

## Nevada Institute For Children's Research & Policy

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April 4th Wednesday  
8:15am - Las Vegas  
Grant Sawyer Building

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### **NICRP Spring Newsletter**

**March 2012**

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Spring 2012 edition of the NICRP newsletter. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and as the provisional chapter of Prevent Child Abuse America, NICRP will be hosting two events in Las Vegas as well as promoting events occurring throughout the state.

The pinwheel represents Prevent Child Abuse America's efforts to change the way our nation thinks about prevention, focusing on community activities and public policies that prioritize prevention right from the start to make sure child abuse and neglect never occur.

Child Abuse Prevention Month will start with a press conference on **Wednesday April 4th** in front of the Grant Sawyer Building in Las Vegas at 8:15am. Senator Valerie Wiener will be speaking at this event along with representatives from the Clark County Metropolitan Police Department, and the Courts Catalyzing Change Initiative. In addition, we are hosting a community awareness event on **Saturday April 14 from 8am-2pm at Tivoli Village.**

Thank you for your continued support of Nevada's children and we hope to see you at our events!





Sincerely,

Tara Phebus, MA  
Interim Executive Director, NICRP

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Chapter of Prevent  
Child Abuse America**

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## Project Updates

### Coming Soon: Year 4 of the Annual Kindergarten Health Survey

This year, NICRP worked with the Nevada State Health Division and local school districts to administer the Kindergarten Health Survey for the 2011-2012 school year. The 2008, 2009, and 2010 reports are available on our [website](#) and NICRP anticipates that the 2011 Kindergarten Health Survey Report will be released in April or May 2012.

### Southern Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Coalition (SNECAC)

As of January 2012, NICRP is coordinating the efforts of the SNECAC. The [Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council \(ECAC\)](#) was established to strengthen state-level coordination and collaboration among the various sectors and settings of early childhood programs. Additional councils, such as the SNECAC, were developed to conduct this work on a more local level.

SNECAC is dedicated to creating a collaborative system that provides better outcomes for children. Knowing that it takes many people, organizations and disciplines working together, SNECAC has brought together representatives from various child advocacy and service organizations throughout southern Nevada.

This coalition meets the 4th Wednesday of each month from 1:00-3:00pm at the Sunrise Children's Foundation. We are currently working on revising our strategic plan as well as coordinating outreach events for both families and providers. If you are interested in joining the coalition and/or attending a meeting, please contact Amanda Haboush at 702-895-1040 or [amanda.haboush@unlv.edu](mailto:amanda.haboush@unlv.edu).

### Courts Catalyzing Change Community Mapping Survey

The CCC Initiative brings together judicial officers and juvenile dependency stakeholders to reduce the disproportionate representation and disparate treatment of children of color in the child welfare system. One way to do this is to provide families with services before they enter the child welfare system however, first those resources need to be identified. To assist, NICRP created a survey to map our community resources. Please take 5 minutes to complete this survey so that we will have a comprehensive referral base and identify gaps in service.

[CCC Community Mapping Survey](#)

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/cccommunitymapping>

## NICRP Staff Update

### New Research Analyst at NICRP

Please help us welcome Dr. Dawn Davidson to the research team at NICRP. Dawn earned her Ph.D. in Experimental Psychology, with a concentration in Social Psychology, from The University of Memphis. Before moving to Las Vegas, she worked as the Research Director for a substance abuse treatment center in Memphis, Tennessee where she evaluated the effectiveness of different treatment programs for those with co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders. She has also worked with the Director of Psychological Services for the Memphis Police Department to improve the police recruit selection process. As the newest employee at NICRP, Dawn looks forward to applying her research and program evaluation skills to improve the lives of Nevada's children and families.



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