Children's Week at the Nevada Legislature

Join Us in Carson City
March 9-12 to Help Make Children's Issues A Priority During The 2015 Legislative Session

Join as families, agencies and organizations from across the state come together to strengthen Nevada's families by sharing a commitment to improve our communities through events and outreach efforts at the Nevada Legislature with activities aimed at promoting the health, safety and well-being of our children. Fill out the survey to Get Involved.

Help raise awareness of children's issues and remind elected officials that Nevada's youngest citizens should be a priority!

For More Info And To See the Week's Agenda visit: nic.unlv.edu/childrensweek.html

Pinwheels for Prevention 2015

Pinwheels for Prevention events are happening all over the state in April. See below for a brief list of events. Check the Pinwheels for Prevention Nevada webpage for updates as more events are added throughout the month.
14th Annual Nevada Statewide Conference
Hosted by Prevent Child Abuse Nevada and the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Task Force

When: June 5, 2015 9AM-5PM
Where: Las Vegas, Nevada at the Innevation Conference Center

What: Nevada Statewide Child Abuse Prevention & Safety Conference

More Information Coming Soon

Children's Week Links and Resources

- Children's Week Flyer
- Nevada State Legislature Website
- 2015 Children's Legislative Briefing Book
- Bill Draft Requests (BDR's)
- 2014 Nevada Report Card
- Nevada Institute for Children's Research and Policy
- Children's Advocacy Alliance

Child Abuse Prevention Month Website!

This year, National Child Abuse Prevention Month is Focusing on the Theme "Making Meaningful Connections". Visit the National Child Abuse Prevention Month website to get ready for April and:

-Download the 2015 Prevention Resource Guide: Making Meaningful Connections and

April 1, 2015 Carson City, NV
Pinwheel Planting at the Nevada Legislature; 11AM

April 7, 2015 Reno, NV - Pinwheel Planting at the Downtown Reno Library; 11AM

April 10, 2015 - April 12, 2015 Statewide - Go Blue Day Flyer / Go Blue Faith Weekend Flyer Turn Nevada Blue on GO BLUE day! Businesses, organizations and faith communities join in wearing, decorating or displaying something BLUE to honor Child Abuse Prevention Month.

April 10, 2015 Fallon, NV - Pinwheel Planting at Millennium Park; 11AM

April 11, 2015 Las Vegas, NV - Pinwheels for Prevention Event at Town Square Las Vegas; 10AM-2PM

April 11, 2015 Las Vegas, NV - East Valley Family Services Bears and Binkis Event

April 18, 2015 Las Vegas, NV - Prevent Child Abuse Nevada Pinwheels for Prevention Event at Downtown Container Park 10AM-2PM

April 25, 2015 Fallon, NV - Pinwheels for Prevention Walk; 8:30AM

FUN IDEAS FOR FAMILIES

10 Tips for Gardening with Toddlers

Gardening is a great activity to do with your toddlers. They will love helping, playing in the dirt, learning about plants and most of all; eating the fruits and vegetables they helped grow. Here are 10 helpful tips to start gardening with your child.

1. Use "Pint Sized Tools" that are safe and manageable for them to handle.
2. Give them age appropriate tasks.
3. Let them pick (and eat) the fruits and vegetables.
4. Start a Sprout Project
5. Let them bury their sprouts.
6. Install a toad and fairy house.
7. Make a spot in the garden just for them.
8. Grow kid friendly plants.
9. Grow their fave fruits and veggies.
10. Have them make plant labels.

Learn more at http://www.babble.com/toddler/10-tips-for-gardening-with-a-toddler/

Illustrate a Book Activity

https://ui.constantcontact.com/visualeditor/visual_editor_preview.jsp?agent.uid=1120128566642&format=html&printFrame=true
learn how to strengthen families using the protective factors.

- **Access dozens of tip sheets** - in English and Spanish—that can be distributed to parents and caregivers. There are three new tip sheets this year titled "Feeding Your Family," "Human Trafficking: Protecting Our Youth," and "Support After An Adoption."

- **View our prevention video gallery**, which features videos from our national child abuse prevention partners. Share these videos via email and social media to raise awareness among your networks.

- **Download and post Child Abuse Prevention Month** widgets to your website to help promote the initiative.

- **Spread the word with the online media toolkit**, which provides traditional and new media strategies to help your organization or community partnerships raise awareness about events, reach potential supporters, and build relationships.

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**Children's Safety Network Bullying Prevention Guide**

The Children's Safety Network has released the 2015 Bullying Prevention Guide.

In the 2013 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), 20 percent of students reported being bullied on school property and 15 percent

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In celebration of National Reading Month, have your child illustrate either their favorite book or a book they have never read. In this activity, your child will listen to you read a story aloud; and without looking at the pages, draw their own unique pages.

