



**WE WANT  
YOUR  
FEEDBACK**

Please remember that we will continue to update and change this newsletter to make it the most useful tool for you! Please feel free to provide any feedback or if there is any information you'd like us to add.



## **HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT PARTY!**



All foster parents, adoptive parents, specialized care providers, birth parents, children, adolescents, direct care staff, WIN workers, attorney's, judge's or anyone providing any kind of care or support to any child or family involved in Washoe County is invited to our party!!

Come on down to for ghastly tricks and ghoulish treats!

**Monday October 30, 2017  
2:30 pm-5:00 pm  
350 S. Center Street, Reno**

## **CAREGIVERS SUPPORT TEAM**

We are very excited to announce that we are developing a Caregiver's Support Team that consists of Co-Parent Coaches, Trainers, Trackers and Success Story Videos. -Kin Minor

- ♥ The goal is to have Empathetic Caregiving Co-Parent coaches provide tips, share experiences and share feedback to other Caregivers providing clear expectations of working with Birth Parents as experts on their children.
- ♥ Our objective is to make sure every child living in foster care is cared for by a caregiver (foster, relative, fictive and/or adoptive) who possesses Co-Parenting skills. These caregivers will have the knowledge, ability and support necessary to successfully nurture children who have experienced trauma while providing a safe, loving and healing environment. As a result these children can thrive, while maintain connections to their biological family.
- ♥ We will empower Caregivers by allowing them access to pertinent information and engaging them in important meetings.
- ♥ Caregivers will also be included in decision making and will be provided with the tools and resources they need to successfully impact our children's lives.
- ♥ Most Biological parents have at some point been engaged in their child's life. Even if only the amount of time a mother carried her child before birth. That too is crucial information in the development of the child and the only way to get that information is by engaging the Birth Parent(s).
- ♥ We are also developing a Birth Parent Advocate/Coach Support Team to assist struggling Birth Parents with positive empathic coaching. A Birth Parent's assigned coach(s) will help them understand expectations by providing them a safe place to ask questions while being someone for the Birth Parent(s) to lean on through the process of reunification.
- ♥ Our objective here is to empower Birth parents to be part of the system change. We want to make that transition handled in a child-centered way with the child's needs as the most important aspect of the move into your home.
- ♥ We will be asking Biological Parents to work with Caregivers as Co-Parents every step of the way.

## MEET ALEXIS

Alexis is looking for an active family with a great sense of humor who is affectionate and willing to commit to her forever. She is a very intelligent girl who is described as funny and sassy with a great deal of wit. Alexis is an excellent advocate for herself and would benefit from a family who can provide her with guidance as to how to be more effective in this regard. She loves being busy with outdoor activities such as horseback riding and takes great pride in cooking many of the meals in her foster home. Alexis also enjoys reading. She is perfectly content spending hours devouring a good Stephen King novel. She also loves singing and dancing and has shown an interest in gymnastics.

If you'd like to learn more about this amazing teen please reach out to Tawnya Robertson at [trobertson@washoecounty.us](mailto:trobertson@washoecounty.us)



## FREE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

### THE QPI WEBSITE

has a list of upcoming training opportunities (live and recorded).

<http://www.qpinevada.org/washoe/pages/upcoming.shtml>

### NOW AVAILABLE

Look for closed caption options on the training videos.  
Also now offering a training on kinship.

### CHILDREN'S CABINET

offers a wide variety of training opportunities.  
Check out the calendar at:  
[www.childrenscabinet.org](http://www.childrenscabinet.org)

### FOSTER/ADOPT SUPPORT GROUP

Please see above for details.  
For more details, contact Tawnya Robertson at:  
[trobertson@washoecounty.us](mailto:trobertson@washoecounty.us)

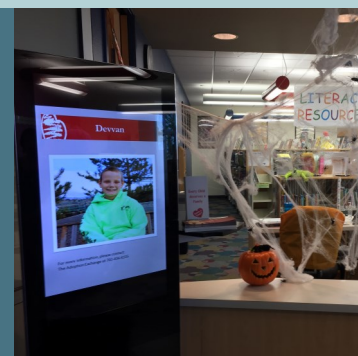


## PEOPLE & THINGS TO WATCH OUT FOR

- ♥ Shout out to Rick Bawcom for the great idea to add a section to this newsletter where foster/adoptive parents can add "a short concept of wise or savvy parenting advise for those in the trenches of daily life."
- ♥ A section will be created so your wisdom can be shared with others.
- ♥ If you have any parenting tips that you've found successful just e-mail Tawnya Robertson at:  
[trobertson@washoecounty.us](mailto:trobertson@washoecounty.us)
- ♥ If you have a parenting epic fail that would be fun to share to remind everyone of how human we all are please get that to me!!
- ♥ Finally, you may have noticed the ongoing changes to make your support group better. We're always open to your input so please reach out to Tawnya Robertson with your questions, concerns and input.

## HAVE A HEART KIOSK

The Have a Heart Kiosk has moved to the South Reno Library in the children's section.



# RESOURCES

## HEAD START

Has openings! The Community Services Agency (Head Start, State Pre-K, and Early Head Start) would love to talk to you if you are interested in early education for your 0-3 or 3-5 year old.

Contact Megan Jack to find out if they have a program that will fit you and your child's needs.

Email: [mjack@csreno.org](mailto:mjack@csreno.org)

Phone: 775-786-6023 ext. 207

## KIWANIS CLUB

Has really great bikes and accessories available at discounted prices!

Website: <http://www.kiwanisbikes.org/>

Location: 145 Catron Dr. Reno, NV 89512

Phone: (775) 337-1717

## A CHILD'S WORLD

offers a community support group for parents of children with attachment or trauma issues. Please note there is one training hour per group attended.

When: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month,

Time: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Location: 2301 Sparks Blvd

(NW corner of Sparks Blvd & O'Callaghan)

**FREE** child care for those who attend the group

Please **RSVP** to Sharon Willans at least one day in advance:

## RESPIRE

Are you a foster family looking for respite care?

Please don't ever hesitate to reach out. We have new families interested in helping!

Are you a newly licensed family looking for respite experience? Please let us know!

## ADVANCED FOSTER PARENT TRAINERS ARE AVAILABLE!

Once families receive their first placement they will be assigned a foster support specialist and you will be contacted by that specialist to set up a time to come and meet you and the kids placed in your home. The support specialist will go over some typical issues that may come up with kids in care and get to know you as foster parents so they can be of help and support as they embark on this journey of caring for foster children.

## THE CLOTH DIAPER PROJECT SPONSORED BY THE TRUCKEE MEADOWS BIRTH NETWORK

Are you tired of paying for all those Pampers and Huggies? Go to [clothdiaperproject.com](http://clothdiaperproject.com) to learn more about how the Cloth Diaper Project is saving the environment and saving you money!

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## FOSTER/ADOPT SUPPORT GROUP

Our next meeting will convene on **Wednesday, November 8, 2017** from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

I will send out a remember flyer on Tuesday, October, 31, 2017.

Please be sure to read the flyer in its entirety for changes in times, locations and RSVP instructions.

If you do not RSVP by or before the deadline you will not be allowed to attend

## NEW FOSTER/ADOPT ORIENTATION AND TRAINING

If you have friends or family, who are interested in fostering, adopting or becoming a Non-Primary or Respite Care Provider, please send them our way!

We have monthly orientation meetings for prospective families.

Please have your friends or family call 337-4470 to get details and to RSVP.

**THANKS TO EACH AND EVERY  
ONE OF YOU FOR ALL YOU DO**

