

2024 | Spring

Welcome to the Spring 2024 issue of the NICRP Newsletter!

This issue includes an overview of new publications, staff highlights, program updates, and upcoming events! NICRP remains committed to improving the lives of children through research and advocacy.

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STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

Ensuring Every Nevadan Has Equitable Access to COVID-19 Resources

We are so proud of Assistant Professor Erika Marquez! She received the 2024 Community Engagement Award for her work breaking down barriers to reach marginalized communities. Congratulations!



[Click here for award details](#)

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

Clark County Children's Mental Health Consortium



2024 Service Priorities Report

Nevada has consistently ranked 51st in youth mental health care. Families often struggle to obtain adequate community-based resources to address their children's mental and behavioral health needs. The Clark County Children's Mental Health Consortium recently released the 2024 Priorities Report to provide an update on the four main priorities of its 2030 Strategic Plan. This report will also provide recommendations to inform the county's next steps to increase timely access to comprehensive mental and behavioral health services and supports for youth.

[Click here to read the report.](#)

GRANT HIGHLIGHTS

Essentials for Childhood: Preventing Adverse Childhood Experiences through Data to Action



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) launched a funded program focused on preventing adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and promoting positive childhood experiences (PCEs). These efforts will help reduce leading causes of death, mental health challenges, health risk behaviors such as substance use, and verified reports of child abuse and neglect. NICRP is working in partnership with the University of Nevada, Reno School of Public Health to improve ACEs and PCEs surveillance infrastructure and capacity, implement and sustain ACEs prevention strategies, and use ACEs/PCEs data for action.

[Read more here!](#)

Nevada Division of Child and Family Services - Infant, Toddler, Safe Babies Court Program

NICRP is serving as the Evaluation and Data Lead for the DCFS Infant and Toddler Court Program. For families with children aged three years and younger, under court jurisdiction, in foster care or at risk of removal from their families, this program seeks to increase access to expedited, comprehensive supports. This program also intends to improve efforts at family, community, and systems levels to strengthen families

and prevent child maltreatment and/or child welfare involvement for children under three years of age.

<https://www.zerotothree.org/safe-babies-states-and-sites/>



NAN HIGHLIGHTS

2024 Nevada Flight Crew

Introducing the 2024 Nevada Moonshot Flight Crew! A team of young Nevadans, aged 12-16, committed to closing the gender gap in STEM in out of school time programming. Over the course of one year, they will participate in monthly training, be paired with a mentor in the field, and attend a STEM experience! Learn more at

<https://www.nevadaafterschool.org/stem/the-nevada-moonshot-flight-crew/>



2024 Nevada Afterschool Showcase

NAN hosted its annual conference in February 2024, bringing together out of school time professionals from all across the state! During the event, the NAN Flight Crew and Flight Crew Alumni represented youth voice by showcasing their passion for STEM in afterschool, while alumni participated in a panel discussion with Dr. Linda Johnson-McClinton. They emphasized the importance of afterschool programs and why youth voice should be considered when making decisions. Learn more at:

<https://www.nevadaafterschool.org/nevada-afterschool-showcase/>

Out-of-School Time Professional Pathways Certification (OSTPPC)

The Nevada Afterschool Network proudly presents the Out-of-School Time Professional Pathways Certification (OSTPPC)! This Certification aims to:

- Enhance program quality
- Retain and recognize professionals
- Encourage ongoing education
- Professionalize the OST field
- Help establish career pathways

Learn more at:

<https://www.nevadaafterschool.org/ostppc/>



PCANV HIGHLIGHTS



National Child Abuse Prevention Month

April was National Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time to remember that we can each play a part in promoting the social and emotional well-being of children and families in our community. To help promote this reminder, Prevent Child Abuse America and local chapters nationwide use the Pinwheels for Prevention® campaign.

Learn more here:

<https://www.preventchildabusenevada.org/pinwheels-for-prevention/>

NVCLPPP Highlights

Lead Environmental Assessor Trainings

In March and April of 2024, NvCLPPP hosted week-long Lead Environmental Assessor Trainings at UNLV for our health districts, including the new Central Nevada Health District. There are now (at least) an additional 8 certified Environmental Assessors to help tackle and permanently eliminate lead-based paint hazards and other lead sources in our state.



Learn more about NVCLPPP [Here!](#)

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CCCMHC Summit

Join us for the 7th Annual Summit on Children's Mental Health on May 6-7! On Day 1, attendees will learn about digital mental well-being, suicide prevention, hear from youth, and more! Day 2 will feature the Trust-Based Relational Intervention training from Raise the Future! To register, visit cccmhc.org/summit. CEUs will be available! See you there!

Follow us on Social Media

NICRP is officially on Instagram! Make sure to follow us @nevadachildren to get the latest news and stay updated on our center!



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