

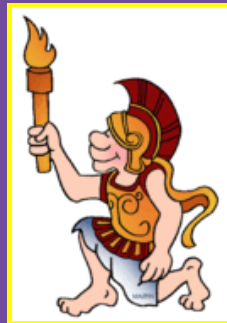
REGULATION REMINDERS.....

- * 2017 NAC revisions now require that **every bedroom window in a foster home**, except those used exclusively as fire exits must be screened. (NAC 424.370 (1).
- * Regulations can be found on the QPI Nevada website and new revisions on the DCFS Nevada website !



CHANGES TO YOUR SUPPORT GROUP

We're passing the torch back to you and we need your help!



The group was started in January 2013, assisting foster parents and WCHSA has stepped in the past 6 month to assist with some lost resources (location, food, volunteers). This is "Your" Support Group, something run and coordinated by foster, relative and adoptive parents. We'd like to assist you in taking it back but we need your help!

We're holding 2 Support Group Round Tables to give each and every one of you a chance to provide your thoughts and recommendations as to how we can assist you all in taking back your support group.

These Round Tables will be held at the Washoe County Human Services building in the 2nd floor conference room on:

~ Monday, January 22 at 5:30 p.m.

And

~ Thursday, January 25 at 12:00 p.m.

Please RSVP to Mikie Franklin at :
mfranklin@washoecounty.us if you'd like to attend.

PEOPLE TO KNOW



Have you heard of Nevada Equine Assisted Therapy or N.E.A.T.S.?

The team over at N.E.A.T.S. offers youth and adults struggling with social, emotional, behavioral and mental health issues the opportunity to grow, change and learn through working with horses. Laurie Roberts, over at N.E.A.T.S. was the trainer at our October Support Group and would love to continue supporting foster parents in any way she can. She has agreed to send me links each month with helpful information, tools or articles related to working with this population of individuals.

You can find them at -

www.NevadaEquineAssistedTherapy.com

For access to January's article please click on this link - ['The Many Faces of ADHD'](#)

INTERESTED IN ADOPTING?

David's foster parents describe him as a very loyal, loving, social young man who is great with younger children. He also has a delightful sense of humor. David loves to be outside hunting, fishing, playing basketball or trying his hand at various water sports. He is interested in the military, listens to all kinds of music and enjoys reading and playing video games. David would like his forever family to show him love and patience while providing him with structure, consistency and helping him with things like homework and life in general. He would also like his forever family to allow him regular phone contact and occasional visits with his siblings.

If you would like to learn more about David 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 all the individuals and organizations who so generously gave of their time money this Holiday season to make sure each and every one of our kiddos had the best Christmas possible:

- ◆ TriNet
- ◆ Lincoln Heating & Air
- ◆ the Doctor's offices of Brooks Rohlen,
- ◆ Northern Nevada Confederation of Clubs
- ◆ Whittlesea Taxi
- ◆ Blue Kangaroo in South Meadows

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? If you find yourself in need of luggage for your littles or totes for your teens please, never move a child's things in trash bags. Instead, contact Tawnya Robertson at 785-8659 or trobertson@washoecounty.us

UPCOMING EVENTS

DON'T FORGET — The holidays aren't over yet!



Monday, January 15, 2018 is Martin Luther King Day and our offices (all of them) will be closed. If you have regularly scheduled Monday visits be sure to coordinate with your child's worker and bio parent to schedule them for a different day of the week.

FOSTER/ADOPT SUPPORT GROUP - Please see above for information regarding changes to our January meeting.

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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