August Newsletter

PCANV News & Highlights

Save the Date for the 10th Annual Step Up for Kids Events!

Join us and have fun while showing widespread support for investments in issues concerning children and families, as we know that by investing in children and families, we are ultimately investing in the future of Nevada. You’re invited to the 10th Annual Step Up for Kids Event and Children’s Day all across Nevada!

Las Vegas on Monday, September 25th from 3pm to 7pm at Springs Preserve.

Reno Date: Sunday, October 1st from 10am-2pm at Ferrari Farms.

Carson City and Elko Event Information Coming Soon!

Stay updated on event information and details here!

Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence Annual Conference

Reno, Nevada
September 18-20, 2017
Survivors of domestic and sexual violence, advocates and other professionals who provide services to survivors face challenges daily. Our strength lies in uniting our voices to reinforce the ideals, the passion for our work, and our depth of character to conquer oppression and violence. In these challenging times, we cannot keep silent hoping for change, but must join together with those who are striving to live violence-free. This year's conference will elevate our voices as a united community, a culture, and as a state in thought-provoking discussions about taking action to not only sustain, but also to help our organizations flourish.

Registration is now open online!

- **REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE HERE**
  Please note that there are separate links on the NCEDSV web site. One to register as an individual and one to register multiple people.

- **VIEW THE AGENDA HERE**

- **APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP TO THE CONFERENCE**

- **BOOK YOUR HOTEL**
  Group Code : SNNADV1

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**PCA America Highlights**

**Welcome Ann Cheeseman to the PCA America National Office!**

Prevent Child Abuse America is thrilled to announce that Ann Cheeseman has joined the National Office staff as the new Director of Marketing!

A longtime supporter of PCA America, Ann first learned of the organization when she was a Kappa Delta at St. Louis University where she majored in Communications. Ann has spent more than 15 years in blue chip advertising and marketing. Her career has taken her from Missouri to Ohio to Chicago, and she has worked for a wide variety of clients including Kraft, Nestle, Procter & Gamble, and the Chicago Public Library. She was most recently a Vice President and Management Director at FCB Chicago before leaving to pursue opportunities in the non-profit world. During her career, Ann has also worked for the LaSalle Group and Northlich, and volunteers with the Taproot Foundation.

We are excited to add Ann's expertise to our staff and are thrilled to have her skills and support as we help move our brand and mission forward.

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**Fun Ideas for Families**
Back to School Fairs
School is coming! Check out the below Back to School Fairs, and find one near you!

**Clark County Back to School Fairs**
- August 5th: St. Rose Dominican Hospital
  - San Martín Campus @ 9am
- August 5th: Meadows Mall @ 10am
- August 8th: Walnut Recreation Center @ 5pm
- August 11: Durango Hills YMCA Park
  @ 7pm
- August 12: Lorenzi Park @ 8am
- August 12: Downtown Summerlin Mall @ 10am
- August 12th: Dula Gymnasium @ 10am
- August 12th: LVMPD Headquarters @ 10am
- August 17: Many B2S Fairs this day!

**Northern Nevada Back to School Fairs**
- August 5th: Neil Road Recreation Center
  @ 10:00am

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**Gear Up to Go Back to School**
With school right around the corner, check out some of these tips to get their minds, bodies, and the rest of the family ready to go back to school!

**Back to school tips!**

**End of Summer Time Capsule**
You will need:
- 100mm Clear Acrylic Fillable Ornaments
- Your child’s favorite summertime trinkets collection
- Pen & Paper
- Permanent Marker

**Directions:**
1. Have your child gather some small items that represent their fun-filled summer like board game pieces, building blocks, seashells found at the beach, or a memorable moment caught in a picture!
2. Have your child jot down 5 things that they love about summer. Guide them with a gentle writing prompt to explain why they have included these items in their capsule to represent them. For example, “I love seeing my mom cry when I take all of her money in Monopoly.” Of course, that would be YOUR child, not MY child (*ahem*). Don’t forget to have them include the date somewhere on this sheet so you can keep track of the years!
3. Fill an ornament with their trinkets and the facts about their summer. Snap shut at the seams. If you are concerned about longtime storage, you can secure with a little hot glue along the seams.
4. Use permanent marker to write your child’s name and the date somewhere on the ornament.
5. Find a place in your home to show off the time capsule so memories will always be remembered!

