



FAMILY FOSTER & ADOPTION NEWS FLASH

DECEMBER 2017



WEDNESDAY **6** **11:00**
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**WASHOE COUNTY
HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY**

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT CENTER

Please join us for a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of our Family Engagement Center which aims to reunify children in foster care with their parents through proper interaction and education, allowing them to grow into happy, healthy families and strengthen our community.

905 E. Prater Way
Sparks, NV 89434

PLEASE RSVP BY MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2017 @
cciarlo@washoecounty.us



INTERESTED IN ADOPTING?

Oisten and David are longing for a forever family. These, sweet, fun and active little boys want parents who will love them while providing a safe, structured environment where they can grow, thrive and heal. Oisten is a friendly little boy who loves to interact with adults. He loves his big brother and all that being the little brother entails. Oisten likes playing with his fidget spinner, but loves playing outside. His favorite super heroes are Captain America and Batman.



David is a genuinely sweet boy who loves to please others. He is an excellent big brother who looks out for his little brother, but argues with him as siblings will do. David would love to have some older siblings. David's favorite super hero is Batman.

David and Oisten need parents who are kind, patient, committed and knowledgeable in the ways trauma and neglect affect children. If you're interested in learning more about these amazing little boys please contact Tawnya Robertson at trobertson@washoecounty.us



TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

THE QPI WEBSITE - <http://www.qpinevada.org/washoe/pages/upcoming.shtml> has a list of upcoming training opportunities (live and recorded).

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.childrencabinet.org

FOSTER/ADOPT SUPPORT GROUP - Please see below for details. Contact Tawnya Robertson at trobertson@washoecounty.us for more details.



Lets give a big shout out to foster parent Mitchell Ramirez who went above and beyond when accepting a new placement in the middle of the night. He met the social worker at the hospital and then stayed with the little nugget all night long. When he finally decided to go home for some rest he made sure his non-primary was there to watch over the child. Way to go Mitchell! Thank you for all you do!

Do you know someone who's gone above and beyond? A foster/adoptive parent, worker...

Let us know and we'll recognize them in this newsletter.



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

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're interested in early education for your 0-3 or 3-5 year old. Contact Megan Jack at (775) 786-6023 ext. 207 or mjack@csreno.org

KIWANIS CLUB

Has really great bikes and accessories available at discounted prices! Contact them at (775) 337-1717 or <http://www.kiwanishbikes.org>

A CHILD'S WORLD

Offers a community support group for parents of children with attachment or trauma issues. Receive one hour of training credit per group attended.

When: 3rd Tuesday of each month from 7-8:30 p.m. (excluding December)

Where: 2301 Sparks Blvd.

FREE child care

Please RSVP to Sharon Willans at least 1 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 AVAILABLE!

Once families receive their first placement they will be assigned a foster support specialist. 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 disposable diapers? Got to clothdiaperproject.com to learn more about how The Cloth Diaper Project can save you and the environment!

LUGGAGE FOR LITTLE AND TOTES FOR TEENS

Did you know we have a luggage closet here at Washoe County? Please, never move a child's things in trash bags. Instead, contact Tawnya Robertson at 785-8659 or trobertson@washoecounty.us if you find yourself in need of luggage for your littles or totes for your teens.

UPCOMING EVENTS

THE NEW FAMILY ENGAGEMENT CENTER — Please join us on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. 905 E. Prater Way, Sparks, NV for a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of our Family Engagement Center which aims to reunify children in foster care with their parents through proper interaction and education, allowing them to grow into happy, healthy families and strengthen our community. Please RSVP to cciarlo@washoecounty.us by Monday, December 4, 2017.

FOSTER/ADOPT SUPPORT GROUP - Remember there will no support group in December, but watch for information regarding changes to our future meetings.

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.

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



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