**What you need:**

- Picture Book
- Paper
- Crayons or Markers
- Staples, String, or Brass Clips.

**What you do:**

1. Pull out a book and sit down somewhere comfortable with your child. Tell your child the title of the book and have him/her draw a book cover.
2. Now tell your child you're going to read him/her a story, but this one time, they won't be able to look at the pictures. Instead, ask him to use his/her imagination, and to come up with images in his/her while you read.
3. During the reading, stop periodically and ask questions.
4. Once you've finished the book, have your child illustrate the book! While adults can often remember what happened in a story long after they've finished reading it, this is a skill a young child needs help developing. Give your child some prompts. Ask what happened first and let him/her draw it. Ask what happened next, let them draw it, and so on.
5. Bind the story. If he/she likes, you and your child can compare the version they created with the original.

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**Run for Safe Guns 5k/1 mile**

The Brooklynn Mae Mohler Foundation will be holding their 2nd Annual Run for Safe Guns. Be ready for an uplifting time, a happy experience, and to gain some education along the way.

**When:** Friday, March 20 at 10AM

**Where:** Sunset Park- Area F
2601 E Sunset Rd
Las Vegas NV 89120

**Details:** Event Activities will include face painting, balloon artist, bounce house, photo booth, end of race professional photos, refreshments, chair and table massages, fun raffles, award ceremony, live DJ, pre-run warm-up with our local Gymcats, and much much more!

**The Brooklynn Mae Mohler Foundation is dedicated to gun safety education and prevention of senseless child deaths**
If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, email info@justiceforbrooklynn.com.

Click here to register

POLICY UPDATES

Prevent Child Abuse America

Capital View on Kids
Prevent Child Abuse America has released its latest issue of Capital View on Kids. The full document can be viewed here.

New Report on MEICGVE

HHS Sets Up Calls on New Data Requirements/AFCARS
The Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) on the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) was published in the Federal Register on Monday, February 9, 2015. The text of the NPRM can be found in the Federal Register. The NPRM includes changes made as a result of the enactment of the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008, which made significant changes to the title IV-E program, and the Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act, (PL 113-183) which was signed into law on September 29, 2014.

House Takes First Move on ESEA
In February, not too far off from the fiftieth anniversary of the creation of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), the House Committee on Education and the Workforce approved HR 5. The vote followed party lines when it passed by a vote of 21 to 16. There were no hearings on the legislation with Committee Chairman John Kline (R-MN) arguing that the Committee had conducted enough work and hearings in the past Congress and new hearings were not necessary. The bill is similar to past House Republican bills that would do away with many of the current law mandates and funding requirements.

Panel Discusses Treatments and Medication for Children in Foster Care

The Nevada Registry

Did you know that the Nevada Registry has a training calendar that covers the entire state? Check it out

The Nevada Registry is the one-stop-shop for Early childhood education and child care professionals in Nevada. Here you'll find links to training, job listings, industry-related news, professional development planning tools - everything you need to support your career in early childhood! http://www.nevadaregistry.org/

FREE INFANT CPR CLASS

FREE ONLINE CPR CLASSES through infantcpr.com.

If reported being electronically bullied in the 12 months preceding the survey. Victimized youth are at increased risk for depression, anxiety, sleep difficulties, and poor school adjustment. Youth who bully others are at increased risk for substance use, academic problems, and violence later in adolescence and adulthood. Compared to youth who only bully, or who are only victims, bully-victims suffer the most serious consequences and are at greater risk for both mental health and behavior problems.
Great for grandparents, aunts and uncles, babysitters, and of course, parents!

Contact the PCANV office by phone or email to sign up

*Please note, this is a skills class ONLY and does not count for accredited CPR Certification.

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A Tuesday, February 10 congressional briefing entitled, Reducing Overreliance on Psychotropics and Increasing Use of Psychosocial Treatments for Children and Youth in Foster Care focused attention on the need for stronger treatment options for children in foster care. As part of the discussion, Associate Commissioner for the Children’s Bureau, Joo Yeun Chang discussed the recent proposals included in the Administration budget to Congress to address the challenge.

Bills to Strengthen Use of Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC) Introduced

On Tuesday Capitol Hill was also the setting for a briefing on the reintroduction of the Family-based Foster Care Services Act of 2015. The legislation, S 429 and HR 835, would clarify in Medicaid policy the definition of therapeutic foster care that is consistent and could be applied through all the states.

HHS Research On Foster Youth And Financial Literacy Finds Challenges

HHS has released a new report on youth in foster care focusing more specifically on their capacity to deal with the range of financial issues and barriers they will experience once they leave or "age-out" of foster care. The research Supporting Youth in Foster Care by HHS and partners the Urban Institute and Chapin Hall focused on financial literacy and asset building. What they found is not a surprise to some program administrators and caseworkers.