July is Purposeful Parenting Month

The month of July is National Purposeful Parenting Month. Purposeful parenting strives to build strong, positive, functional families with children of all ages by recognizing the important of meaningful relationships between parents and children. Being a purposeful parent takes work and commitment in order to nurture love and respect in the family, as well as, the need to shift behaviors from reaction to action.

To celebrate Purposeful Parenting Month, parents can do a variety of simple and easy things to create a more positive and loving home life.

- Tell your children you love them, and do it often.
- Celebrate the uniqueness of all family members.
- Create a safe environment for the entire family.
- Grab every opportunity to spend unstructured time.
- Plan fun family activities. Turn off the T.V.
- Learn the value of delegating responsibilities.
- Establish family traditions.
**Did you miss the Statewide Call on June 10th?**

Check out the meeting notes below:

6/10/15 Meeting Notes and Enough Abuse Campaign Overview

**Save the Date!**

Our next Statewide Meeting will be on December 9th, 2015 from 9-10 AM.

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**2015 Pediatric Trauma and Burn Conference**

**Save the Date!**

August 13, 2015

The UMC Trauma Center and Lion's Burn Care Center are bringing the 2015 Pediatric Trauma and Burn Conference to Las Vegas!

View the flyer [here](#).

Look for more info in our next newsletter!

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**Pinwheels For Prevention**

This year’s "Pinwheels for Prevention" activities were a statewide success! Overall 9 Counties have reported their participation in about 24 Pinwheels for Prevention Events by either planting pinwheels in parks or courthouse lawns as well as involving school teachers, children and parents in the festivities. Pinwheel organizers got their local community members involved by displaying pinwheels in local businesses, engaging local policy makers and public figures. They also collaborated with statewide

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**Protecting Children in your Home**

Now that it is officially summer, the heat is here to stay for awhile. With children being on summer break, they are sure to be inside your home more often.

Ask any parent what they worry about most when it comes to their children, and you'll likely hear about getting enough sleep, finishing homework on time, or making friends. What many parents don't consider -- or don't imagine could ever happen to them -- is their child suffering a serious injury. Nearly every hour a child dies of a preventable injury in the United States, making unintentional injuries the leading cause of death for children. Safe Kids

2,200 children die each year from an injury in the home, and 3.5 million go to the emergency department for the kinds of injuries that commonly happen in homes. ~Safe Kids

Drowning is the leading cause of injury-related death in the home for children ages 1 to 4.

Working smoke alarms reduce the risk of dying in a home fire by half.

Yearly, more than 93,000 children under age 5 are seen in emergency departments for stair related injuries.

Having a safe home is one of the easiest ways to prevent unintentional childhood injuries. Every parent wants their child to grow up healthy, strong and safe. These 5 simple tips can help protect children in your home:

1. Give young children your full and undivided attention when they are in the bathtub or around water.
2. Check smoke alarm batteries every six months to make sure they are working.
3. Keep cribs clear of ALL objects, and make sure babies sleep alone, on their backs, and in a crib every time they sleep.
4. Install safety gates to keep children from falling down staircases and window guards or stops to prevent falls from windows.
5. Keep all medicine up and away, even daily medication. Be alert to medicine stored in other location, like pills in purses, vitamins on counters, and medicine on
service providers to build awareness of preventative measures that can be used to stop child abuse and neglect before it ever happens through community resource fairs, press conferences, and tabling at other events statewide.

See the Complete Statewide Summary Report Here

PCA America Highlights

Should We Adopt Policies that Protect Children from Sexual Abuse?

In response to recent public disclosures of sexual abuse within the Duggar family and alleged sexual abuse by former speaker of the House, Dennis Hastert, Rush Russel, the Executive Director of Prevent Child Abuse New Jersey has written a thoughtful piece that has been published in New Jersey media. It addresses child sexual abuse as a public health epidemic and the importance of its prevention.

