



Prevent Child Abuse Nevada™

March Newsletter



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2017 Children's Week at The State Legislature



The Nevada Legislative Session has begun! This is a great time for you to advocate for our children by calling your legislator, telling your story or even sharing facts on social media. Another great way to advocate for children is to participate in **Children's Week at Nevada's Legislature on March 13th-16th in Carson City!** It is a free event for community members to learn about children's issues and talk to their legislators.

Help us spread the word! See Below for the daily agenda:
There will be daily presentations and fun activities for kids every day!

For more details please visit [the Children's Week website](#)

**Info adapted From [Strong Start for Children](#)*

Monday, March 13, 2017 - School Readiness

*Did you know research shows that 90% of a child's brain is developed by age 5? That is why it is important that Nevada's children have access to high quality early learning programs. We need you to speak up to help Nevada's Children become ready for school!

Tuesday, March 14, 2017 - Child Safety

Did you know that Nevada's overall safety grade is a D+, in the areas of child maltreatment, youth homelessness, juvenile violence, child injury and death and substance abuse? Our children deserve better and need your help to be safe!

**Wednesday, March 15, 2017 -
Physical, Mental, and Behavioral
Wellness**

According to the CDC, "the percentage of children with obesity in the United States has more than tripled since the 1970s. Today, about one in five school-aged children (ages 6-19) is obese." Together we can help make sure there are laws in place to fight childhood obesity.

**Thursday, March 16, 2017 -
An Overview of Children's Well-Being
in Nevada**

The National Institute of Mental Health found that 1 in 5 children ages 13-18 have, or will have a serious mental illness. Children with a mental illness need the proper doctors and programs. Let's make sure Nevada supports children's mental health!

#AdvocacyAction to take:

Share Your Story! One way to advocate is to share your story with legislators. Stories are important for our elected officials to understand the problems their constituents are facing.

OR

Talk to your legislator about safety concerns for Nevada's children. It is important you share these concerns with your local representative. Find your **legislator** and call their office!

The Pinwheel Place - *Check Here for Everything Pinwheels*



What is Pinwheels for Prevention?

Pinwheels for Prevention is a nationwide campaign created to promote change in how our communities think about prevention and how we can deliver on our commitment to America's children. The pinwheel is an uplifting reminder of childhood and the bright futures all children deserve.

[More information about this campaign can be found HERE!](#)

**Pinwheels for Prevention events will be popping up all across
Nevada in April.**

Find your local event here!

Statewide Events:

[Pinwheel Planting at the Nevada Legislature Carson City, NV
April 8, 2016 at 11am](#)

[Go BLUE Day - All day Statewide
April 7th \(Flyer\)](#)

[Go BLUE Faith Based Community Weekend - Statewide
April 7, 8, & 9th \(Flyer\)](#)

Final Pinwheel Planning Call for Pinwheel Event Support - Monday, March 13th, 2017 at 1pm.

Conference Dial-in Number: (641)715-3273

Participant Code: 141093#

Please join our efforts to raise awareness!!

Go BLUE on April 7th to Support Child Abuse Prevention!

On behalf of Prevent Child Abuse America, Prevent Child Abuse Nevada is encouraging everyone to wear BLUE on Friday, April 7th in support of child abuse prevention.

Feel free to distribute and share the Go Blue flyer with all your friends and family! **To see the flyer**, [click here](#).

We hope to see you dressed in BLUE on April 7th! Also, please post your

photos on social media using the hashtag **#GoBlueNV** and we will share your photos.



Pinwheels for Prevention Game Night with Las Vegas 51's



Prevent Child Abuse Nevada will be partnering once again with the Las Vegas 51's to bring a Pinwheels for Prevention Game Night to Las Vegas! PCANV is selling tickets to the 51's game on **April 29, 2017**, in an effort to work together with sport leaders to raise awareness about protecting and creating happy childhoods for Nevada's children. We would love for you to join us this day and encourage you to buy tickets with us in support of child abuse prevention.

