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New Staff

Welcome to our newest Staff Members at NICRP!

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Fall 2021 issue of the NICRP Newsletter! Though this past year has had its challenges and changes, NICRP remains committed to serving Nevada's children and families through research, evaluation, advocacy, and community engagement.

In this issue, we provide an update on our current events, recent Step Up for Kids event, recent publications, an upcoming event and newest staff.

- We grew our staff on multiple projects to better help our partners and community!
- We had a successful 14th Annual Step Up for Kids and Kid Mayor election!
- Check out our recent publications!
- We have 2 current events and 1 upcoming event!

In addition, The Nevada Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program was awarded a 5-year grant from the CDC to strengthen blood lead surveillance in Nevada!

We encourage you to look at our website for more information on these activities and our other projects and initiatives.

Sincerely,

NICRP
Home to the Nevada Afterschool Network, the Nevada Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, and Prevent Child Abuse Nevada

Current Events

NMHEC MY WHY Youth PSA Video Competition

The Nevada Minority Health & Equity Coalition invites youth 24 or younger to create a Public Service Announcement (PSA) that shares COVID-19 vaccine facts, a personal story about why you will get vaccinated, or a personal story about why you got vaccinated to inspire other young Nevadans to get vaccinated too!
The PSA can be a commercial, film, animation, song, spoken word, etc. Video submissions will be accepted from Monday, October 18th, 2021 through Friday, December 10th at 11:59pm. Winners will be announced by Friday, December 17th, 2021 via email. The top three winners will be awarded an Amazon Gift Card in the amount of $500 for first place, $300 for second place, and $200 for third place. Click the link below to learn more and submit a video.

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CCCMHC Youth Logo Contest

The Clark County Children's Mental Health Consortium needs your help in designing a new logo!

A prize will be awarded to the winner and the winning logo will be used in all CCCMHC public facing materials! Click the link below to learn more and submit and download the release form!

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14th Annual Step Up for Kids

This year's 14th Annual Step Up for Kids event took place on October 9, 2021 at Vegas Roots from 10:00am to 12:00pm. We had **over 230 attendees** at the event. Throughout the event, families had the opportunity to interact with over 20 community organizations that provided information about resources, planned fun activities and games for kids, and graciously donated raffle prizes! This event would have not been possible without the help of our community partners taking the time to come out and share about resources for families while raising awareness on the importance of voting!

Thank you to all of our Clark County Kid Mayor candidates who ran a great campaign about an issue they were passionate about, displayed their campaign materials at the event, discussed their issues with attendees, and gave a 1-2 minute speech on their campaign issues. Since this election was for kids and by kids, only kids 18 years and under could vote for their favorite candidate. The kids in attendance were able to register to vote, enter a voting booth, and cast their ballot. Our six finalists were Aliyah Hibbler, Christian Neal, Johnni Jones, Max Eugene Harris, Olivia Johnson, and Sofia Segodnik! Congratulations to Johnni Jones for winning the election!

We would like to thank **Vegas Roots Community Garden** for hosting us, **University of Nevada, Reno Extension** for getting fruits and vegetables donated for our Farmer's Market, **Las Vegas Cause-players Alliance** for dressing up as superheroes and taking pictures, and our generous donors **The Home Depot**, **Sprouts Farmers Market**, **Las Vegas Toilet Rentals** , and **Las Vegas Rescue Mission** for providing goods and services. We would also like to thank our community partners: Acelero Learning Head Start/Early Head Start, Children's Advocacy Alliance, Clark County Department of Family Services Parenting Project, Educate Nevada Now, Family to Family Connection, Immunize Nevada, Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, La Familia Vota, Las Vegas Cause Players, Las Vegas Clark County Library District, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, Las Vegas Urban League, Nevada Association for the Education of Young Children, Nevada Department of Education Office of Early Learning and Development, Prevent Child Abuse Nevada, Southern Nevada Child Drowning Prevention Coalition, Southern Nevada Health District, Sunrise Children's Foundation, The Children's Cabinet, UNLV School of Public Health/ NMHEC, Vegas PBS.

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A Sample of Recent Publications

Lead Poisoning Prevention

- 2020: Lifestages of Lead Poisoning
- 2020: Hobbies with Lead Factsheet: Hunting and Fishing
- 2020: Lead in Our Homes Factsheet: A Look at Housing Equity and Lead-Based Paint Hazards in Nevada

Nutrition

- 2020: Infant Feeding Survey, 2020 Report
- 2021: Healthy Vending: A Cross-sectional Evaluation of Public Perceptions and Behavior

Policy

- 2021: Mental Health - 2021 Legislative Bill Summary

Click here to see a full list of all of our reports!

Upcoming Event

Nevada Afterschool Showcase

March 10 & 11, 2022

Join us for two days of presentations and activities centered on improving afterschool and out-of-school time programs in Nevada! Stay tuned for more information as it gets closer to the event. Click the link below to learn more about the Nevada Afterschool Network!

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Welcome to Our Newest Staff!

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We're glad to have you join the NICRP family!