“Both of these cases emphasize the need for parents, and for any organization that serves children youth, to talk openly about healthy relationships, about the need for the topic of personal space and privacy to be taught to our children from the earliest ages, and to examine where child sexual abuse could potentially happen to one’s own or any child. Do you know the warning signs to look for? Have you taken reasonable steps to be vigilant in protecting children under your watch or care?” -Rush Russel

FUN IDEAS FOR FAMILIES

Statewide Firework Fun for Families

July 4th fireworks symbolize a time of year when families and friends get together and enjoy each other along with watching fireworks. The loud bangs and booms of the Fireworks are exciting to watch and truly an amazing experience for children. However, the true symbolism for this day is often forgotten. On the 4th of July, the American nation began this holiday tradition as a way to celebrate our freedom. This day is known as Independence day, and the celebration is not complete without the July fireworks lighting up the night sky.

Find a family friendly show near you below!

Carson City:
Carson City, Mills Park, More info here.

Churchill County:
Fallon, Rattlesnake Raceway

Clark County:
Boulder City, 9PM, More info here.
Henderson, Mission Hills Park, 6PM-10PM, More info here.
Las Vegas, Station Casinos: Green Valley Ranch Resort, Red Rock Resort, 9PM, More info here.
Logandale, Clark County Fairgrounds, 7PM, More info here.

Douglas:
Lake Tahoe, Kings Beach; Tahoe City; Incline Village & South Lake Tahoe, More info here.

Elko:
West Wendover, Elko County, 10:15PM, More info, call 775-664-3138

Lander:
Battle Mountain, Elquist Park, 8PM-11PM, More info here.

Nye:
Pahrump, Town of Pahrump, More in here.

Storey:
Virginia City, Comstock Hills, More info here

Washoe:
Sparks, John Ascuaga’s Nugget, 9:30PM, More info here.
Sparks, Sparks Marina
Light Up the Night

Try this easy jar candle craft with your children for July 4th this year!

You will need:

- One glass jar (mason jar, pizza sauce, etc.)
- White glue thinned with a little water
- a paint brush
- festive sequins, or whatever you would like to decorate your jar with
- Battery operated tea light or glowstick

To begin, place the jar upside down, and cover the jar with glue with the paintbrush. As the parent holds the jar by the rim and the bottom and continues to slowly spin, have the children sprinkle the sequins (or other decorations) over the entire jar. Let them dry!

Pop in a battery operated tea light or glowstick, and that’s it!

These fun jars can be used outside as lanterns, or in your child’s bedroom as a night light!

POLICY UPDATES

Nevada Legislation
78th Session Review

Nevada’s 78th Legislative Session ended on June 1st. During Session, the Nevada Institute for Children's Research and Policy in conjunction with the Children's Advocacy Alliance tracked over 250 bills focused on children and their families. We met with and provided information to legislators and testified at hearings in order to ensure that our children had a voice in Carson City.

The Children's Advocacy Alliance provided a Legislative Session Review here, and is comprised of priority watch items which will become laws pending the Governor’s signature. For an update on all other bills, please see our Categorized Bill List here.

Federal Legislation
Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act Signed

On May 29, the President signed into law the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act (Public Law No: 114-22). The legislation would do several things, mainly through the department of Justice (DOJ)
It amends the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) to require a state plan for its child protective services to include a certified assurance that the state has in effect and is enforcing a law requiring:

- Identification and assessment of all reports involving children known or suspected to be victims of sex trafficking; and training child protective services workers in identifying, assessing, and providing comprehensive services for child who are sex trafficking victims.
- Each state receiving CAPTA funding must work with Health and Human Services to make an annual data report that includes that number of children determined to be victim of sex trafficking.
- A child is considered to be a victim of "child abuse and neglect" and of "sexual abuse" if the child is identified by a state of local agency employee as being a victim of sex trafficking or a victim of severe forms of trafficking in person.
- A state is given the option to define "child" under CAPTA as a person under the age of 24.

See the complete Bill Summary here.

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