The Mission of Prevent Child Abuse Nevada is to ensure that Nevada's children thrive in safe, stable, and nurturing environments and relationships.

Through providing education, advocacy, and awareness, PCA NV aims to inspire communities to prevent all forms of child maltreatment.

PCA Nevada News & Highlights

The 17th Training Institute on Infant-Toddler Mental Health Conference

This is a learning opportunity to support quality mental health practice for the benefit of infant, young children and their families in Arizona and beyond. This year's conference offers a program with locally and national recognize experts in infant mental health.

Date: October 18 & 19, 2018
Venue: Desert Willow Conference Center: Phoenix, Arizona

Registration is still open!

For More Information Click Here!

SafeVoice App

SafeVoice is an application that is intended to protect student wellness, prevent violence and save lives. The SafeVoice program provides parents and students a safe place to submit tips concerning their safety or that of others. A fully trained staff of experts respond in an appropriate manner 24/7/365. Parent are encouraged to download the app on phone.
SafeVoice report can be made through a hotline by calling 1-833-216-SAFE (7233)
- Electronically at Safevoiceenv.org
- Free mobile app available in the app store for either Android or iPhone

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**PCA America News and Highlights**

**Video Blog: New Research in Abusive Head Trauma**

In this recent video blog, Dr. Bart Klika looks into recent research regarding abusive head trauma. Abusive head trauma is a form of child abuse and has been the subject of different forms of intervention and prevention. He also examines what professionals can do in the future to combat abusive head trauma.

The video can be found [here](#).

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**Family Activities and Events**

### Southern Nevada Family Events

- **Fall Festival and Craft Fair**
  - October 6 @ 10am - 2pm
  - Summerlin Library
  - 1771 Inner Circle Dr.
  - Las Vegas, NV 89134
  - More Information Here

- **Wetlands Spooktacular**
  - October 26 @ 12pm - 3pm
  - Wetlands Park
  - 7050 E. Wetlands Park Lane
  - Las Vegas, NV 89122
  - More Information Here

- **Summerlin Festival of Arts**
  - October 13-14 @ 10am - 5pm
  - Downtown Summerlin

### Northern Nevada Family Events

- **Mad Hatter Tea Party**
  - October 6 @ 2pm - 4pm
  - Sparks Library
  - 1125 12th St,
  - Sparks, NV 89431
  - More Information Here

- **Pumpkinpalooza**
  - October 21 @ 11am - 5pm
  - Victorian Square
  - 764-794 Victorian Ave,
  - Sparks, NV 89431
  - More Information Here

- **Goblin Halloween Parade**
  - October 31 @ 11am - 12:30pm
  - Virginia City
Arts and Craft Activity

Paper Pumpkins

Materials:
- Colored or patterned paper of choice (For each pumpkin you need two 8.5" x 11" sheets)
- Paper Cutter - Double Sided Tape
- Hot Glue and Glue Gun
- Stick - Twine - Scissor

How To:
1. Cut each piece of paper vertically into five 1.5" wide strips.
2. Then cut each strip into one 7", two 9" and keep the remaining two at 11". Remember, you need two sets for one pumpkin. So each pumpkin is two pieces of paper - two 7", four 9", and four 11" strips.
3. Fold each piece into accordion strips.
4. Next tape the two sets and same lengths together with double sided tape and form a circle. You will end up with one circle from 7" strips, two circles from the 9" strips, and two circles from the 11" strips.
5. Create the 7" medallion by gluing with a hot glue gun. Just place a small dab in the center and hold for a few seconds until it is dry.
6. Next glue each medallion together respectively starting with the 7" on top then 9", then 11", then 11" and 9" on the bottom.
7. Hot glue a stick, paper leaves and twine on top of your pumpkin

Adapted from here!

Tips for Parents!

Parent Safety Tips for Trick or Treating

1. Cross streets at corners, obeying traffic signals and crosswalks. And always look left, right and left again when crossing, continuing to watch out as you cross.
2. Put electronic devices down and keep your head up, and walk — don't run — across the street.
3. Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of cars.
4. Always walk on sidewalks or paths. Children should walk on direct routes with the fewest street crossings.
5. Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Teach children to never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.
6. Children younger than 12 should not be alone at night without adult supervision. If kids are mature enough to be out without supervision, they should stick to familiar areas that are well-lit and trick or treat in groups.
7. Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors. Choose face paint and makeup whenever possible instead of masks — which can obstruct a child’s vision — and make sure costumes don’t hang down so low they could cause a tripping hazard.

Adapted from here!

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**Updates on Children's Policies**

**Nevada Policy**

**Make sure you are Ready to VOTE!**

The 2018 general election is just around the corner! Make sure to prepare yourself to vote by registering and marking the election dates on your calendar.

Make sure to **research your candidates**, please look at the resources below to know where your candidate stands on the issues that matter most to you. Check out your candidate **HERE**.

**Voter Registration Deadline:**
- **Online:** by October 18, 2018
- **In-Person:** received by October 16, 2018
- **Postmark:** by October 9, 2018

**Early Voting:** October 20, 2018 through November 2, 2018

**General Election:** November 6, 2018

Important Resource regarding election: **CLICK HERE**

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**National Policy**

**Child Separation**
The Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Health and Human Services released a proposed regulation to amend the “Flores Agreement,” which impacts how long children can be detained in immigration centers. As a product of the court case Flores v Reno, the Flores Agreement requires children in custody of US immigration services to be released within twenty days in favor of finding alternative placement such as foster families. The most prominent proposed rule change would allow Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to detain families together until their immigration proceedings.

To view proposed changes to the Flores Agreement, go **here**.

**Senate Consideration of Opioid Package**
The Senate passed a bipartisan, comprehensive opioids package with overarching themes: reduce use and supply; encourage recovery; support caregivers and
families; and, drive innovation and long-term solutions
- Provide support for states to collaborate and improve plans of safe care for
  substance-exposed infant
- Require HHS to disseminate best practices for states on interventions and
  strategies to keep families affected by substance use disorders together;

The National Association of Counties (NACo) released a comparison between the
House and Senate packages that you can find [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](http://www.preventchildabusenevada.org)