Adapted from Mom Advice Crafts

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**Tips for Parents!**

**August is Immunization Awareness Month**
The 2017 – 2018 school year is just around the corner and beginning this school year, all Nevada students enrolling in 7th grade are required to receive one dose of the quadrivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4 or MenACWY), among others. Students who do
not receive their required immunizations will not be able to attend school until they are fully immunized in accordance with the State requirements.

In order to ensure all students have access to all required immunizations, Immunize Nevada has partnered with Health Plan of Nevada and Truckee Meadows Healthy Communities to host a Family Health Festival offering no cost immunizations and other back-to-school services. Immunizations are available for insured and uninsured children & teens under the age of 19 on a first-come, first-served basis, while supplies last. Those with insurance, including Nevada Checkup and Medicaid, should bring their cards. Parents should bring immunization records if available.

Vaccines protect against a number of serious and potentially life-threatening diseases. When children are not vaccinated, they are at increased risk for diseases and can also spread diseases to others in their classrooms and community — including babies who are too young to be fully vaccinated, and people with weakened immune systems due to cancer or other health conditions.

Parents can find out more about the vaccines required to attend school in Nevada at www.immunizenevada.org/NVSchoolRequirements. They can also check and print their child’s immunization records at https://izrecord.nv.gov. First-time users may need to contact the Nevada WebIZ help desk at 1-877-NV-WebIZ (877-689-3249) or email izit@health.nv.gov.

Find out more info on here at Immunizenevada.org

Send Children Back to School
Looking Great and Feeling Confident!

The B Beautiful Children’s Foundation is now offering Healthy Ethnic Hair & Skin Classes online! Classes give participants the knowledge they need to properly groom and style all hair types that might be unfamiliar and difficult to manage. They also explain the different chemical services that are popular with highly textured hair, and at what age to get these services. The skin care section focuses on the different needs of ethnic skin. The classes educate on the common ailments and issues of ethnic skin, including tips on how to work with children, gaining compliance, and helping them learn to care for themselves. Sign up for classes here!

The B Beautiful Children’s Foundation for Ethnic Hair & Skin envisions a world in which all African American, bi-racial or multiracial children who are adopted, fostered or who live in any other situation will be assured of health and well-being that includes their hair and skin. B Beautiful also focuses on the prevention or reduction of health issues, social problems, and trauma associated with their unique hair and skin needs as part of the healthy environment they need in which to thrive and grow.

Learn more about B Beautiful here!

Adapted from B Beautiful
Common Sense Parenting® Classes!

Common Sense Parenting (CSP) is a parenting program that can be applied to every family. The program’s easy-to-learn techniques address issues of communication, discipline, decision making, relationships, self-control and school success. Professionally trained parent trainers teach the course and provide instruction, consultation and support.

Topics include:

- Build strong, healthy relationships
- Correct and change problem behavior
- Minimize problems that disrupt family life
- Communicate effectively
- Avoid power struggles
- Control your emotions
- Balance discipline with affection
- Praise a child’s good behavior

Classes provided by Boys Town Nevada

821 North Mojave Road 89101

To register:
Contact Stacy Burrell at
(702) 724-8411
or Register Here

Learn more about CSP Classes here!

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Policy Updates

Nevada Policy

Nevada Academic Content Standards for Health Revision - Passed!

A proposed addition to the Nevada State Academic Content Standards for Health was released for review in June 2017. The purpose of the proposed revision was to provide guidance for school districts as they develop high-quality health programs throughout Nevada schools as they pertain to Personal Safety and Safe & Respectful Environments.

The COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH ACADEMIC STANDARDS met in June to review and discuss the proposed changes to the standards. During this meeting the council voted to adopt the proposed content standards. This is great progress for our state in prioritizing the safety of our children!

Click here to view the existing and new health standards.

Click here to learn more about the COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH ACADEMIC STANDARDS.

National Policy

Key Family First Provisions
Passed by House of
The House passed five bills that highlight provisions from the Family First Prevention Services Act. Three of the bills (H.R.2742, H.R. 2857, and H.R. 2834) passed by voice vote on the suspension calendar, and two of the bills (H.R. 2847 and H.R. 2866) were passed by roll call votes. Note: the fact that two of them had roll call votes is not meaningful. The House switches between voice vote and roll call vote for suspension bills for daily schedule reasons. A few last-minute changes, noted below, were made to three of the bills to make them cost-neutral.

Passed by Voice Vote

H.R. 2742 – Modernizing the Interstate Placement of Children in Foster Care Act. Introduced by Reps. Jackie Walorski (R-IN) and Danny Davis (D-IL) to modernize the interstate placement of children in foster care by requiring states to use an electronic interstate case processing system that reduces wait times for interstate foster care placements, adoptions, and guardianships. Language in this bill is aligned with section 122 of FFPSA.

H.R. 2857 – Supporting Families in Substance Abuse Treatment Act. Introduced by Reps. Kristi Noem (D-SD) and Judy Chu (D-CA) to allow family foster care maintenance payments for children placed with a parent in a licensed residential family-based treatment facility for substance abuse. Language in this bill is aligned with section 112 of FFPSA. New changes: When considered on its own, the Congressional Budget Office had concerns these substance abuse treatment settings would be more expensive than the foster care settings these children were already in, which led to language capping the federal payment amount for these settings to the amount the state would have received if the child was placed in a foster care setting appropriate to their needs. This bill also now requires that the child in the residential family-based treatment setting be income eligible for Title IV-E.

H.R. 2834 – Partnership Grants to Strengthen Families Affected by Parental Substance Abuse Act. Introduced by Reps. Danny Davis (D-IL) and Kristi Noem (R-SD) and reauthorizes the regional partnership grants to strengthen families affected by parental substance abuse. Language in this bill is aligned with section 123 of FFPSA. New changes: In the larger Family First bill, the funding for RPGs was extended into the future as part of the Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) program. Without the extension of PSSF in this standalone bill, extending the funding for RPGs would incur a cost. Therefore, the amended version of this bill for floor consideration would only amend RPG policy, not extend the funding.

Passed by Vote

H.R. 2847 – Improving Services for Older Youth in Foster Care Act. Introduced by Reps. John Faso (R-NY), Tom Reed (R-NY), and Karen Bass (D-CA) and extends the Chafee Foster Care Independence Program for older youth from age 21 to 23. Language in this bill is aligned with section 303 of FFPSA. Passed by a vote of 391-8.

H.R. 2866 – Reducing Barriers for Relative Foster Parents. Introduced by Reps. Lloyd Smucker (R-PA) and Terri Sewell (D-AL) to review and improve licensing standards for placement in a relative family foster home. The intent of the bill is to address inappropriate barriers to licensing relatives as foster homes. Language in this bill is aligned with section 131 of FFPSA. New changes: The Congressional Budget Office had concerns that administrative efforts to comply with the new state plan requirements when considered independently in this standalone bill would create an increase in federally-reimbursable costs. As a result, the amended version of the bill moves the state plan requirement on licensing from IV-E to IV-B. Passed by a vote of 382-19.

Senate Leaders Unveil Health Reform Proposal

In late June, a discussion draft of the new health reform bill was proposed. As opposition to the Senate health care proposal continues to build from both the right and the left, the Senate will likely spend the next three weeks leading up to the August Congressional recess working to find a compromise that can pass their caucus or determining a different path forward.
Look out for our September Newsletter for more updates!

Read the discussion draft of the new health reform proposal here.

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