**Great seats along the third baseline!
Also, PROMO Night!**

Be one of the first 2500 in attendance and get your own 51's jersey!
The tickets are only \$10! - a discount with PCANV.

Contact PCANV to purchase tickets by Cash or Check - 702-895-5053
[Purchase Online with Credit/Debit cards here!](#)

16th Annual Nevada Child Abuse Prevention & Safety Conference

Early Bird Rate ends March 31st!

*Limited travel scholarships are available, so register early!
CEU's will also be offered; sponsorship opportunities, too!*

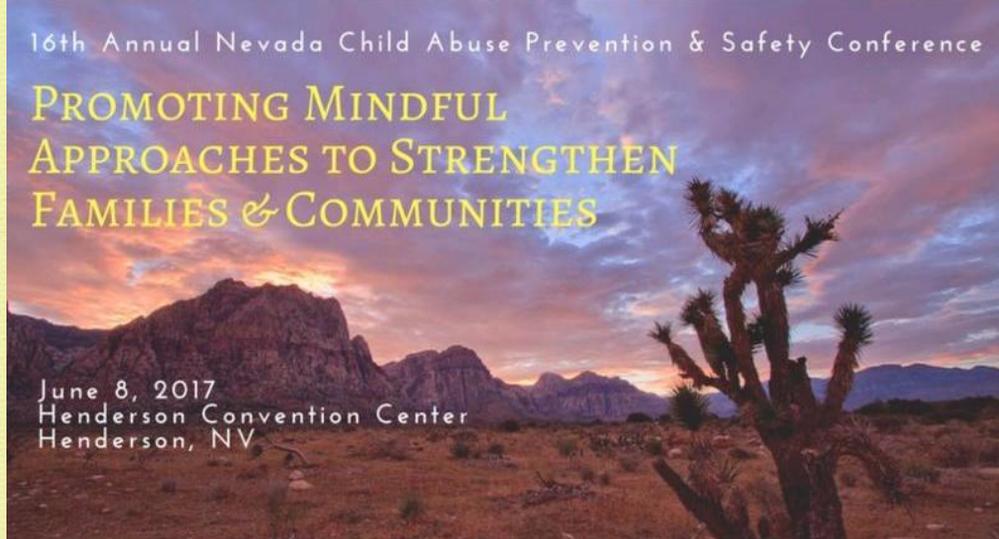
[TO REGISTER ~ CLICK HERE!](#)

Join us after the conference for a self-care event!

Paint a pinwheel and have a glass of wine!

To sign up: [click here](#),

scroll to June 8th, and click the CAP & Safety Conference Event.



[Conference Website](#)

Prevent Child Abuse America Highlights

Positive parenting tips can always be helpful. Whether they benefit you, or the families you serve, a little extra help can sometimes go a long way...

Every week, Prevent Child Abuse America shares a new parenting tip on how to help children grow up in happy and healthy environments. [Check out this tip on empathy!](#)



Parenting Tip of the Week

Talk to your children about empathy and compassion. Use real-life situations in addition to examples from movies and television in order to help teach your child about different perspectives.

[Follow them on social media here](#) to see more helpful hints and more!

Fun Ideas for Families



Southern Nevada:

St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival: March 11-13

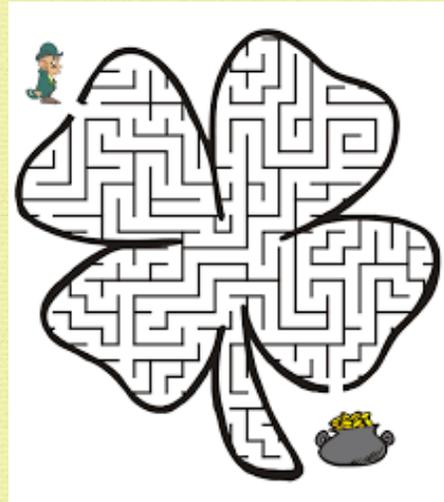
The 50th Annual Southern Nevada Sons and Daughters of Erin St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival is scheduled from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. March 11, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. March 12 and noon to 9 p.m. March 13. *Admission to the festival is free.* Some activities may require purchased tickets, which will be available at the event. Along with a carnival, festival, live entertainment and car show, the parade is planned for 10 a.m. March 12 with more than 100 floats, entries and community participants. The event is a fundraiser for the nonprofit Southern Nevada Sons and Daughters of Erin. Proceeds will benefit the St. Baldrick's Foundation. For more info call 702-267-2171.

