

Quality Parenting Washoe

NEWSLETTER

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

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.

The FEC was able to restock their clothing closet for new children coming into care.

What this means for you: when kiddos are removed from their homes due to abuse/neglect and placed into foster care, that foster/resource parent may come to the FEC during operating hours ([see below](#)) to obtain the following items:

- 3-4 new outfits and a new pair of shoes for all ages.
- A case of diapers/pull-ups, wipes, and infant care survival packs (brushes, thermometers, nose-suckers, and other baby essentials).
- Toiletry items (shampoo/body wash, toothpaste/toothbrush, comb/brush, deodorant, nail clippers, ChapStick, etc.)
- A brand new stuffed animal.
- A brand new warm blanket.
- Special hair care products for children with kinky/curly hair.
- And drawstring backpacks to pack their new belongings into.

Again, these items are for NEW placements of children into foster care. If you are a foster/resource parent and receive a child from another foster home without clothing and supplies, please call Jesse at the FEC to talk about what could be available at that time. You may also reach out to your placement / licensing contacts to obtain needed clothing/supplies through the Reno Rodeo Foundation as well. And... look for coming emails about this years Pennington Grant sign-ups for school supplies, back-to-school clothing, and Christmas gifts.

The FEC (905 E. Prater Way in Sparks) is open (except for holidays):

Monday:	8 am - 7 pm
Tuesday:	8 am - 7 pm (closed 1:00 - 2:00)
Wednesday:	8 am - 7 pm
Thursday:	8 am - 7 pm (closed 1:00 - 2:00)
Friday:	8 am - 7 pm
Saturday:	8 am - 5 pm (closed 12:00 - 1:00)

El FEC reabasteció su armario de ropa para los nuevos niños que entran a nuestro cuidado.

Lo que esto significa para usted: cuando los niños son retirados de sus hogares debido a abuso / negligencia y colocados en cuidado de crianza, ese padre de crianza / recurso puede venir a el FEC durante las horas de operación ([ver más abajo](#)) para obtener los siguientes artículos:

- 3-4 nuevos artículos de ropa y un nuevo par de zapatos para todas las edades.
- Una caja de pañales / pull-ups, toallitas húmedas y paquetes para el cuidado infantil (cepillos, termómetros, chupadores de limpiar la nariz y otros elementos esenciales para bebés).
- Artículos de tocador (champú / gel de baño, pasta de dientes / cepillo de dientes, peine / cepillo, desodorante, cortaúñas, ChapStick, etc.)
- Un nuevo peluche.
- Una cobija nueva.
- Productos especiales para el cuidado del cabello para niños con cabello rizado.
- Y mochilas con cordón para empacar sus nuevas pertenencias.

Una vez más, estos artículos son para NUEVAS colocaciones de niños en hogares de crianza. Si usted es un padre de crianza / recurso y recibe un niño de otro hogar de crianza sin ropa y cosas que necesite, llame a Jesse en el FEC para hablar sobre lo que podría estar disponible en ese momento. También puede comunicarse con el equipo de Placement / Licencia para obtener la ropa / artículos necesarios a través de la Fundación Reno Rodeo también.

El FEC (905 E. Prater Way en Sparks) está abierto (excepto los días festivos):

Lunes: 8 am - 7 pm

Martes: 8 am - 7 pm (cerrado 1:00 - 2:00)

Miércoles: 8 am - 7 pm

Jueves: 8 am - 7 pm (cerrado 1:00 - 2:00)

Viernes: 8 am - 7 pm

Sábado: 8 am - 5 pm (cerrado 12:00 - 1:00)



RAISE *the* FUTURE

Raise the Future organizará un entrenamiento de TBRI en español el 23 de marzo de 8:30 am a 2:30 PST.

La Intervención Relacional Basada en la Confianza® (TBRI) es un modelo de crianza e intervención basado en la evidencia desarrollado por la Dra. Karyn Purvis y el Dr. David Cross en el Instituto Karyn Purvis de Desarrollo Infantil (KPIDC)® en la Universidad Cristiana de Texas (TCU). TBRI® se ha construido sobre una base sólida de teoría e investigación neuropsicológica, templada por principios humanitarios. Es una intervención basada en la familia, diseñada para niños que han experimentado traumas basados en la relación, como institucionalización, múltiples colocaciones de crianza, maltrato, abuso y / o negligencia.

Si están interesados en participar en este entrenamiento, siga el enlace para registrarse

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEtduCopjkqG9TcptAmhSvICNr9MWzNSV3S>



MONTHLY LUNCH BUDDIES

Calling all relative, resource, flex & adoptive parents... bring your lunch, thoughts, struggles, and support for others! Lunch Buddies is a safe group where you can share your experience and seek/provide peer support.

