May Newsletter

PCANV News & Highlights

Pinwheels for Prevention 2017

Thank you to everyone who helped raise awareness during Child Abuse Prevention Month! Our awareness increases every year because you all are dedicated to our shared goal, to prevent child maltreatment before it ever takes places.

Look for the Statewide Pinwheel Summary next month, to read about the great Pinwheels for Prevention activities that happened all across Nevada!

Visit our Facebook Page to see pictures from this years’ events!

Join us after the conference for a self-care event! Paint pinwheels and have a glass of wine!

To sign up: click here, scroll to June 8th, and click the CAP & Safety Conference Event.

16th Annual Nevada Child Abuse Prevention & Safety Conference
Promoting Mindful Approaches to Strengthen Families & Communities
June 8, 2017
Henderson Convention Center
Henderson, NV
The 2017 statewide conference dedicated to child safety will be in Henderson, NV. Spots are now filling up, so register today! 7 CEU's are available!

TO REGISTER – CLICK HERE!

-Conference Website-
*Click the link for conference schedule, speakers, registration, location, CEU’s, and travel scholarships.

Prevent Child Abuse Nevada Biannual Teleconference

June 13, 2017 - 9AM

Join us for a brief overview of the 2017 Legislative Session issues relating to children.

Look for login details coming soon!

Children's Mental Health Awareness Day is on Thursday, May 4th.

2017's national focus is on the importance of integrating behavioral health and primary care for children, youth, and young adults with mental and/or substance use disorders. Communities, national collaborating organizations, and federal programs across the country are busy planning local activities and events.

In recognition of May 4, 2017 as National Children’s Mental Health Awareness Day, the Clark County Mental Health Consortium hosted a video contest entitled, "Be a FORCE for Children’s Mental Health."

Youth 18 and under were challenged to address the issue of mental health awareness by creating a short video to explore issues such as preventing bullying, reducing discrimination, and ending stigma against people with mental health issues. Starting Thursday, May 4th, winning videos can be viewed at www.cccmhc.org.
ABC News aired a Nightline News Special in April bringing the issue of "Passing the Trash" to the forefront of the nation's attention. "Passing the trash" occurs when a teacher accused of sexual misconduct is allowed to leave a school—through a confidentiality, separation agreement or other means—and quietly seek employment at another school without the new employer being alerted to the allegations, according to S.E.S.A.M.E. (Stop Educator Abuse Misconduct and Exploitation), an organization dedicated to the prevention of sexual abuse by school employees.

As the new Every Student Succeeds Act law indicates, all states must enact legislation to prohibit the practice of "passing the trash" and also prohibit confidentiality agreements aimed at suppressing information about an employee's sexual misconduct. Washington, Oregon, Missouri, Pennsylvania and Connecticut are the only states that have enacted legislation to stop the practice known as "passing the trash." Massachusetts, Nevada and New Jersey have introduced bills this session.

See what Nevada's efforts are on preventing this issue in our schools here.

Fun Ideas for Families

Memorial Day Activities in Reno, Virginia City, or Lake Tahoe!
Find an activity near you here!

May 18-21 - American Patriot Fest
This is an annual free, open to the public, family-friendly event designed to celebrate and to say thank you to our armed forces. This year's event will be held May 18-21, 2017, coinciding with National Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 20th. The location is the beautiful Craig Ranch Regional Park in North Las Vegas, Nevada.
For more information, click here.

May 20th - Back to Summer
Wondering what to do with the kids when school is out? Nevada Child Seekers is hosting Back to Summer on May 20, starting at 11 a.m., to give you some ideas. There will be representatives from groups and agencies, interactive stations for children, a dj, dance performances, sports trainers and much more. Special appearances by McGruff the Crime Fighting Dog and Spiderman.
For more information, click here.

Show Mom How Much You Love Her

You will need:
- One or more pieces of paper
- 1 hand to trace (your own)
- Pen or Pencil
- Scissors

Instructions:
1. Fold a piece of paper in half.
2. Trace your hand, connecting your thumb and
index finger to the fold, as seen to the left.
3. Cut out your hand, then cut out the heart shape in the middle!
4. Now show mom how much love your two hands can make!

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**Tips for Parents!**

**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 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 barbecue 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.

**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 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.

*Adapted from [Momtastic](http://www.momtastic.com)*

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**Policy Updates**

**Local Policy**

Bill Update! [Committee passes #AB292.](http://www.ab292.com)
It requires bullying reports to be sent to the school board as well as the Principal, and it allows kids to switch schools if they've been bullied.

There are many bills related to the safety of children, please don’t forget you can share your opinion from home. Watch this video to see how.

Want weekly updates of legislative hearings relating to children?

Sign up for the Children’s Advocacy Alliance newsletter!

They will send you dates and times all upcoming hearings that may be important to you!

See a Tracking List of all Bills related to Children Here!

National Policy

Need a short and sweet update of legislative issues relating to child abuse and neglect at the national level? The National Conference of State Legislators produced this fact sheet just for you! Check it out!

Did you know that President Trump proclaimed April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month? Read his proclamation 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.

www.preventchildabusenevada.org

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