

Quality Parenting Washoe January Newsletter

Resource/ Relative/ Fictive Kin/ Adoptive Parents

El Grupo de Padres de Recursos de Habla Hispana se reúne el 3er miércoles del mes entre las 11:30 am y la 1:00 pm en el Centro de Participación Familiar (FEC). Nos hemos estado reuniendo mensualmente desde mayo de 2022. Tenemos discusiones para promover el cuidado de calidad para los niños en hogares de crianza temporal. Tenemos discusiones sobre la filosofía de QPI y cómo apoyar las iniciativas en nuestra rutina diaria, entender y navegar el sistema CPS, nos apoyamos mutuamente y, lo más importante, aprendemos unos de otros.

Para obtener más información, comuníquese con:

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The Spanish-speaking Resource Parents Group meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month between 11:30 am and 1:00 pm at the Family Engagement Center (FEC). We have been meeting on a monthly basis since May 2022. We have discussions to promote quality care for children in foster care.

We converse about the philosophy of QPI and how to support initiatives in our daily routine, understand and navigate the CPS system, support each other and, most importantly, learn from each other.

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You don't want to miss this!

All Resource/ Relative/ Fictive Kin/ Adoptive Parents are invited!!

**have a heart Washoe**

Save the Date for

# Better! TOGETHER!

**2nd Annual  
Resource Parent Appreciation Event**

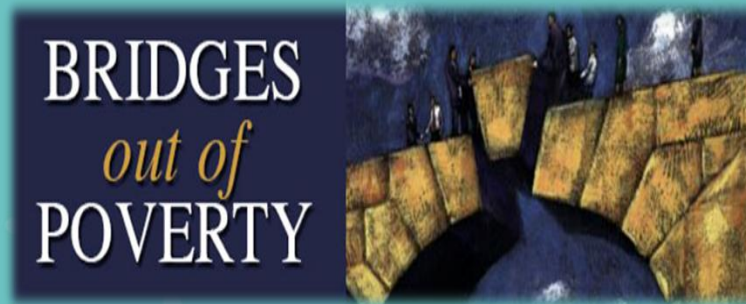
**DATE: Saturday, May 6, 2023**  
**TIME: 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm**  
**Location: 10300 Rio Wrangler Pkwy, Reno, NV 89521**

More information to follow

Child Care Options Will Be Available.

This is a **mandatory** training requirement for your license renewal.

# Bridges out of Poverty



Entrenamiento "Puentes Para Salir de la Pobreza" en español próximamente.

**Date of training:**  
**Saturday, January 21, 2023**  
10:00am-12  
ZOOM

Please contact Matt Polly for more information or to register.

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# Reno Rodeo Foundation

The Reno Rodeo Foundation will be providing new clothing to foster children of all ages at the Denim Drive Distribution event on Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to Noon at the Kids Kottage Gym, 2085 Longley Lane. It is encouraged, but NOT required that foster children attend with their care providers to pick out new clothing.

Please use the following link to register your foster child for new clothing:

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=zzh4oqcab&oeidk=a07ejl9106326e272dc>. Please be sure to add each of the foster children in your care when registering to ensure that the Reno Rodeo Foundation can be prepared with everyone's sizes on hand. The deadline to register is Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. **Please note that during this event clothing can only be distributed to children currently in foster care.**

We hope to see you there!

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La Fundación Reno Rodeo proporcionará ropa nueva a niños de crianza de todas las edades en el evento Denim Drive Distribution el sábado 28 de enero de 10 am al mediodía en el Kids Kottage Gimnasio, 2085 Longley Lane. Se recomienda, pero NO se requiere que los niños de crianza asistan con sus padres de crianza para elegir ropa nueva.

Utilice el siguiente enlace para registrar al niño(a) de crianza para ropa nueva:

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=zzh4oqcab&oeidk=a07ejl9106326e272dc>.

Asegúrese de agregar a cada uno de los niños de crianza bajo su cuidado cuando se registre para asegurarse de que la Fundación Reno Rodeo pueda prepararse con los tamaños de todos a mano. La fecha límite para inscribirse es el miércoles 18 de enero. **Tenga en cuenta que durante este evento la ropa solo se puede distribuir a los niños que actualmente están en el cuidado del Condado de Washoe.**

¡Esperamos verlos allí!