JOIN US!

First Friday of every month
12-1pm

Hybrid in-person at HQ or via ZOOM

[Please reach out to:](#)

kspring@washoecounty.gov or
sespino@washoecounty.gov



Monthly Lunch Buddies Support Group We will be offering certificates that you can turn in to your licensing worker for licensing renewal hours! This support group is hybrid so you can attend in person at HQ (2395 East Prater Way Sparks, NV) or on ZOOM

REGISTER NOW!

All new **L2L Jr. Edition**

New Age!
 * 10-13
 * Earn up to \$75
 * 4 Weeks
 Virtual*Fun*Hype
 Starts 4/3/23

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L2L Jr. Edition, Independent Living Skills Workshop, *that starts at ages 10-13, starting in April!!*

This is a pilot program, so we are testing the waters for this and offering it to 'all youth' in this age group. Biological kids from the homes are eligible to join!

You are invited to register your youth in this upcoming L2L, [Here](#)

In 4-Short Weeks, the sessions will offer relevant and interest based topics geared towards this age group. We have partnered with other professionals in the community who are committed to empowering and educating this group!

Scaling down our sessions to be age appropriate, the topics include, but not limited to:

- Me, Myself and I (SelfCare and Goal Setting, Self Awareness)
- Saving and Spending Money (Money Management, Money Literacy)
- Home Sweet Home! (Home Economics, Taking Care of your space)
- Young and Responsible (Learning the skills of being responsible in a future job)

Awards are generously sponsored, meeting on Monday's for 75 minutes:

- \$75 for attending 4 weeks
- \$25 for attending 2 weeks

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[L2L Jr. Edition, Taller de Habilidades Para la Vida Independiente, que comienza entre los 10 y los 13 años, ¡a partir de abril!](#)

Estás invitado a inscribir a tus jóvenes en este próximo L2L, [Here](#)

En 4 semanas cortas, las sesiones ofrecerán temas relevantes y basados en intereses orientados a este grupo de edad. ¡Nos hemos asociado con otros profesionales de la comunidad que están comprometidos a empoderar y educar a este grupo!

Reduciendo nuestras sesiones para que sean apropiadas para la edad, los temas incluyen, pero no se limitan a:

- Yo, yo y yo (autocuidado y establecimiento de metas, autoconciencia)
- Ahorrar y gastar dinero (administración del dinero, alfabetización monetaria)
- ¡Hogar, dulce hogar! (Economía doméstica, cuidando tu espacio)
- Joven y responsable (Aprender las habilidades de ser responsable en un trabajo futuro)

Los premios son generosamente patrocinados, reuniéndose los lunes durante 75 minutos:

- \$75 por asistir 4 semanas
- \$25 por asistir 2 semanas

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.

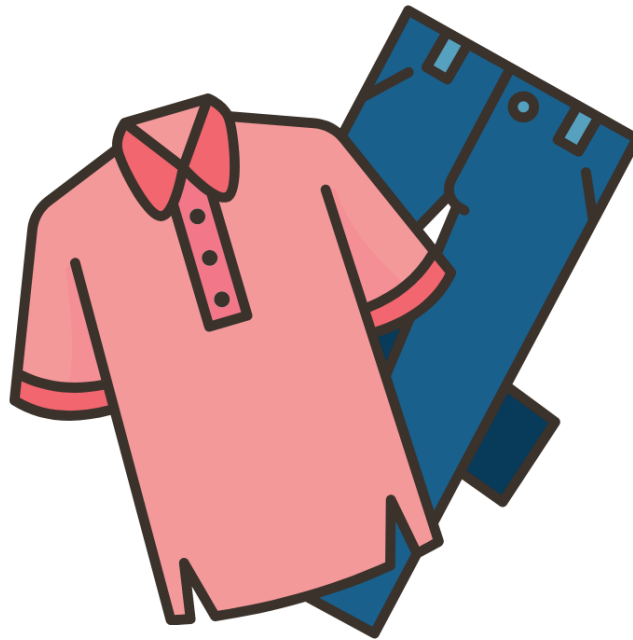
Uno de los Técnicos certificados habla Español.

