

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING FOSTER CARE REGULATIONS

Several changes to foster care regulations were submitted for approval.

These changes have been approved at the state level which means they are now in full effect

Please go to the link below for the current, up to date version of NV foster care regulations.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/NAC/NAC-424.html#NAC424>

You must take the time to review these changes to be in compliance your license.

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to your licensing worker.



- Youth in foster care are required to be seen by their dentist every 6 months for a cleaning and check-up AND Medicaid pays for this. If you have any issues with this or are told by any provider that this is not the case please reach out to the child's worker for help/clarification.

- Have you been watching for your renewal packet in the mail and it just isn't coming? Do you have an e-mail address? Check there! If you have an e-mail address on file that is how all renewal packets are being submitted now. If you still haven't gotten your packet and feel you should've don't hesitate to reach out to your licensing worker.

- Is your fire extinguisher a Kiddie fire extinguisher?? If so, please follow this link

<http://www.kidde.com/home-safety/en/us/support/product-alerts/recall-kidde-fire-extinguisher/>

for information on recall notifications.



When a child gives you a gift, even if it is a rock they just picked up, exude gratitude. It might be the only thing they have to give, and they have chosen to give it to you.

UPDATES TO YOUR SUPPORT GROUPS

- ◆ Watch for my e-mails in the next week with information about upcoming support groups in your area!

So far our Small Group Leaders are:

- * Cindy Johnson & Patty Steen
- * Jerri Ann & John Fredeen
- * Raina & Daniel Stetson
- * Gloria & Mike Torma
- * Regan Losty & Doug McGraw
- * Fatai & Raymond Langi with 3 Angels Care LLC

◆ We still need:

Spanish Speaking Small Group Leaders

Don't be shy. Your fellow Small Group Leaders are here to help and support you!

Relative Small Group Leaders

Welcome Wagon members

What is a Welcome Wagon you might ask. When a foster/flex/adoptive or relative home is licensed, their information will be sent to the Welcome Wagon. Then a Welcome Wagon member who lives near the newly licensed family will reach out to them Welcome them and offer support!

For more information about these exciting changes please reach out to Tawnya Robertson at trobertson@washoecounty.us or (775) 785-8659.

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TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

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

NEW-African American hair and skin class taught by Karen Horton!

When: Monday, March 19 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Where: WCHSA—350 S. Center St.

Reno, NV 89502

Please RSVP to: Cindy Adams at

cadams@washoecounty.us or 337-4503.

There are also 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



This month there were several families brought to my attention for being the embodiment of QPI:

- **Thank you Jamie Coe!** During a rather stressful visit Jamie stepped up and did what was necessary to help everyone involved feel at ease. As a result he was able engage with the children's parents AND gather some very valuable information regarding the children and their family. Way to go Coe family!
- **Thank you Joy & Larry Moorehead!** As usual Joy has been displaying her "whatever it takes" attitude by going above and beyond to engage birth families thereby putting the children in their home at ease.
- **Thank you Nikki Hertzler!** As a brand new foster parent she showed exceptional grace when a visit, packed with bio-family became somewhat overwhelming. Instead of letting it overwhelm her she simply focused on the children and didn't miss a beat. What could've evolved into a stressful situation turned out to be a positive visit for all.

Know anyone who should be recognized for going above and beyond or for just being a great example of QPI? Just e-mail Tawnya at trobertson@washoecounty.us

INTERESTED IN ADOPTING?

Meet James 03-19-01

James is a social, sweet and funny young man who would like to live in a forever family. James' favorite subject is "P.E.". He does very well in school and had a great report card. James enjoys art, mainly painting. He also likes to do things, like bowling, the movies and being outside. He has a love for animals and his favorite things are the 49ers, In-N-Out burger and pizza!

James is very connected to his school and enjoys attending his church as well. James would like a mom and a dad...and a brother if possible.

If you would like more information about James or about other children please email us at trobertson@washoecounty.us or call 785-8659.



RESOURCES

NEVADA EQUINE ASSISTED THERAPY (NEATS)

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>



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.

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 — Spring break is from 3/26/18-4/6/18. Please keep that in mind when thinking about visits and transportation. Maybe you can collaborate with your child's worker and set up some extra visits.....



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



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In support of the "Have a Heart Nevada" campaign, Alphie and the cheerleaders are seen here on the court presenting the game ball to the Langi family with 3 Angels Care. The Langi's have been fostering for six years and 3 Angels Care was established in 2017. They have helped over 32 children in the community strive to be the best they can be. The family is best known for providing unconditional love and a place for change. They have strong ties to the community and Washoe County Human Services Agency values the care they provide.



Later in February Alphie and the cheerleaders were on the court again with the Stinson family of Sparks. Curtis and Nena Stinson have been fostering nearly five years. They strive for successful reunifications and foster sibling groups so brothers and sisters are able to stay together. Curtis and Nina have also adopted from Washoe County and are a great example of foster care and adoption in our community. This family also has strong ties to the community and Washoe County Human Services Agency values the care they provide.