

Quality Parenting Washoe

February

NEWSLETTER



FEC has restocked the clothing closet!

The FEC's clothing closet has been restocked by the Pennington grant. This closet is for ALL foster parents/relatives/etc. to come in when they first get a placement and obtain 3+ outfits, along with a case of diapers and wipes. This is only at time of initial placement into care. You don't need to call, just come by during operating hours M-F 8-7.

El armario de ropa de la FEC ha sido reabastecido por la subvención de Pennington. Este armario es para que TODOS los padres adoptivos / parientes / etc. entren cuando obtengan un placement por primera vez. Pueden obtener 3 artículos de ropa, junto con pañales y toallitas. Esto es solo en el momento de la placement inicial en el cuidado. No necesita llamar, solo venga durante las horas de lunes a viernes de 8 am -7 pm.



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.

You
Don't
Want
To
Miss
Out!

*This event is for ALL Resource/ Relative/ Fictive Kin/ Flex
& Adoptive Parents*

CAR SEAT INSTALLATION & FIT CHECK



Drive-Thru Car Seat Installation & Fit Check

Wed, March 29th 2pm-4:30pm @ FEC



Have questions about car seats? Want to check the fit of an installed car seat in your vehicle? Would you benefit from an installation refresher with different types of car seats?

Join our certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians for this fabulous, free event!

Simply arrive in the FEC parking lot with your questions, car seats and vehicle!

As always, if you have specific questions regarding car seats or safety guidelines, please reach out to ENorlander@washoecounty.gov or JoMcCoy@washoecounty.gov.

INSTALACIÓN DE SILLAS DE COCHE Y Verificación de Ajuste



Drive-Thru Instalación de Sillas de Coche y Verificación de Ajuste

Miércoles 29 de Marzo de 2pm-4:30pm en el FEC



¿Tiene preguntas sobre los asientos de automóvil? ¿Desea comprobar el ajuste de una silla de coche instalada en su vehículo? ¿Se beneficiaría de un repaso de instalación con diferentes tipos de asientos para el automóvil?

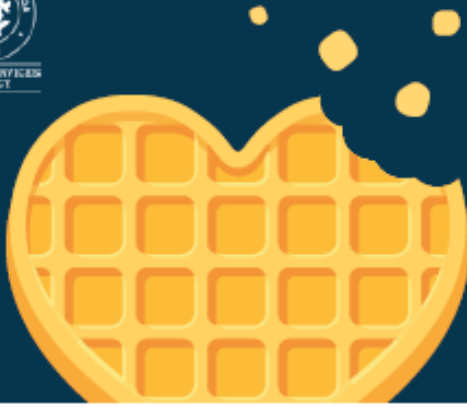
¡Únase con nuestros técnicos certificados de seguridad de pasajeros infantiles para este fabuloso evento gratuito!

¡Simplemente llegue al estacionamiento de FEC con sus preguntas, asientos de automóvil y vehículo!

Como siempre, si tiene preguntas específicas sobre asientos para automóviles o preguntas de seguridad, comuníquese con

ENorlander@washoecounty.gov o JoMcCoy@washoecounty.gov.

Uno de los Técnicos certificados habla Español.



SUBSIDIO PARA MEJORA LA VIDA DE FAMILIA ADOPTIVA Y CRIANZA EN WASHOE

(WAFFLES)

Nos dijiste que necesitabas algunas cosas, y estamos escuchando. Consulte a continuación para acceder a servicios adicionales, suministros y apoyo financiero. Hemos implementado WAFFLES, un nuevo sistema que permite solicitudes directas en línea para eliminar barreras y acelerar las solicitudes. Puede solicitar el reembolso o puede solicitar nuevos artículos y servicios.

Utilice el siguiente enlace para enviar su solicitud de WAFFLES en: <https://forms.washoecounty.us/f/HSAWaffles>

Podrá enviar su solicitud de compra a través del enlace WAFFLES o si elige realizar la compra usted mismo, puede solicitar el reembolso a través del enlace WAFFLES adjuntando su recibo (comprobante de pago) y se le enviará un cheque.

A continuación, se muestra una lista de artículos que estarán disponibles para su elección.



EDUCACIÓN

- Servicios de tutoría: Tutoría en el hogar o servicios de tutoría externa de su elección, como A + Matemáticas, Kumon.
- Asistencia del programa de vacaciones escolares: Campamento de verano, programas de descanso o costos de guardería.
- Servicios escolares:
- Clases o referencias de agencias de apoyo para ayudar a navegar y abogar por su hijo en la escuela. 504 vs IEP, etc.
- Estipendio de graduación: Estipendio de \$250 proporcionado con prueba de graduación.



