



Clark County Department of Family Services
Community Partnerships Workgroup
Minutes for 18 August, 2015

Present

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Agenda for 8/18/15

Foster Friends Update
Back to School Event
Discovery Museum Event
Calendar of Events
LV Urban League- Subsidy Partnership
PCANV- Step Up For Kids Event

Meeting Minutes from 8/18/15

Foster Friends Update

- CPE is working with Contracts team and the D.A.'s to develop a MOU and to develop a process for vetting foster friendly businesses. Once completed, the QPI Committee will have a chance to give input on the MOU wording.
- The MOU will be reviewed annually for all businesses that participate as a Foster Friend.

Back to School Event

- The 4th annual Back to School! Back to Basics! event took place on August 13, 2015 at the Juvenile Justice Center on The Child Haven Campus.
- More than 1,000 backpacks and countless school supplies were donated from all over Clark County, making this our most successful Back to School event to date!

- More than 800 children received backpacks and school supplies this year. That is more than twice the amount served last year.
- Surplus backpacks and school supplies will be distributed to children and families in care through Peggy's Attic throughout the year.

Discovery Children's Museum

- CPE has been working with the Discovery Children's Museum to host a Night at the Museum event for our kids in care who were not able to participate in Camp to Belong. CPE will coordinate with Child Focus to finalize the event.

Calendar of Events

- CPE will be emailing all QPI committee members a calendar of events for 2015-2016.

LV Urban League- Subsidy Partnership

- The Urban League has an office on the Child Haven campus to assist families with applying for Child Care Subsidies.

Prevent Child Abuse Nevada- Step Up for Kids Event

- PCANV will be hosting a Step Up For Kids Event at Springs Preserve on September 28 from 3pm – 7pm. There will be a petting zoo and tables with resources for parents. DFS will have tables at the event to showcase our programs and resources.

Foster Friends Speaking Points

The Foster Friends Program is an opportunity for businesses, the faith community, LGBT community, charitable organizations; etc. to support children in foster care - and their caregivers - in ways other than becoming a foster parent. Examples of support and partnerships include:

- Local businesses can provide discounts to foster parents and/or display foster parent recruitment materials
- Faith-based organizations can recruit members who may be interested in providing supervision of children at Foster Friendly events or other types of support to families
- Organizations or individuals can organize a donation drive

The opportunities are nearly limitless based upon what the partner has to offer. No idea is too small. If you are interested in learning more about the Foster Friends program, which will be rolled out in September, you are welcome to call 702-455-1196.

Next Meeting – September 15, 2015

DFS Central located at 121 S Martin Luther King Blvd