Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Fall 2018 issue of the NICRP Newsletter! We have been very busy this year, celebrating our 20th Anniversary, releasing the 2019 Children’s Legislative Briefing Book, and working on over 15 community projects.

Below are just a few of the current projects that we are working on and encourage you to visit our website to learn more about our projects and review our most recent reports!

Current Projects:

- Nevada Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program
- Kindergarten Health Survey - Year 11
- Strong Start Parent Ambassador Training Program

Sincerely,

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Executive Director, NICRP

NICRP Welcomes our Newest Staff Member: Joshua Heubner!
Josh brings with him a wealth of expertise to the Nevada Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention team and is committed to making Nevada as safer place for all our children and families. We are super excited to welcome Josh to the NICRP team!

Oct. 22-28 is National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week!

Every day millions of Americans, come in contact with lead containing or contaminated items. It can cause serious health effects in young children, pregnant women, and adults.

Children's Report Card
In 2018, Nevada's overall grade for children was D.
Grades are assigned based on state ranking on 20 separate indicators that directly impact the lives of children within the realms of:
- Health = D
- Safety = C-
- Education = F
- Economic Well-being = D

Legislative Briefing Book
This book contains the most recent data on all 20 indicators that compose the grades listed above, updates on the status of Nevada's children's in each area, and recommendations for potential policy changes that will help to improve the lives of all children and families in Nevada. It is offered to all Nevada state senators and assembly-persons as a guide and resource when considering legislation to propose or change during the 2019 Session.

Check Out Our Website!
To view the full Briefing Book


Health Status of Children Entering Kindergarten in Nevada
NICRP, in partnership with all Nevada School Districts and the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health conducts this survey in order to help identify specific areas for improvement and provide information to policy makers that can help guide decisions that impact children's health.

Details of all survey items and data trends since 2012 can be seen in our full report.

This report can also be found on our website at http://nic.unlv.edu/reports.

11th Annual Step Up for Kids Event
Each year Step Up for Kids brings together thousands of people across the country to show widespread support for investments in children and families. Participants include child advocates, politicians, parents and kids.

Las Vegas: Sunday, September 23rd
This year's event was held at Springs Preserve and was a big success with over 1,000 attendees! Throughout the event, families had the opportunity to interact with over 33 community organizations, enjoy free food, prizes, and activities. The audience was also entertained throughout the event by live performances from The chickBAND, All4Kids Dance Activities, and Distrect Arts Dance Company.
Elko: Saturday, September 29th
This year's event was held at the Northeastern Nevada Museum and was very successful with about 117 in attendance.
Parents enjoyed learning from local providers, and each child received a goody bag that included crayons, books, playdough, and other activities.

Reno: Sunday, September 30th
This year's event was held at Ferrari Farms and was a big success with over 300 attendees! The first 200 kids were given a free pumpkin, a hayride, and a stroll through the corn maze.