December Newsletter

Wishing you the Happiest Holiday Season

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PCANV News & Highlights

Biannual Statewide Meeting
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An Introduction to The Amazing Brain Series

Join Us!
December 7, 2016 11:00am-12:00pm
Please join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.
https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/357205245
Join the conference call.
Dial-in Number: 641-715-3273
Access Code: 141093#

The Amazing Brain Series was developed by Linda Chamberlain and is owned by the Health Federation of Philadelphia. It has been reformatted for Prevent Child Abuse America with their permission.

The Pinwheel Place - Check Here for Everything Pinwheels

It's That Time Again - Planning for April 2017: National Child Abuse Prevention Month & Pinwheels for Prevention

Prevent Child Abuse Nevada will be hosting the first planning call of the year to help support organizations plan their statewide Pinwheel events, on Monday, January 9, 2017 at 1pm.
Conference Dial-in Number: (641)715-3273
Host Access/Participant Code: 141093#

If you are interested in organizing a pinwheel event and need pinwheels, please join us during this call. Also, you can visit our website here to see our 2016 Pinwheels for Prevention Events to spark ideas for 2017!

**Dates to Remember:**
Second Planning Call: February 13, 2017 at 1pm
Final Planning Call: March 13, 2017 at 1pm
Pinwheel Planting at the Nevada State Legislature: Details Coming Soon
Statewide Go BLUE! Day - April 7, 2017
Please join our efforts to raise awareness!!

**Go BLUE T-Shirt Contest for Youth!**

![Last Year's Winner!](image1)

**One Winner Will Receive:**
- Their design printed on t-shirts worn throughout the state on Go BLUE weekend, April 7-9, 2017, and throughout the entire month
- A t-shirt of their own, a prize valued at $50.00, and statewide recognition!

Read the flyer for rules and submission details (English/Spanish)

*All submissions due by Friday, December 15th, 2016*

**Prevent Child Abuse America Highlights**

PCA America has released their 2015 Annual Report!
An excerpt from the report states, "We have continued to strengthen our signature prevention program Healthy Families America; we are working on crafting new, and unprecedented, federal prevention legislation; we achieved top ratings from Charity Navigator, Charity Watch, GuideStar and the Better Business Bureau; as well as received recognition from Consumer Reports as a top children’s charity for donors, and much, much more."

[PCA America 2015 Annual Report Click Here](link)

**Fun Ideas for Families**

**Family Holiday Food & Toy Drives**

Want to help a family in need enjoy the holidays or does your family need holiday assistance?
Food drives & Toy Drives are HERE!

Southern Nevada:
- Help of Southern Nevada - Holiday Programs
- The Salvation Army - Holiday Programs

Northern Nevada:
- Food Bank of Northern Nevada
- Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada

Toys for Tots:
- Northern Nevada
- Southern Nevada

Celebrate Winter Holidays
Did you know there are over 14 holidays celebrated in December?
See them all HERE!

"Celebrate Winter Holidays" allows students to explore articles, slideshows, and free printable activities that let them connect with cultures around the world, explore the holidays celebrated during December, and test their reading skills.

"Celebrate Winter Holiday Activities"  Click Here

More winter activities are available Here!

Kid Safety Tips for Parents!

Making the Holidays Safe

Family gatherings, special traditions, delicious treats - the holiday season may be the most wonderful time of the year, especially for kids. Unfortunately, for emergency room doctors it's also one of the busiest.

Learn how to protect your little ones from some common holiday dangers, so you and your family can enjoy a season that's happy and healthy.

The most common dangers during the Holidays are poisoning and choking.

- Mistletoe, holly, poinsettias, Jerusalem cherry plants, and other plants are commonly used as decorations during the holidays. Like many plants, these are considered potentially poisonous and should be kept out of the reach of kids.

- Tree ornaments, light bulbs, icicles, tinsel, and small toys are potential choking hazards for small children.

Adapted from kids.health.org - Learn more Here

Policy Updates

Local Policy

Silver State Election Night Results:
Did you see the results from the 2016 election?
CLICK HERE to see the statewide ballot results and results
Ballot Results

Don’t Forget!

National Policy

The U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Ways and Means Chairman Kevin Brady and Ranking Member Sandy Levin sponsored a bipartisan briefing on the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program last Wednesday. A Healthy Families America program administrator was featured as one of four panelists during the briefing. Joan Yengo, Chief Program Officer, from Mary’s Center for Maternal and Child Care, Inc., has been administering HFA for eighteen years. Her remarks centered on HFA and other evidence-based, home visiting programs being the core components of strategies that address the indicators that lead to poor prenatal, child, and family health. She discussed how programs build on parents’ strengths and existing resources, to reduce stress in parenting, and enables parents to respond to their own needs so that they can better provide for the health and well-being of their child.

See the one page document that helped make their case here.

"We are all too familiar with the costs of babies born too early, not having adequate prenatal care, and the costs associated with preterm births. As we link the parents to quality prenatal care, we support families in access to a medical home for their newborn, and how to engage with their medical provider to reduce usage of the ER, not only saving money, but improving overall health with the child receiving appropriate well baby visits, immunizations, and other screening supporting their development.” -Joan Yengo, Mary’s Center

SAVE THE DATE!
June 8, 2017
2017 Annual Nevada State Child Abuse Prevention and Safety Conference
Henderson Convention Center
Sponsorship Opportunities - CLICK HERE

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PCANV Resources
Prevent Child Abuse Nevada has resources available for everyone.
Resources are available via our website.
Contact us for more information or to request hard copies.