

2022 | Fall

### Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Fall 2022 issue of the NICRP Newsletter!

This issue includes an overview of our recent Step Up for Kids event, new publications, and upcoming events! NICRP remains committed to improving the lives of children through research and advocacy. Click the image to look at our website for more information on these activities and our other projects and initiatives, as well as to check out our new design!

Sincerely,  
NICRP

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



### Step Up for Kids

Each year Step Up for Kids brings together people to show widespread support for investments in children and families. On Saturday, October 8th, NICRP hosted the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Step Up for Kids event at the East Las Vegas Library. This year's event was a success with just under 400 attendees. Throughout the event,



families had the opportunity to interact with over 25 community organizations that provided information about resources, planned fun activities and games for kids, and graciously donated raffle prizes! Families also enjoyed free corndogs, face painting, a petting zoo, live DJ, mindful movements, costume contest, voter registration and a produce market by UNR Extension with free fruits and

vegetables! The audience was also entertained throughout the event by Las Vegas Cause Players, who dressed up as superheroes and took pictures.

NICRP hosted the Clark County Youth Mayor election to engage children in the electoral process. Fourth and Fifth graders in Clark County were given the opportunity to apply. Three finalists were selected to campaign at the event. Finalists, Andrea Pierce, Anthony Caliendo and Amit Sharma Jr., created campaigns 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 youth 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. Congratulations to Andrea Pierce for winning the election!

**This event would not have been possible without the help of our community partners:** Acelero Learning Clark County Head Start, Boys Town Nevada, Department of Pediatrics: Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine at UNLV, Equipo Academy, Family to Family Connection, Foster Kinship, Las Vegas Cause Players, Las Vegas Clark County Library District, Las Vegas Urban League Early Childhood Connection, Mi Familia Vota, Nevada Council on Problem Gambling, Nevada Department of Education, Nevada PEP, New Horizons Preschool, Prevent Child Abuse Nevada, Special Olympics Nevada, State of Nevada: Division of Child & Family Services, Sunrise Children's Foundation, The Children's Cabinet, The Harbor, The Obodo Collective, The TRY Method, United Citizens Foundation, UNLV School of Public Health, UNR Extension: Partners in Parenting, & Vegas Cares, LLC.

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## RECENT PUBLICATIONS

### A Multistage Public Health Response to Pediatric Lead Exposure: A Case Study on Lead Tainted Turmeric in an Immigrant Family

This case study represents a local health district's response to an Afghan child with an elevated blood level in Las Vegas, NV from 2019-2021. Testing revealed that the child had an elevated blood lead level from the consumption of lead-tainted turmeric, purchased at a local ethnic market. This case study highlights the importance of a multidisciplinary and multistage approach in the identification, treatment, and intervention of an elevated blood lead level in children. We highlight key prevention and intervention strategies to reduce the impact of childhood lead poisoning in immigrant and marginalized children.



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### A Mixed-Methods Assessment of Residential Housing Tenants' Concerns about Property Habitability and the Implementation of Habitability Laws in Southern Nevada



Housing is a key health determinant. Habitability laws set minimum standards for adequate housing. However, accessing them to ensure adequate housing may be a challenge for many tenants. This paper explores the need for rental housing policy that would better support adequate and safe housing, particularly for low-income renters.

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### Improving the Identification of Children with Elevated Blood Lead Levels: A Pilot Project Using an Academic Detailing Approach

Despite known health consequences of lead exposure such as cognitive impairment and behavioral problems, childhood lead testing rates remain low in western US states, particularly in

Nevada. Efforts to encourage pediatricians to increase childhood blood lead testing in marginalized communities may be thwarted by misperceptions of minimal lead exposure risk. The academic detailing approach-which uses an interactive educational outreach strategy to medical providers-may help increase childhood lead testing among pediatricians.



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## The Importance of Community Voice: Using Community Based Participatory Research to Understand the Experiences of African American, Native American, and Latinx Individuals During a Pandemic



Though the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 infection, hospitalization, and death rates on minority communities in the United States is known, information regarding how COVID-19 has impacted these communities and how community context and perceptions can inform a better response to future health crises needs further exploration. Using a CBPR approach, this study examined the experiences of African American, Native American, and Latinx individuals to improve responses to public health emergencies.