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



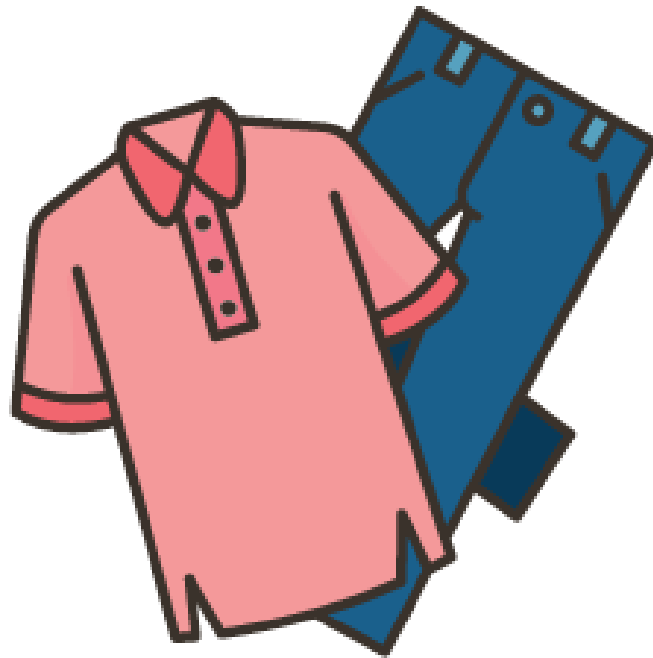
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PADRES DE CRIANZA

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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BIGGEST LITTLE EASTER EGG HUNT & RESOURCE FAIR RAIN OR SHINE!

IN RECOGNITION OF CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF TRUCKEE MEADOWS

2680 E. 9th Street, Reno, NV 89512

Saturday, April 1, 2023, 9am - 1pm

EGG HUNT START TIMES:

11:25am - Ages 5-6
10am- Adapted Egg Hunt (all ages)*
11:40am - Ages 7-9
10:45am - Ages 0-2
11:55am - Ages 10-12
11:05am- Ages 3-4

**For those with disabilities and/or sensory sensitivities*

For more info: 775-225-2689
tsvocalstudio@hotmail.com



*Summit Church is hosting an Easter Egg Fest at Lazy 5 Park in Sparks
(next to the Spanish Springs Library)*

There will be a:

*Petting Zoo
Face Painting
Snacks
& carnival games!*

*Summit Church está organizando un Festival del Huevo de Pascua en
Lazy 5 Park en Sparks (al lado de la Biblioteca de Spanish Springs)*

Habrá un:

*Pequeño Zoológico
Pintura facial
Aperitivos
y juegos de carnaval!*



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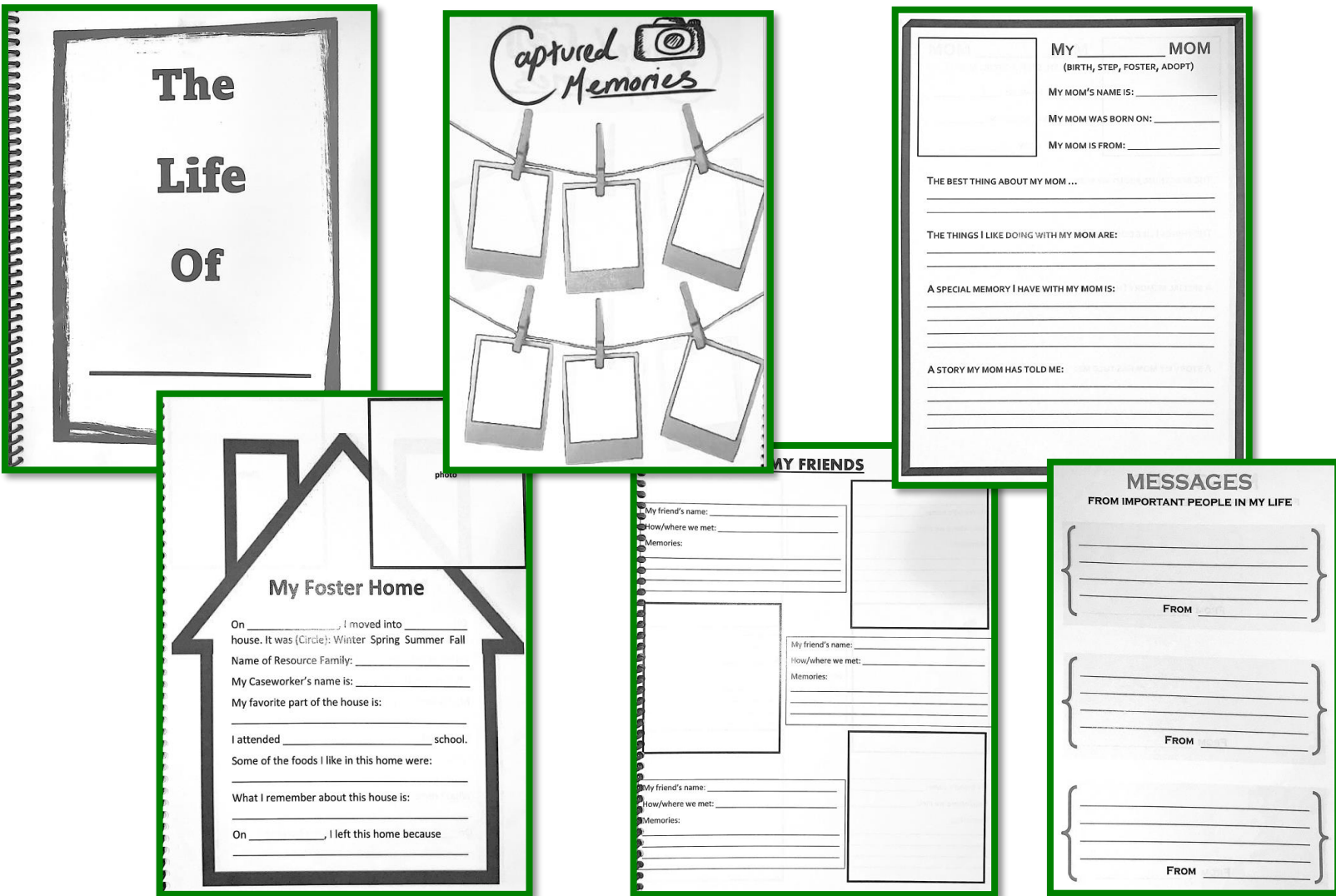
April 1
9:30-NOON

