

Those regulations can be a bear for sure....



Stay up to date on new requirements by visiting:

<http://dcfs.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dcfsnv.gov/content/Home/features/NAC424WorkingDocument-Effective9212017.pdf>

Did you know that 424.255 had some significant language changes? This regulation outlines expectations when communicating with the family of the child and discussing the family of the child as well as being professional in each action taken as a foster parent and caregiver also, being a positive role model for each foster child. This regulation has a great deal of information in it and is certainly worth the read. Thank you all for your professionalism and the excellent care provided to children in Washoe County.

"We fully intend to take it to new levels of excellence,." Quote.com Ron Sachs.

UPDATES TO CHANGES WITH YOUR SUPPORT GROUP

As you may have read in my recent e-mail the round tables regarding giving your support group back to you went amazingly!

Suggestions that were made:

- Foster/Adoptive parents would coordinate and facilitate "Small Group" meetings. "Small Group Leaders" would decide location, date and content.
- Discontinue the monthly support group held across from Reno High School. Quarterly support meetings would be held in one larger location with an Agency representative (s) present to answer questions and receive feedback.
- A "Welcome Wagon" program would be developed so current foster/adoptive parents would meet with new foster/adoptive parents as soon as they are licensed to help support them.

How you can help:

- We need positive, constructive, foster/adoptive/relative parent volunteers to be "Small Group Leaders" (NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED – WE WILL TRAIN). All you need is a desire to support other foster/adoptive/relative parents.
- We also need positive committed foster/adoptive/relative parent volunteers to be a part of the "Welcome Wagon" Program.

⇒ If you would like to be a Small Group Leader or a member of our new Welcome Wagon please reach out to Tawnya at trobertson@washoecounty.us

⇒ If you would like to talk to a current "Small Group Leader" you can contact Cindy Johnson at cindyinsparks@gmail.com or Patty Steen at j-psteen@sbcglobal.net

⇒ If you have any questions or concerns about any of this please don't hesitate to reach out to Tawnya or Mikie at any time!

* **For more detailed information regarding what each volunteer position entails please refer to the e-mail I sent out on 1/31/18.**



CHANGE
your thoughts & you
CHANGE
your world.
-Norman Vincent Pease



Thank you so much for all your patience as we work together to better support each and every one of you.

INTERESTED IN ADOPTING?

Meet Hannah, Savanna & Zachery

Hannah is described as a very bright young lady who values school and talking with her friends. Hannah likes playing her viola and she enjoys water activities. Her favorite food is pizza.

Savanna enjoys arts and craft and playing outside. She loves to read and her favorite food is tacos.

Zachery likes playing outside, bike riding and video games. His favorite sport is soccer. Zachery's favorite food is enchiladas.

Hannah, Savanna and Zachery would like to find a family that like to go on family vacations and road trips. Hannah, Savanna and Zachery need a caring and loving family that is committed to be their forever family.

Please contact Carmen Silva if you would like more information at csilva@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).

NEW - There are some new online trainings available at www.nevadaactearly.org. These trainings provide information regarding challenging behaviors and trauma on the brain. Dr. Ryst provides much of the content.

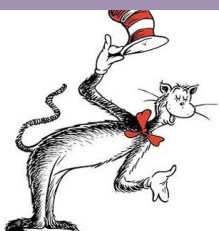
CHILDREN'S CABINET - offers a wide variety of training opportunities - check out the calendar at www.childrencabinet.org

FOSTER/ADOPT SUPPORT GROUP - Please see above for details.



Lets give a big shout out to all the individuals who took time out of their days to come help initiate a plan for giving you all back your support group:

- ◆ Cindy Johnson
- ◆ Jerri Ann Fredeen
- ◆ Gloria Torma
- ◆ Rick & Donna Bawcom
- ◆ Kim Stevens
- ◆ Patty Steen
- ◆ Fatai Langi
- ◆ Juan & Rosa Becerra
- ◆ Harmony Hobbs
- ◆ Karen Horton
- ◆ Dee Godsey
- ◆ Dinora & Jesus Jarillo
- ◆ Regan Losty & Douglas McGraw
- ◆ Zack & Raina Stetson
- ◆ Shelly Luke



"Think left and think right
and think low and think high.
Oh, the thinks you can think up
if only you try!"

- Dr. Seuss

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

NEVADA EQUINE ASSISTED THERAPY (NEATS)

Each month, Laurie Roberts from NEATS is going to provide a link to useful information related to being a foster/adoptive relative or bio parent. This month's topic is about how using PSR with horses can be especially helpful. <http://nevadaequineassistedtherapy.com/what-is-psycho-social-rehabilitation/>

If you're interested in learning more about NEATS and how their services can help you or a youth in your home call Laurie at 750-9823 or go to www.NevadaEquineAssistedTherapy.com

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>



RESPITE

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.

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

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 7-8:30p.m. (excluding December)

Where: 2301 Sparks Blvd.

FREE child care

*Please RSVP to Sharon Willans at least 1 day in advance.

UPCOMING EVENTS

IT'S TAX SEASON — While we cannot give out tax advice we can point you in the right direction. Go the QPI website under "Washoe Fostering Documents", under the financial empowerment tool kit heading there is a link to "Get Tax Savvy". If you have any questions don't hesitate to ask.

DON'T FORGET — Monday, February 19, 2018 is President's 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 your meeting(s).

KNOW ANYONE WHO'S THINKING ABOUT FOSTERING OR ADOPTING? - 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!