DIVERSIÓN FAMILIAR

- Cena centrada para una noche de diversión familiar: Incluirá canasta de juegos para toda la familia (juegos, cartas, ciencia, juguetes de proyectos, rompecabezas, etc.)
- Sacar a la familia: Incluye un certificado para comida (desayuno, almuerzo o cena) y actividades o para que disfrute toda la familia. Tú eliges la ubicación.
- General/Otros: Préstamo de su hogar, rentas de su hogar, servicios públicos (billetes), otros gastos del hogar.



DEPORTES Y OTRAS ACTIVIDADES

- Certificados para deportes: Cuotas de inscripción, uniformes, equipo (zapatos) Liga/escuela de su elección.
- Certificados para programa: Ballet, Gimnasia, Terapia a caballo, danza, karate, clases de natación, clases de cocina, etc. Ubicación de su elección.
- Actividades extracurriculares: Parques acuáticos, parque de trampolines, Need for Speed, minigolf, bolinche, pintura, películas, escalada en roca, Discovery Museo, Wonder & Unwind, etc.
- Alquiler de material deportivo: Esquí, snowboards, bicicletas de montaña, tablas de paddle para el agua, etc.



ASISTENCIA GENERAL

- Certificados/reembolso de gasolina: Para familias que no utilizan corredores de WCHSA y para niños mayores de 16 años con permiso válido o licencia de conducir.
- Asistencia con la licencia de conducir: Cursos en línea para jóvenes y lecciones de manejo.
- Certificados/Tarjetas de comida: tarjetas o comida rápida
- Entrega de alimentos: Certificados/ tarjetas para el mandado / comidas que se entregarán en su residencia.
- Certificados/Tarjetas para ropa y zapatos: Vestimenta y zapatos para todas las ocasiones.
- Certificado para muebles: Cunas, columpio para bebés, tocadores, escritorio, camas, sábanas, fundas, cobijas, etc.
- Certificado/Tarjetas de transporte: Lyft, Uber, etc.



TECNOLOGÍA

- Certificado/Tarjeta de tecnología: (apropiado para la edad) Teléfono y servicio, o i-Pad con programas educativos descargados (ABC Mouse, Little Einstein) para que el niño los vea, con rastreadores, una computadora con accesorios y programas necesarios (Teams, One Note, Microsoft Office, typing.com, Khan Academy, Grammarly, etc.), audífonos, etc.
- Reembolso de Wi-Fi



WASHOE ADOPTION & FOSTER FAMILY LIFE ENHANCING SUBSIDY (WAFFLES)

You told us you needed some things, and we are listening. See below to access additional services, supplies and financial support. We have implemented WAFFLES, a new system that allows direct online requests to remove barriers and expedite requests. You can request reimbursement OR you can request new items and services.

Please use the following link to submit your WAFFLES request at: <https://forms.washoecounty.us/f/HSAWaffles>

You will be able submit your purchase request through the WAFFLES link OR if you choose to make the purchase yourself, you can request reimbursement through the WAFFLES link attaching your receipt (proof of payment) and a check will be sent to you.

Below is a list of Items that will be available for your choosing.



EDUCATION

- **Tutoring Services:** In-home tutoring or outside tutoring services of your choice such as A+ Mathematics, Kumon.
- **School Break Program Assistance:** Summer camps, break programs or daycare costs to the facility of your choice.
- **Schooling Services:** Classes or advocate agency referral to help navigate and advocate for your child in school. 504 vs IEP, etc.
- **Graduation Stipend:** \$250 stipend provided with proof of graduation.

FAMILY FUN

- **Catered Dinner for Family Fun Night!:** Will include Family friendly games basket (games, cards, science project toys, puzzles, etc.)
- **Take the Family Out:** Includes a voucher for food (breakfast, lunch or dinner) and activities for the whole family to enjoy. You choose the locations.
- **General/Other:** Mortgage, Rent, Utility or other household expenses.