[This publication has been accepted and is in the process of being published. Click here to access our website where you can find other recent reports.](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CCCMHC Youth Video Contest

The Clark County Children's Mental Health Consortium (CCCMHC) is hosting a youth video contest to promote Children's Mental Health Acceptance Week: May 7-13, 2023. The purpose of this contest to encourage the youth throughout Nevada to express their creativity as a way to help raise awareness about mental health.

Winners will be announced in April, 2023. Cash prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place winners and additional prizes may be awarded!

**BE SUPPORTED,  
SEEN, HEARD,  
& UNDERSTOOD**



1st Place = \$200  
2nd Place = \$100  
3rd Place = \$50

### Submission Instructions

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2023 BY 11:59pm (PST)

HOW TO SUBMIT: Eligible participants may [CLICK HERE](#) to submit their video and provide the following information:

- Full names of everyone on the submitting team.
- Name and contact information of the Lead Producer.
- Complete link to the unlisted YouTube video or uploaded video file.
- Signed release forms uploaded as attachments.

[Click here for more information](#)

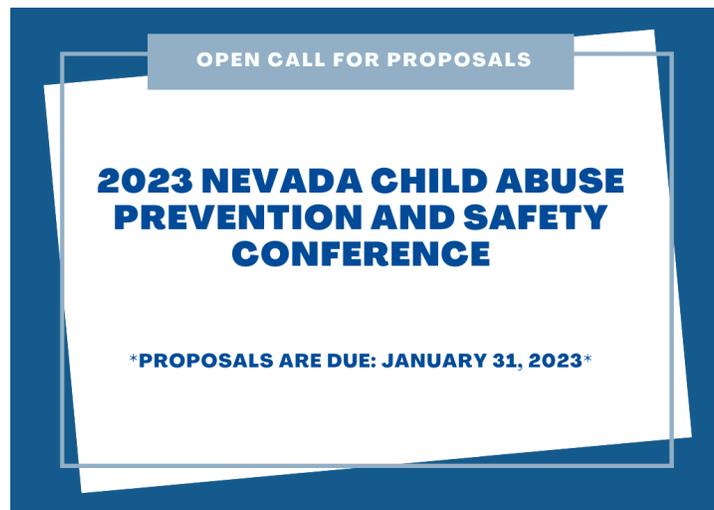
## Nevada Child Abuse Prevention and Safety Conference Request for Proposals

### Every Family is a Garden: Family Centered Approaches to Prevention

The Nevada Child Abuse Prevention and Safety Conference is the statewide conference designed to offer quality training and information on topics of interest to leaders in child abuse prevention. We are interested in a wide scope of topics associated with the power of communication and collaboration between organizations, strengthening families, violence in schools, suicide prevention, data overview of COVID impact to children and families, domestic violence, and child maltreatment prevention. The conference will take place at Nevada State College, Tuesday, June 13, 2023 from 8:00am-5:00pm. Participants may attend their choice of a variety of workshops on child abuse and neglect prevention. We will be applying for Continuing Education Units (CEUs).

Proposals are due no later than Tuesday, January 31, 2023, with notifications being sent out around February 28, 2023. Additional information and documentation might be needed from presenters for CEUs.

[Click here to submit a proposal](#)



## Nevada Afterschool Showcase

The Nevada Afterschool Network is hosting their 3rd annual afterschool showcase in Reno, Nevada from March 9th - 10th, 2023.

Our statewide conference hopes to bring together afterschool and out-of-school time professionals and leaders in the field to learn more about how to operate successful programs during these rapidly changing times. Innovation from the field has led to an expansion of program potential, especially through new collaborative efforts. We also want to hear from experts on:

- Best Practices for Afterschool & OST programs
- STEAM programming and activities
- Entrepreneurship
- College & Career Readiness
- Supporting Mental Health & Social Emotional Learning
- Innovative Programs to Meet Youth, Family, & Community Needs
- Equity & Diversity (including serving diverse youth, and increasing diversity in the workforce)
- Collaboration, Teambuilding, and Public/Private Partnerships

Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more information to come!



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