Prevent Child Abuse Nevada Newsletter

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Pinwheels for Prevention

With the passing of April, and National Child Abuse Prevention Month, we take a moment to thank the community organizers in their efforts to spread prevention awareness throughout Nevada. These events are integral in bringing the importance of protecting Nevada’s children from child abuse and neglect to the forefront of the community and legislature.

The Elko Daily Free Press highlighted The Family Resource Center's exemplary efforts to spread awareness in the community. Here is an excerpt:

"The Family Resource Center partnered with the Boys & Girls Club and Children's Cabinet in promoting the health and development of children. More than 150 goodie bags are being distributed to families. These bags contain educational materials regarding parental self-care, child care and simple activities for parents and children to do together.

Pinwheels for Prevention is a positive campaign highlighting change regarding the way people think about child abuse prevention. The goal of the campaign is focusing on..."
PCA Nevada Statewide Videoconference Dates

Please join us to discuss statewide activities and national movements to keep our children and families safe, healthy, and happy!

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

Videoconference #1 Notes

Summer Water Safety

As the first day of summer quickly approaches, it is imperative to remember simple prevention steps to avoid accidental drowning. Drowning is one of the leading causes of preventable deaths in Nevada of children aged one to four. By following these simple steps you can drastically lower the odds of a fatal accident occurring. Check out these highlights from the ABC & D’s of Drowning Prevention.

A is for Adult Supervision

- A drowning can occur in seconds, in any body of water including pools, spas, inflatable pools, bathtubs, toilets and buckets

B is for Barriers

- Make sure all fence gates to the pool area are self-closing and self-latching above a child’s reach

C is for Classes

Essentials for Parenting

Are you, or the clients you serve, a parent of a toddler or preschooler?

Wish you had a manual for how to handle temper tantrums, whining, and not listening? Let CDC’s new resource, Essentials of Parenting, help you make challenging behaviors more manageable and build a good relationship with your child. Get advice from experts, watch "how-to" videos and practice your skills. The building blocks of positive parenting can reduce daily stress and improve your child's behavior. Learn about giving praise, setting expectations, and using discipline. Find detailed information on giving clear directions and how to use time-out. Click the link above or go to http://www.cdc.gov/parents/essentials/index.html to check it out.

Check out the complete article here.

Keep your eyes open for the Statewide Pinwheels for Prevention Report, coming out this month!
Swimming lessons are a gift of life. Teach children to swim, but remember - it does not make them drown-proof.

D is for Devices

- Always wear a Personal Floatation Device (PFD)/Lifejacket in or near any open water. Floaties or inflatable toys are NOT designed to be used as PFD/Lifejacket or substitute for adult supervision

Statewide safeTALK Suicide Awareness Training

SafeTALK is a free suicide awareness training for community members and health care professionals. In only a few hours, you will learn how to provide practical help to persons with thoughts of suicide. Expect to leave safeTALK more willing and able to perform an important helping role for persons with thoughts of suicide. SafeTALK offers up to 3 continuing education credits for licensed Nurses, Social Workers, Psychologist, MFT’s and LADGC’s.

Northern Nevada:
June 10th 5:30-8:30 pm
Lyon County Library
20 Nevin Way
Yerington, NV 89447
To register: Email Janett Massolo at massolo@health.nv.gov or call (775) 463-5570

Southern Nevada:
June 27th 12-4 pm
July 31st 1-5 pm
August 18th 1-5pm
August 20th 9am-1pm
3811 West Charleston Blvd Room

National News

Strong Start for America’s Children Act

U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) committee have marked up the Strong Start for America’s Children Act (S. 1697). The bill introduced last year by Chairman Harkin would expand and improve early learning opportunities for children across the birth-to-five continuum.

This bill consists of four measures that would:

- **Accelerate states’ efforts to provide high-quality preschool to low and moderate income families**;

- **Increase the quality of infant and toddler care in center-based and family child care settings**;

- **Support quality improvements in the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG); and**

- **Encourage continued support for the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program**.

**TITLE I - PRESCHOOL FOR ALL**

Preschool Formula Program: This would authorize a formula program to states for the purpose of providing universal, voluntary pre-kindergarten. States will distribute funds to local entities - which may include districts, schools, Head Start programs or licensed child care providers - that meet high-quality standards. Funds would be disbursed based on a state's share of four-year olds living at or below 200% of the poverty line. States or local entities would first have to provide universal access to four-year olds before serving three-year olds.

States would have the ability to reserve up to 15% of the formula funds they receive to serve infants and toddlers through high-quality providers - if states chose to exercise this option they would have to ensure that infants and toddlers would enter into the state's high-quality pre-kindergarten programs once they reached age three.

**TITLE II - EARLY LEARNING QUALITY PARTNERSHIPS**

This would authorize $4 billion for Early Head Start-child care partnerships. Early Head Start providers, which serve infants and toddlers, would partner with local center-based and family child care to improve the quality of their infant and toddler care. These partnerships would be funded through the existing Early Head Start competitive process and will serve one in five children living at or below poverty; currently Early Head Start serves less than one in 25 children living at or below poverty. Funds would be allocated to states based on their share of infants and toddlers living at or below poverty.

**TITLE III - QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS: CCDBG**

This title includes statutory changes to CCDBG that would provide formula grants to states to increase the standards in federally-subsidized child care to improve the health, safety, and school readiness of children that benefit from such care. Funds would be used to help States raise the bar on quality, including through:

- **Training, scholarships, and other professional development for child care staff**;

- **Compensation improvement strategies for the workforce, including through rewards or bonuses, linked to increased credential or degree**
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 preventchildabusenevada@unlv.edu.

TITLE IV - SENSE OF THE SENATE: MIECHV

This title includes provisions expressing what current research has indicated for more than a decade: from the prenatal period to the first day of kindergarten, children's development rapidly progresses at a pace exceeding that of any subsequent stage of life; nearly half of infants and toddlers live in homes with a family income of less than 200% of the federal poverty level; and it is the duty of Congress to support the healthy development of our nation's most at-risk children in their earliest years.

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