SPORTS & OTHER ACTIVITIES

- **Sports Vouchers:** Sign up fees, uniforms, equipment (cleats, pads, etc.). League/school of your choice.
- **Program Vouchers:** Ballet, Gymnastics, Horseback therapy, Dance, karate, swim lessons, cooking lessons, etc. Facility of your choice.
- **Extracurricular Activities:** Waterparks, trampoline parks, need for speed, mini golf, bowling, paint ball, playful pottery, painting, movies, rock wall climbing, Discovery Museum, Wonder & Unwind etc.
- **Sporting Equipment Rentals:** Skis, snowboards, mountain bikes, paddle boards, etc.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

- **Gas Voucher/Reimbursement:** For families not utilizing WCHSA Runners and for children over the age of 16 with valid permit or driver's license.
- **Driver's License Assistance:** Youth online courses and driving lessons.
- **Food Vouchers:** Grocery or fast food gift cards.
- **Food Delivery:** Gift cards for groceries/meals to be delivered at your residence.
- **Clothing & Shoe Gift Cards:** Attire and shoes for all occasions.
- **Furniture Voucher:** Cribs, baby swings, dressers, desks, beds, bedding etc.
- **Transportation Vouchers:** Lift, Uber, etc.

TECHNOLOGY

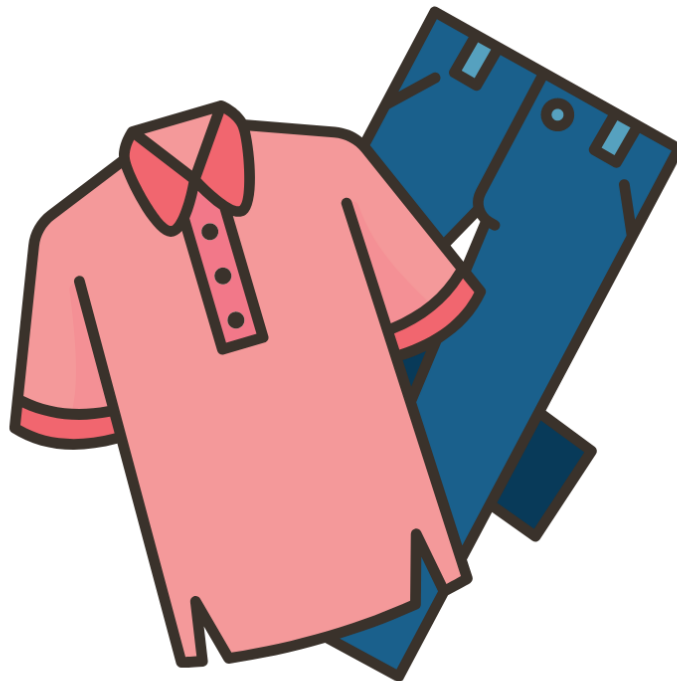
- **Technology Voucher:** (Age appropriate) Phone and service, or i-Pad with educational programs downloaded (ABC Mouse, Little Einstein) for the child to watch- with trackers, a computer with accessories and needed programs (Teams, One Note, Microsoft Office, typing.com, Khan Academy, Grammarly, etc., headphones, etc.
- **Wifi Reimbursement**

RESOURCE PARENT

FREE

CONSIGNMENT SALE DAY!

ALL YOU NEED IS YOUR PLACEMENT LETTER!



10 FREE CLOTHING ITEMS!

Sunday

March 12th | 11-1pm

4590 S Virginia Street



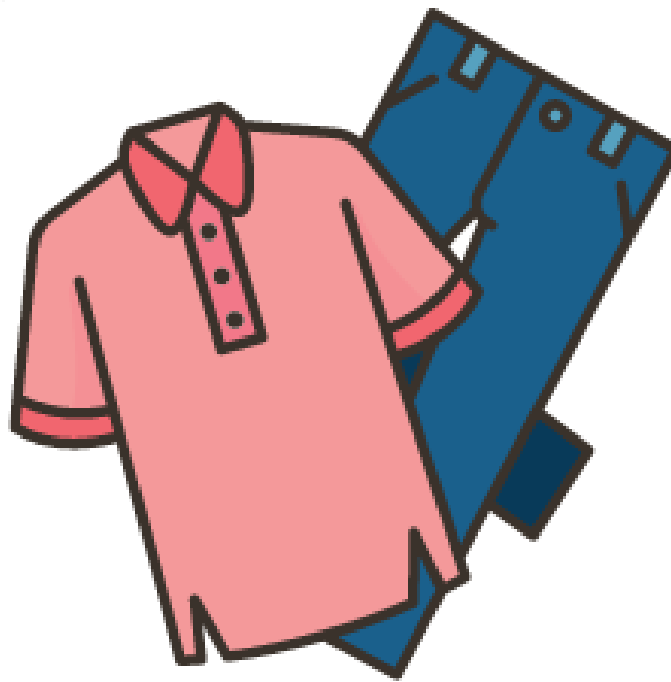
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PADRES DE CRIANZA

GRATIS

CONSIGNMENT SALE DAY!

