://www.ramusa.org/](http://www.ramusa.org/)  
To Donate: [http://www.gofundme.com/6jiakk](http://www.gofundme.com/6jiakk)

**Home Visiting, Sweet Home Visiting**

Dear colleagues,

An essential but less discussed component of early learning, home visiting, is set to take center stage, with action rapidly heating up. The $400 million per year the feds currently provide to states through the MIECHV (Maternal Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting) program is set to end with the current fiscal year on September 30. That may feel relatively far in the future, but our best opportunity to ensure continuous funding is much more immediate: the so-called "doc fix" Congress is currently considering to amend the way in which doctors are reimbursed for Medicare services.

The doc fix is a must-pass bill that's **got to be finalized by mid-March**, and conversations have already started about using it as a vehicle for home visiting reauthorization. The [Senate Finance](http://www.senate.gov/financialservices/) and [House Ways and Means](http:// WaysandMeans.house.gov/) and [Energy and Commerce](http://energycommerce.house.gov/) committees aren't the usual committees that work on early learning - but as the doc-fix committees of jurisdiction, they're critical to both home visiting and coming up with the bucks for a bigger early learning initiative further down the road.

You know the drill: members of your state delegation, particularly if they are on a relevant committee, need to hear about how federal investments in home visiting benefit their constituents - and what's at stake if funding for those programs is interrupted - **now**.

**This fact sheet** from the Pew Home Visiting Campaign will orient legislators to the home visiting program, while **these messaging points** make the case for reauthorization via the doc fix. Be sure to include data and anecdotes about the impact that home visiting has on children and families in your community.

This is an exciting time for early learning at the federal level, but it's also a very busy one, especially for those of us working with state delegations as well. Please do not hesitate to [reach out to my staff](mailto:reachouttoystaff@your.email.com) if we can support you in any way.

Sincerely,

Kris

Grow America Stronger with Quality Early Childhood Education

**Babies on the Omnibus**

On January 17, President Obama signed the fiscal year 2014 Omnibus Appropriations bill into law. The bill provides an important
signal by prioritizing the early development and learning of young children during a time of tight budgets.

Check out the ZERO TO THREE Policy Center's analysis of the spending bill from the perspective of supporting all aspects needed for positive, healthy development of infants and toddlers: good health, strong families, and positive early learning experiences.

Read: Babies on the Omnibus: Analysis of the Fiscal Year 2014 Spending Bill

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Publications and Resources

Early Education in America Since the Great Recession
New America Foundation released a new paper entitled Subprime Learning: Early Education in America Since the Great Recession. Using the start of the Great Recession in 2009 as a baseline, the report examines indicators across the birth-through-eight age span as they relate to student achievement, family well-being, and funding. It also provides assessments of policies for improving teaching and learning and the creation of more cohesive systems.

Early Childhood Highlighted in Report on Building a Healthier America
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Commission to Build a Healthier America recently released a new report. One of the top recommendations highlighted in the report is to improve and invest in high quality early childhood programs. Additionally, a number of other recommendations are included to advance a healthier America focusing on non-medical approaches and family support. Read the full report here.

New Series to Ensure Quality Rating and Improvement Systems (QRIS) Support the Developmental Needs of Infants and Toddlers
ZERO TO THREE's Policy Center released the first two documents of a new series, Supporting Babies Through QRIS. These documents aim to ensure that Quality Rating and Improvement Systems (QRIS) are supporting the unique developmental needs of infants and toddlers. They present a national review of existing QRIS and illustrate examples of QRIS standards and supports that promote young children's development.
The Supporting Babies Through QRIS series includes:

- Implementation Status and Tools in US States and Other Jurisdictions is a national scan of the operational status of existing QRIS, as well as links to QRIS standards and tools. It focuses on how these systems can include standards that explicitly address the needs of infants and toddlers.
- Inclusion of Infant and Toddler Quality Standards documents examples of QRIS standards that help programs promote the healthy development and learning of infants and toddlers.

A Self-Assessment tool will be released in spring 2014 for states and jurisdictions to identify the strengths, opportunities, and gaps in QRIS for programs serving infants and toddlers. This series also serves as a "living document" because QRIS differ in terms of level of completion, and many are undergoing continuous revisions as a result of pre- or post-implementation evaluation efforts.

Access the Series Here>>

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