May is Mental Health Awareness Month

In honor of Mental Health Awareness Month, we are highlighting the importance of play in healthy child development with some tips from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Play is essential to a child’s physical, social, emotional and cognitive development. It is the outward expression of children’s inner emotional life. Play also offers young children, including infants and toddlers, many rich learning opportunities, including learning how to organize and make sense of their experiences, discover and explore the world, as well as relate to others.

Recognizing the Value of Play:
1) Maximize a child’s learning by understanding and describing to others that what looks like play is in fact how children learn, explore and discover.
2) Facilitate children’s development by validating and respecting children’s use of play as a vehicle for their social, emotional, physical and cognitive development.
3) Provide opportunities for young children to imitate and explore in...
THE UNIMAGINABLE
May 16, 2014
8am-5pm
El Dorado Hotel, Reno, NV
$100 Registration Fee

If you would like to attend, click the following link:
REGISTRATION

This year’s conference will offer two educational tracks for attendees. The first track, and the focus of the morning plenary session, is centered on Child Sex Trafficking in our society. The second track running throughout the day will have a broader focus on child safety and injury prevention.

Reminder:
PCA Nevada Statewide Videoconference Dates

Thu, June 12 from 9am to 10am
Thu, Dec 11 from 9am to 10am

Videoconference #1 Notes

PCA NV Resources

Prevent Child Abuse Nevada has resources available to parents, educators and our partners.

These resources are available digitally via our website at www.preventchildabusenevada.org.
For more information or to request hard copies (subject to availability) you may contact us at 702-895-5053 or by emailing us at

the context of secure, safe, nurturing and consistent relationships.
As you offer acceptance and interest in a young child’s play, you will be creating interactions that build a positive relationship.

Southern Nevada: Children’s Mental Health Awareness Day

Thursday May 8th, 2014
3pm-5pm at Freedom Park
Join Clark County Department of Family Services & Healthy Minds and learn the importance of children’s mental health needs at this family fun, community event. There will be music, games, jump houses, and of course wonderful community resources.

National News

Notice Of Statewide Data Indicators And National Standards For Child And Family Services Reviews

The Children’s Bureau (CB) is planning to conduct a third round of reviews under the Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSR) regulations, beginning in FYF 2015. Federal regulations require states that were not in substantial conformity in the second round of CFSRs to begin a full review two years after approval of their Program Improvement Plan (PIP). Therefore, given that no state was found to be in substantial conformity on all seven outcomes and seven systemic factors, this requirement applies to all states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

The CB has a history of revising and making improvements to how they conduct their federal monitoring of state title IV-B and IV-E program requirements. Between rounds one and two of the CFSR, they sought feedback from state administrators and subsequently instituted a number of changes. During the second round of reviews, they continued to evaluate the process by gathering informal feedback from administrators and others involved in the CFSRs on an ongoing basis.

They’re now issue a request for comments regarding the third round of the Child and Family Review (CFSR) process, specifically regarding statewide data indicators used to inform the Children’s Bureau’s determination of a state’s substantial conformity relative to certain safety and permanency outcomes. This document advises the public of the Children’s Bureau’s plan to replace the statewide data indicators and the methods for calculating associated national standards on those indicators. They invite the public to comment on these indicators and methods before their use in CFSRs scheduled
for Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 2015 through FY 2018. Of particular note for CPS and others involved in some of these front end services they are proposing an adaptation on the "re-reporting" of child maltreatment for all children that have been screened into a state report. This is a change and an attempt to better measure the impact of children who may be in a state implementing their version of alternate or differential response.

The Children's Bureau's proposed plan for CFSR statewide data indicators and national standards will be published in the Federal Register on Wednesday April 23, 2014. A preview copy is available now at https://federalregister.gov/a/2014-09001. Written comments must be submitted on or before May 23, 2014.

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