LO UNICO QUE NECESITA ES SU CARTA DE PLACEMENT



10 ARTICULOS DE ROPA GRATIS

Domingo

12 de marzo | 11am-1pm

4590 S Virginia Street



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RESPITE

RESPITE:

- ♥ Each resource family is now eligible for up to **14 days** of paid alternative care. If you already claimed 7 days since July 1, 2022, you are eligible to claim up to another 7 days. Remember, there are 3 types of paid alternative care:
 - **Inclusive Respite** (family vacation/staycation inclusive of foster children),
 - **Paid Alternative Care** (paying another licensed foster parent directly to care for foster children), and
 - **Other Approved Care Providers** (direct care staff, licensed childcare providers). All respite information and forms can be found at www.jitnevada.org/washoe/caregiver.html. You are encouraged to submit requests through June 30, 2023, as far in advance as possible to reserve funding.
- ♥ **NEW!** You may now submit for reimbursement if you have paid a **babysitter** through normalcy activities like an evening out. Submit a receipt (handwritten sheet of paper is sufficient) signed by you and the babysitter indicating the children's names, date of babysitting, and total dollar amount paid to the babysitter. Please make sure all names are legible. Requests for babysitting reimbursement should be submitted to HSA-RespiteRequests@washoecounty.gov.
- ♥ Eligibility for paid respite or babysitting reimbursement is dependent on funding available through June 30, 2023, and is not guaranteed.

RESPIRO

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- ♥ Cada familia de recursos ahora es elegible para hasta 14 días de cuidado alternativo pagado. Si ya reclamó 7 días desde el 1 de julio de 2022, es elegible para reclamar hasta otros 7 días. Recuerde, hay 3 tipos de cuidado alternativo pagado:
 - **Respiro Inclusivo** (vacaciones familiares con niños de crianza),
 - **Cuidado Alternativo Pagado** (pagar a otro padre de crianza con licencia directamente para cuidar a los niños de crianza), y
 - **Otros Cuidadores Aprobados** (Personal de Atención Directa (DCSM), Guardería de cuidado infantil con licencia). Toda la información y formularios de relevo se pueden encontrar en www.jitnevada.org/washoe/caregiver.html. Le recomendamos que envíe solicitudes hasta el 30 de junio de 2023, con la mayor anticipación posible para reservar fondos.
- ♥ ¡NUEVO! Ahora puede solicitar el reembolso si ha pagado a una niñera a través de actividades normales como una salida sin los niños. Presente un recibo (la hoja de papel escrita a mano es suficiente) firmado por usted y la niñera indicando los nombres de los niños, la fecha de cuidado de los niños y cuánto pagó en dólares a la niñera. Asegúrese de que todos los nombres sean legibles. Las solicitudes de reembolso de niñera deben enviarse a HSA-RespiteRequests@washoecounty.gov.
- ♥ La elegibilidad para el reembolso de relevo pagado o cuidado de niños depende de los fondos disponibles hasta el 30 de junio de 2023 y no está garantizada.

FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT



FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Foster, Kinship, and Pre-Adoptive Families

PLACEMENT STIPENDS:

- Effective January 31, 2023, a licensed resource family or specialized foster care agency that welcomes foster youth into their home is eligible for a stipend as outlined in the categories below. The Placement Support Team will identify which category applies. Ongoing availability of this stipend program is dependent on funds being available.

Category	Stipend Amount
Sibling set of 2 or more children	\$500
Medically Fragile child (designation determined by the agency)	\$500
After Hours Placement (outside regular business hours – nights & weekends)	\$250
Urgent Placement (new foster care entry or disruption of prior placement)	\$200
Planned Placement (caregiver participated in a planned transition of a child into their home)	\$100

INSTALACIÓN DE SILLAS DE COCHE Y Verificación de Ajuste



ANUNCIOS DE FINANCIAMIENTO

Familias de Crianza, Familia y Preadoptivas

ESTIPENDIOS DE COLOCACIÓN:

- A partir del 31 de enero de 2023, una familia de crianza con licencia o una agencia de cuidado de crianza especializada que da la bienvenida a jóvenes de crianza temporal en su hogar es elegible para un estipendio como se describe en las categorías a continuación. El Equipo de Apoyo identificará qué categoría aplica. La disponibilidad de este programa de estipendio continua depende de que haya fondos disponibles.