WASHOE COUNTY'S
LAZY 5 REGIONAL PARK
7100 PYRAMID WAY



Life Of Books

Life of books are an easy way for our children to have a book of their story. This book is for all of our children in care. The goal of this book is for the child, birth parents and resource parents to complete throughout the life of the case. This book will go with the child during all transitions and hopefully reunification. This book has different tabs to include; All About Me, My Family, People in My Life, Milestones & School, Birthdays & Memories, & My Friends & My Future. You can pick up a book for the children in your home at the FEC or at HQ (2395 East Prater Way Sparks, NV)



La Vida en un Libro es una manera fácil para que nuestros niños tengan un libro de su historia. Este libro es para todos los niños bajo nuestro cuidado. El objetivo de este libro es que el niño, los padres biológicos y los padres de recursos completen a lo largo de la vida del caso. Este libro acompañará al niño durante todas las transiciones y, con suerte, la reunificación. Este libro tiene diferentes pestañas para incluir; Todo sobre mí, mi familia, las personas en mi vida, las etapas y la escuela, los cumpleaños y los recuerdos, y mis amigos y mi futuro. Puede recoger un libro para los niños en su hogar en el FEC o en HQ (2395 East Prater Way Sparks, NV).

LILLY & TEMPERANCE

6 & 4-years-old

LOCAL FAMILIES ONLY

Meet this charming duo, who are ready to find their forever family with whom they can flourish and grow. This sibling set will be a great addition to a loving, patient, and caring forever family. Lilly and Temperance have individual interests, yet they interact well with one another, and enjoy spending time together. They are both good eaters and are not picky at all. They are described as very well-mannered and polite.



Lilly is a shy, sweet, and loving little girl, who brings much joy to those around her. She enjoys watching videos and dancing, playing with baby dolls, and spending time with her younger sister. Lilly loves to color, draw, and feel the fresh air in her hair as she swings. She is quite the helper, never frowning at any chore and always seeking ways to help around the home. Lilly is calm by nature and can be sensitive, but overall, she is a happy little girl that want to be loved, nurtured and a sense of safety.

Temperance is a little firecracker, who is outgoing and sassy. She is a very active girly girl, who loves to dance and sing, but also enjoys watching Disney movies and being read to. Temperance is happy and bounces back quickly from her emotions. Like her sister, she too enjoys doing chores and helping around the home. She is eager to start school and is a natural learner. Temperance needs a family that can provide her with structure and love.

These girls need a loving home, where they can feel safe, know their routine, and be accepted for who they are. They need guidance, support, patience, and love as they continue to grow. Their forever family will be trauma informed, structured, patient, kind, and of course be animal-lovers!

If you are interested in learning more about Lilly and Temperance please contact Brenda at Bsilis@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



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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905 E Prater Way, Sparks, NV 89434

Corner of Prater and Howard

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next door to Kids Kottage

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