Northern Nevada:

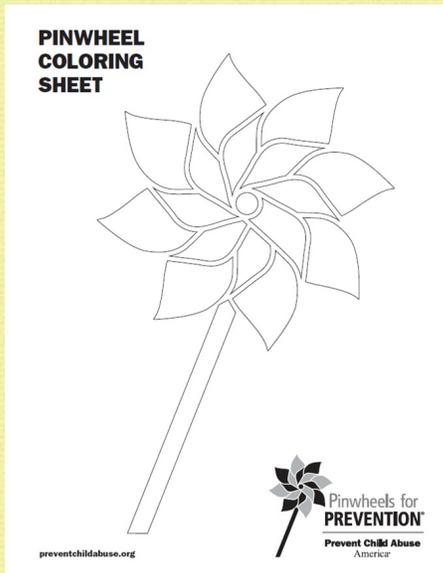
March 26th 11AM-2PM - Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Event Hosted by The Children's Cabinet

Come join The Children's Cabinet for their annual awareness event at the Downtown Reno Library! They will be planting pinwheels and you will have the opportunity to make your own pinwheel! Join in on the fun and show your support for child abuse prevention!

Need a mid-day mind break!
In celebration of Saint Patrick's Day,
here's a quick clover maze for you -
Enjoy!



Color a Pinwheel to Support Children's Rights!



Every child has a right to a safe, happy, and healthy childhood. The pinwheel is the national uplifting symbol supporting this right for children. **Color a pinwheel today with your children to show your support!**

This is a great opportunity to share with your children that they have this right. Remind them of ways to ensure their safety, encourage a healthy lifestyle at home, and be the reason your child smiles today. [Here are some helpful resources to get you started!](#)

[Pinwheel Coloring Sheet](#)

Tips for Parents!

National Nutrition Month



National Nutrition Month® is a nutrition education and information campaign created annually in March by the [Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics](#). The campaign focuses attention on the importance of making informed food choices and developing sound eating and physical activity habits.

National Nutrition Month® is a special time to promote healthy foods to children. - [Find fun children's activities here!](#)

Helpful Tips!

1. Create an eating style that includes a variety of everyone's favorite, healthful foods.
2. Practice cooking more at home with the family and experiment with healthier ingredients.
3. How much we eat is as important as what we eat. Eat and drink the right amount for you. Remember, kids may not be able to eat as much as adults.
4. Find activities that you all enjoy and try to be physically active most days of the week.

[Learn More Here!](#)

Policy Updates

Local Policy

The 79th (2017) Session of the Nevada Legislature will begin on Monday, February 6, 2017.



[See a Tracking List of all Bills related to Children Here!](#)

National Policy

Last month, the Senate confirmed Representative Tom Price (R-GA) to head the Department of Health and Human Services, and Betsy DeVos to head the Department of Education. Discussions also continued over how to move forward with repealing and replacing the Affordable Care Act. Legislators have yet to coalesce around a course of action, and some Republican leaders, including the President, are starting to call for delaying a replacement bill until next year.

Representative Mick Mulvaney was confirmed as Director of the Office of Management and Budget. Also, House Republican leadership [unveiled their plans](#) to replace the Affordable Care Act, although many details of the proposal are still unclear. Timing of action also remains in flux. Some Republicans remain wary of repealing the bill without a fully developed replacement plan.

On Wednesday February 15th, the House Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary education held a hearing on juvenile justice programs. It was a very cordial positive hearing with a strong focus on prevention. You can [watch it here](#) or [visit this page](#) for Chairman Rokita's opening statement and witness testimony. Subcommittee Ranking Member Polis' statement can [be found here](#).

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