# Interested in Adoption?

## DeMarco

9-years-old

**100% FREE**



Are you an active family who loves exploring and learning new things? Then do we have the kid for you! This sweet, adorable little boy with the cheesy, infectious grin is a people pleaser for sure! DeMarco loves to share and help others. He thrives from one on one attention, enjoys conversing and generally relishes connecting with others.

Now that DeMarco has the opportunity, he is exploring every sport and outdoor activity he can try. He loves his bike, his scooter, hiking, soccer and football. If that's not enough, he also loves swimming. Well, really anything to do with water play. DeMarco is looking for an active family who will keep up with all his newly found interests while allowing him the opportunity to continue discovering. Oh, and do not forget about Mine Craft. If you can check off all those boxes, you might just win DeMarco's heart.

If you'd like to learn more about this exuberant, active little boy please reach out to:

Tawnya Robertson at [Trobertson@washoecounty.us](mailto:Trobertson@washoecounty.us)

# Interested in Adoption?



## Zaria & Adonis

*5 & 3-years-old*

### FLEX FAMILY

Are you looking for a couple of silly yet clever littles to adopt? Meet Zaria and Adonis!

Zaria is an incredibly bright, talkative four-year-old who enjoys telling you all about herself. She has a big vocabulary, is a quick learner and easily adjusts to any situation. She is kind and easy to build rapport with. Zaria also loves crafting and doing her hair.

Adonis is quiet but friendly and tends to follow his sister's lead. He is open and playful in conversations. He is also easy to build rapport with. Adonis enjoys playing with his toys, his sister and generally being active. Both children thrive from the one-on-one attention of committed, caring adults.

If you think you can keep up with these two and are interested in learning more reach out to Tawnya Robertson at [Trobertson@washoecounty.gov](mailto:Trobertson@washoecounty.gov)

# Interested in Adoption?

## Briana

9-years-old

**100% FREE**

Do you enjoy staying active, being outdoors and getting your Vitamin D through time spent in nature? Do you like watching or maybe participating in gymnastics? Meet Briana!



She starts out shy but don't let that fool you. Given proper time to learn if you are trustworthy, she will open right up. Briana thrives with positive one on one attention and is an empathetic little girl who expresses genuine concern for others, specifically her peers. She is also described as direct, intelligent, athletic, curious, persistent, fun-loving and insightful. Briana longs to be adopted by a loving family and hopes to have a pet one day.

Briana likes fashion, shopping, barbies and playing dress up. She enjoys staying active by being outside, playing basketball and running. She also enjoys participating in girl scouts. Briana loves arts and crafts, reading inspirational books about strong women of color and gymnastics. Briana also has a dream of being famous one day. Based on her natural abilities in gymnastics, that dream just might come true. Check out her Have a Heart episode below for proof of her skills.

To watch Briana's, Have a Heart story click on the link below:

<https://www.kolotv.com/video/2022/12/02/have-heart-meet-brianna/>

If you would like to help Briana achieve her dream of being adopted into a kind, loving family please reach out to Tawnya Robertson at [Trobertson@washoecounty.gov](mailto:Trobertson@washoecounty.gov)





# Welcome

**Please welcome Eros Norlander to the transportation unit as our brand-new Office Support Specialist! If his name sounds familiar, it's because it is!.....Eros was formerly a Runner and we are thrilled to have him back with us in his new role as scheduler and trainer. He brings a wealth of experience and expertise in getting our kiddos to where they need to go safely, and we can't forget that he is also a nationally certified Child Passenger Safety technician! When he is not mapping out routes, Eros enjoys reading, woodworking, gaming and watching films – his favorite genres range from old school science fiction to action movies all the way to anime. Be sure to say WELCOME BACK to Eros the next time you talk to him!**



**¡Dé la bienvenida a Eros Norlander a la unidad de transporte como nuestro nuevo Office Support Specialist. Si su nombre le suena familiar, es porque lo es! Eros fue anteriormente un Runner y estamos encantados de tenerlo de vuelta con nosotros en su nuevo papel como programador y entrenador. Contribuye una gran experiencia y conocimientos para llevar a nuestros hijos a donde necesitan ir de manera segura, ¡Y no podemos olvidar que también es un técnico de seguridad de pasajeros infantiles certificado a nivel nacional! Cuando no está planeando rutas, a Eros le gusta leer, la carpintería, jugar y ver películas: sus géneros favoritos van desde la ciencia ficción hasta las películas de acción y el anime. ¡Asegúrate de decir BIENVENIDO DE NUEVO a Eros la próxima vez que hables con él!**