Categoría	Cantidad del Estipendio
Conjunto de hermanos de dos o más niños	\$500
Niño médicamente frágil (designación determinada por la agencia)	\$500
Colocación fuera del horario normal (fuera del horario normal regular: noches y fines de semana)	\$250
Colocación urgente (nueva entrada en cuidado de crianza o interrupción de la colocación anterior)	\$200
Colocación planeada (el cuidador participó en una transición planeada de un niño a su hogar)	\$100

CHLOE

13-years-old

100% FREE

Do you like to cook or are you open to learning alongside a bright, spirited teen? Do you enjoy musicals and art? Meet Chloe! She is described as a smart, talented youth with a great sense of humor and extraordinary potential. Chloe likes to cook and bake and would love someone to hone her skills with. She prefers healthier foods and loves asparagus and mashed potatoes. Chloe is an excellent advocate for herself and can be a perfectionist at times.

This is reflected in the art she loves to create. Chloe finds pleasure in reading. She listens to all kinds of music and appreciates musicals like Hamilton and The Greatest Showman. She aspires of visiting Europe one day and dreams of being an only child with a family where she will be unconditionally loved and encouraged to reach her full potential. Chloe would benefit from caregivers who are consistent, predictable and honest.



If you would like to learn more about this fun, artistic youth contact Tawnya Robertson at Trobertson@washoecounty.gov

JON

3-years-old

FLEX HOME

Meet John! This determined sweet boy has quite the fighting spirit! He has faced many challenges since birth, yet he continues to work daily to make progress in his development. John's developing personality captures the hearts of those who meet him. John is non-verbal but sure knows how to let you know if he likes something or not! He giggles when he likes something and will swat away something he is not interested in! John likes to play with toys, and especially loves toys with buttons! He also enjoys animated shows on television. John resides in a medical facility and works with support services to achieve his developmental milestones. He is crawling and can walk with the support of an assistive device. John is also able to push himself in a wheelchair.



John needs a family that is willing to commit to providing him full time care in a loving and nurturing home, who will give him unconditional love and care all throughout his life. John has an amazing team of supportive services who will work with any family to learn how to provide for John's needs. To learn more about this special guy, contact Myra Yeargan, (775)560-8913 myeargan@washoecounty.gov

KAI & RIVER

4-years-old

FLEX HOME

Please meet River and Kai! These adorable brothers have a special bond and are looking for a home where they can be together. Kai is interested in identifying colors and emotions. He loves puzzles, Legos, and the ABC's! River enjoys playing with his peers and recognizes when he makes mistakes and will tell his friends he is sorry. He does great with transitions, loves coloring, and loves to dance and play games! When it comes to food, River is always hungry! He loves to eat but is particularly interested in chocolate! Kai loves chicken nuggets, yellow cheese, and cereal! You can usually find these guys playing outside on bikes, climbing, or running around! River and Kai would benefit from a home who is familiar with special needs. These boys would do best in a home with skilled parenting.



To learn more about these special guys, contact Myra Yeargan,

(775)560-8913 myeargan@washoecounty.gov

JAYDEN & MILO

9 & 6-years-old

LOCAL FAMILIES ONLY

These closely bonded, high energy little boys will have you laughing all day long. They love to make people happy, are sweet, silly, affectionate and love all things cars; fast cars, muscle cars, games about cars, music from any of the Fast and Furious movies.

Jayden is very bright and articulate for his age. People will tell you that Jayden's smile lights up a room. He loves being near his care givers whenever possible, helping with projects around the house. He also, loves Roblox and is a kind, loving, polite little boy with good manners. He would love to participate in team sports.

Milo is all boy and looks up to his older brothers. Like Jayden he is very bright and articulate for his age. He loves to be outside playing on his scooter, riding his bike and digging in the dirt. Milo also enjoys being a helper. He has an infectious laugh, and his foster parent cautions that he uses his cuteness to his advantage and it's easy to get sucked in.

Click on the link below to watch their Have a Heart video:

<https://www.kolotv.com/video/2020/11/06/have-heart-meet-trey-jayden-milo/>

If you'd like to learn more about more about this precious sibling group, contact Tawnya Robertson at Trobertson@washoecounty.gov



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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