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2016 Child Abuse Prevention and Safety Conference
PCANV will be hosting our Biannual Statewide Video Conference June 7 @ 10am

Marissa Morabito-Reilly, Senior Director of Public Policy from Prevent Child Abuse America will talk to us about the importance of advocacy by non-profits in an election year.

Call-in information will be available soon.

Pinwheels for Prevention 2016

Thank you to everyone who helped raise awareness during Child Abuse Prevention Month!

Look for the Statewide Pinwheel Summary to read about the great Pinwheels for Prevention activities!

This is the only statewide conference in Nevada devoted to the prevention of child maltreatment and unintentional injuries to children.

2016 National Children’s Mental Health Awareness Day

A national event will take place on Thursday, May 5, at 7 p.m. EDT in Washington, DC, at The George Washington University School of Media & Public Affairs' Jack Morton Auditorium. The event-Awareness Day 2016: “Finding Help, Finding Hope” - will explore how communities can increase access to behavioral health services and supports for children, youth, and young adults who experience mental or substance use disorders and their families.

The event will feature a highly interactive format in which youth
Want more convenient opportunities to learn how to help prevent child maltreatment?

Webinars are great ways to gain information on many topics, including preventing child abuse and neglect. Check out these resources for their databases of past webinars, and schedules for future webinars!

**Children’s Safety Network**

provides webinars on how to keep children safe! Some topics include playground safety, the importance of locking up pills to avoid medication poisoning, and how parents can use technology to their advantage.

[Sign up for this resource here!](#)

**Futures Without Violence**

From domestic violence and child abuse to bullying and sexual assault, their groundbreaking programs, policy development, and public action campaigns are designed to build respect and healthy relationships.

[See their Webinars here!](#)

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**Fun Ideas for Families**

**Community Family Events in May**

May is a month full of different celebrations! We have Mother's Day, Cinco de Mayo, Memorial Day... Below you can find some activities to do with the whole family throughout the month!

**Clark County Activities:**

- Exotic Aquatic
- Cinco de Mayo Cultural Festival
- The Science of Beautiful
- Crimebusters
- Women of The Wild (W.O.W) Camp
- Art Festival of Henderson
- Las Vegas Science & Technology Festival
- Botanical Garden Guided Walks
- Create's Spring Outdoor Craft Market
- Sharks in the Desert

**Northern Nevada Activities:**

- Family Fridays with Circus Circus
- Toddler Time at Northwest Reno Library
- Environmental Drama for Kids! at Galena Creek
- Mother's Day Special - V&T Train Ride
- Wally’s World: The Loneliest Art Collection in Nevada
- Spring 2016 Exhibition
- Easy Walk Program to Linear Ditch Trail Central

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Viewers are encouraged to use the hashtag #HeroesofHope when participating in the national event discussion on social media.

[Click here for more information about National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day and ways to get involved.](#)
"Our new President & CEO, Dan Duffy ended his first week on the job by giving a passionate speech to the Times Square crowd about the roles we all play in preventing abuse and neglect."Our nation’s children are our future leaders, scientists, inventors, entrepreneurs, and doctors," said Duffy, "so we need to do all we can today for our children to ensure our nation’s future."

See the complete article here!

Parenting Tips for 2016

5 Fantastic Ways To Celebrate Mother's Day

Looking for fun ways to celebrate Mother's Day with your family this year? We've got some ideas that will make this special day one to remember.

- **Have Breakfast in Bed**

  Drop a few not-so-subtle hints that you're expecting a Mother's Day brunch. Peruse these delicious [Mother's Day brunch recipes](#) to find the perfect meal to start off your Mother's Day.

- **A Day Together**

  Set aside all other plans and treat the mother in your life as a queen for the day. Turn the day into a one day

Mother's Day Craft: Heart Shaped Bird Feeder

Here is an easy Mother's Day craft to do with the whole family!

All you need is a box of cheerios, some pipe cleaners, and string!

First,
Bend the pipe cleaners in half to make a v-shape and let the kids string the cheerios on each side!

Second,
Bend the pipe cleaner into a heart by twisting the two ends together in the middle.

Third,
Link the hearts together and hang from the porch with some string for the birds to feast!

Make as many hearts as you want!
Maybe the number of members in your family!

Policy Updates

Local Policy From Nevada

It’s Election Year! Are you registered to VOTE? Nationally and Locally?

Online voter registration is now available for residents of all Nevada counties. Eligible voters can register to vote and update their voter registration information online, including change of address and party affiliation. A DMV issued Driver's License or ID is required.

[Click Here For All The Information](#)
adventure to someplace special. Grab the whole family and head to a favorite park, lake or ocean. Spending the time together (preferably outdoors) is what really counts, so have a picnic, go for a bike ride, take a hike, or do some gardening together.

- **Generations Unite**
  Gather all the grandparents, great grandparents, aunts and uncles and other 'mom' family members together for a joint celebration. If the weather is nice a barbeque is the perfect venue.

- **Simple Celebration**
  Making a Mother's Day celebration memorable and unique doesn't have to be complicated or expensive. It could be as simple as heading to your favorite local ice cream shop and sharing an ice cream sundae (this would be top choice in our house!).

- **Give Mom the Day Off**
  This could be the best gift of all. Encourage everyone to pitch in and let the moms in your life sit back and relax. They deserve it! Have the family prepare dinner (go for something simple and pre-packaged like Tyson's chicken) and serve Mom on her special day.

- **Give to Others**
  Mother's Day is about honoring all mothers. This Mother's Day help a mother in need by donating to organizations that help mothers and children.

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**National Policy**

**Capitol View on Kids:**
The latest news on children and families... From Washington DC.

On March 17, the Commission to Eliminate Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities (CECANF) released its final report, "Within Our Reach: A National Strategy to Eliminate Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities." Congress passed the Protect Our Kids Act of 2012, establishing the Commission to develop a national strategy and recommendations for reducing fatalities resulting from child abuse and neglect [P.L. 112-275]. The report detailing their findings and recommendations was transmitted to Congress and the President after two years of deliberations.

Prevent Child Abuse America has issued a policy statement in response to this report, calling for "[an] increase in preventive services funding with a focus on prioritization of primary prevention strategies and a collective recognition that the healthy development of children is the shared responsibility of other societal institutions such as corporations, faith based communities and local service organizations must replace the current concentrated focus on 'late-end, crisis-oriented, intrusive, and expensive interventions.'"

Read the complete statement below!

**PCAA (Public Policy Statement CECANF Final Report March 2016)**

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**PCA NV Resources**

Prevent Child Abuse Nevada  
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Prevent Child Abuse Nevada has resources and trainings 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 materials or trainings, you may contact us at 702-895-5053 or by emailing us at preventchildabusenevada@unlv.edu.