# Welcome

**Please welcome, Stephanie Walker, LMFT to our Mental Health Counselor Supervisor. She began her professional career working in mental health at Koinonia Family Services as a behavioral management specialist. She moved into a clinical role before she became the program Director at Koinonia in May 2019. Stephanie has strong supervisory skills and working in collaboration with community and agency partners. Stephanie joined the Human Services Clinical Team in June 2021. She is trained in EMDR and TF-CBT, and had been working with our CSEC and CAC populations more recently. She loves time with her family and friends and being outdoors!**



**Bienvenida, Stephanie Walker, LMFT como nuestra Supervisora de Consejeros de Salud Mental. Comenzó su carrera profesional trabajando en salud mental en Koinonia Family Services como especialista en manejo del comportamiento. Se mudó a un rol clínico antes de convertirse en la Directora del programa en Koinonia en mayo de 2019. Stephanie tiene fuertes habilidades de supervisión y trabaja en colaboración con socios comunitarios y de agencias. Stephanie se unió al Equipo Clínico de Servicios Humanos en junio de 2021. Está capacitada en EMDR y TF-CBT, y ha estado trabajando con nuestras poblaciones de CSEC y CAC más recientemente. ¡Le encanta pasar tiempo con su familia y amigos y estar al aire libre!**



# RPAC

## RESOURCE PARENT AVENUES TO CONNECTIONS

WCHSA'S RESOURCE PARENT ADVISORY BOARD BRINGS TO YOU **RPAC**. RPAC IS A MONTHLY MEET-UP IN WHICH OUR RESOURCE, RELATIVE, KIN AND ADOPTIVE FAMILIES CAN ALL COME TOGETHER. THE GOAL IS TO BUILD CONNECTIONS WITHIN OUR FOSTER CARE COMMUNITY. WE KNOW IT'S HARD TO ACCOMMODATE EVERYONE'S SCHEDULES SO OUR MEETING TIMES WILL VARY. SOME MONTHS WE WILL MEET IN THE MORNING, SOME MID-DAY, AND OTHERS IN THE EVENING. SOME MEET-UPS WILL HAVE NO COST WHILE OTHERS MAY HAVE A COST ASSOCIATED. PLEASE ATTEND ANY AND ALL THAT YOU CAN, AS YOU ARE APART OF **RPAC** AND WE WOULD LOVE TO CONNECT WITH YOU!

### JANUARY 23, 2023, AT 11AM



#### COFFEE N' COMICS

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COST: ANYTHING YOU WANT TO ORDER

### FEBRUARY 27, 2023, AT 11AM



#### COFFEE N' COMICS

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### MARCH 27, 2023, AT 11AM



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# TBRI

Trust-Based Relational Intervention (TBRI) is an amazing free training for caregivers

[The Impact of TBRI®: Ana & Terry's Story - YouTube](#)


TBRI® Introduction & Overview

March 28th & 30th, 2023 | 6pm-9pm each day

Virtual training via Zoom

Complete TBRI® Caregiver Training Series

Fridays in April 2023 (4/7, 4/14, 4/21, and 4/28) | 9am-3pm each day



**RAISE the FUTURE**

**Trust-Based Relational Intervention® (TBRI®) Caregiver Training**

*Free training for caregivers of children from hard places*

**ABOUT TBRI®**

Trust Based Relational Intervention® (TBRI®) is an evidence-based parenting and intervention model developed by Dr. Karyn Purvis and Dr. David Cross at the Karyn Purvis Institute of Child Development (KPICD) at Texas Christian University (TCU). TBRI® has been built on a solid foundation of neuropsychological theory and research, tempered by humanitarian principles. It is a family-based intervention, designed for children who have experienced relationship-based traumas such as institutionalization, multiple foster placements, maltreatment, abuse, and/or neglect.


**FOUR TRAINING MODULES**

- Introduction & Overview
- Connecting Principles
- Empowering Principles
- Correcting Principles

**Use the QR code below to learn more and register for upcoming trainings!**

Look for information under the "TBRI® Caregiver Training" tab

**SCAN ME**





# WCHSA Directory

**Center Street Front desk:** 775.785.8600

**Emergency After hours number:** 1.833.900.7233

In case you have an emergency that occurs after hours please call.

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Corner of Prater and Howard

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