

Who Should Be A Part of QPI?

Creating a system that ensures excellent parenting requires the support and involvement of birth families, relative caregivers, foster families, young people, and others in the child welfare system

You May Be a....

Foster/ Adoptive Parent

Relative Caregiver

Adult Youth/Parent with Lived experience

Child Welfare Worker

CASA/GAL

Organization for Children/families

Leader in Education, children's health, mental health or family law

Faith-Based Family Ministry

& many more!

4 WAYS TO STAY CHILD-CENTERED IN CHILD WELFARE

01

TALK TO YOUTH ON WHAT IS HAPPENING



Keeping kids in the know builds trust and reduced anxiety about the unknown.

02

THINK ABOUT DEVELOPMENT.



Make decisions based on the child's needs, age and stage of development.

03

APPRECIATE CAREGIVERS



Sharing gratitude reminds caregivers that they are respected partners to the team.

04

PRIORITIZE COPARENTING.



strong, positive relationships are the best interventions we can give kids in foster care.



RURAL NEVADA

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The Quality Parenting Initiative (QPI) is a national movement for foster care change, made up of a network of states, community partners, foster parents, and those with lived experience. QPI is committed to ensuring that all **children are put at the center of the child welfare system.**

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have access to quality parenting.

The Rural Nevada QPI site is dedicated to this ongoing collaboration to provide excellent parenting through trainings, conferences, work groups, support networks and more.



QPI is based on 3 core principles:

1.

Consistent excellent parenting and meaningful relationships are the most important services we can provide to children and youth in foster care. Every policy, practice action, and statement the system adopts should strengthen parenting skills and relationships.

2.

Research on child, youth, and brain development and the effects of trauma demonstrates the importance of parenting and positive relationships. It provides guidance on how best to support them. Agency, policy and practice should be informed by research.

3.

The individuals most affected by policies and practices are in the best position to design and implement change so that systems ensure excellent parenting and meaningful relationships for children who enter their care.



RURAL NEVADA QPI RESOURCES JUST IN TIME TRAINING

Several video trainings updated regularly are available at www.qpinevada.org to build quality best parenting practice and to earn re-licensing hours. Get involved with nationally held conferences and trainings, too.

MONTHLY QPI MEETING

DCFS staff, foster parents, & those with lived experiences gather monthly in a virtual format to strategize innovative ways of implementing the 3 QPI core principles throughout our child welfare system.

Email Kevin Quint for the Teams Link:
kevin.quint@dcfs.nv.gov

CAREGIVER CORNER

Caregivers can connect, share, and learn from each other in our monthly virtual caregiver support meeting. Each meeting is a different theme based on research led parenting and is held the 1st Wednesday of the month

Email shelby.riley@dcfs.nv.gov for invite

RESPIRE CO-OP

The Respite Co-op is a new Parent to Parent Caregiving share network. Caregivers in the respite co-op can utilize each other to share caregiving duties as a community.

Email shelby.riley@dcfs.nv.gov to join

CAREGIVER COURIER

The Caregiver Courier is Rural NV QPI's bi-monthly newsletter offering updates and news on family led policy, resources and education on excellent parenting.

Email shelby.riley@dcfs.nv.gov for the latest issue

QPI PARENTING PRACTICES

An intro to some practices in action in Rural Nevada child welfare sites

COMFORT CALLS

The comfort call is a phone call made by the caseworker and foster parent to the birth parent(s) shortly after a child is removed from their home to comfort the child. This call also provides an opportunity for the parent to comfort the child after removal, which can help both to feel more comfortable with the foster placement.

ICEBREAKER MEETINGS

Icebreaker Meetings are facilitated child-focused meetings, held shortly after a child is placed in out of home care, to provide an opportunity for birth parents and foster parents to meet each other and to share information of each other's family and most importantly, the needs of the child.

NORMALCY

Rural NV QPI supports that family visitation provide families the space to engage in quality time that heals relationships. Additionally, children in care have the ability to form natural relationships the same as children outside of foster care.

Find handouts, guides and other resources at

www.qpinevada.org

Learn More about Rural NV QPI

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