

MORE INFORMATION REGARDING FOSTER CARE REGULATIONS

- NAC 424.270 requires foster, adoptive and relative parents to complete “at least 4 hours of training annually”. Don’t wait until the last minute! Also, per regulations you must attend training on how to use and apply the Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard “RPPS” to provide Normalcy for foster children. Training videos can be found at www.qpinevada.org and are a great resource. Also watch for an updated Normalcy training in the next few months.
- Information was mailed and e-mailed to all foster homes explaining new inter connected requirements for smoke detectors. Please don’t hesitate to call your licensing workers if you have questions about training or any regulations!



- 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.
 - * Having trouble finding a Medicaid provider? Go to the below link for information related to finding Fee For Service Medicaid Provider in Nevada, any type of Medicaid provider - <https://www.medicaid.nv.gov/hcp/provider/Resources/SearchProviders/tabid/220/Default.aspx>
- 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.

Your past mistakes
are meant to guide you,
not define you.

**Awesome Foster Care Parents
throw
support, care, inspiration,
and love around
like confetti.**

~ Ty Howard

Support Groups Information

Did you attend a small group last month??
Throw out some feedback.
We'd love to hear from you!

In the meantime your current small group leaders are working hard to plan more fun, educational, inspirational and supportive events.

Watch for my e-mail in the next week with all of the most current support group information for April!

We still need small group leaders and Welcome Wagon Members!
Don't be shy. Your fellow Small Group Leaders are here to help and support you!



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



TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

THE QPI WEBSITE -

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

Would you like to learn more about how to help children accurately maintain their cultural connections? Follow the link below for an excellent training specifically related to this topic: <http://centervideo.forest.usf.edu/video/qpi/florida/culturalconnections/start.html>

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



Scott & Susan Wagner are being recognized by Jolene Dille who says they were "AMAZING" with a kiddo on her case load and "exactly what I hope to see from all foster parents." Way to go Scott & Susan!!

Call to Compassion is at it again! Working hard to provide children in care with the unconditional love, consistency and structure our kiddos crave all while holding each and every one of them accountable. When a missing youth was located by staff "Instead of reacting with accusations or demanding what happened they embraced and supported him." Thanks Call to Compassion staff for reminding us all that sometimes letting a child know they are loved and missed is more important than immediate consequences.

For any of you who attended the Stetson Small Support Group at Jump Man Jump you probably noticed a couple things:

1. It was not a small meeting!
2. Jump Man Jump was amazing and super accommodating.

Let's show them how much we appreciate them by bringing them our business as often as possible. You can also show your appreciation to them by spreading the word to your friends and family about how great they are. Way to go Jump Man Jump!

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 troberson@washoecounty.us

UPCOMING EVENTS

IT'S STILL 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.....



RESOURCES

NEVADA EQUINE ASSISTED THERAPY (NEATS)

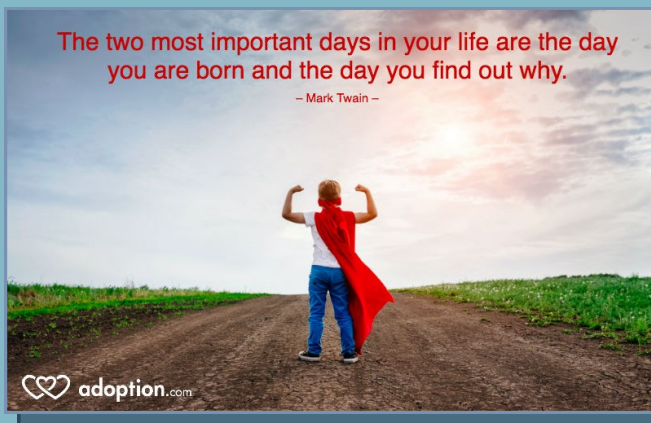
If you're interested in learning more about NEATS and how their services can help you or a youth in your home call Laurie at 750-9823 or go to www.NevadaEquineAssistedTherapy.com

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>



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.

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



HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

INTERESTED IN ADOPTING?

Meet Leilani DOB 04/26/2011, Adrianna DOB 7/26/2015,
Jeremiah DOB 01/24/2014 and Mariyah DOB 8/31/2012

Leilani - enjoys coloring and loves dance class and she would like to continue doing dance. She makes friends easily. Leilani loves to try new things and loves to be a helper. She would like to be a teacher when she grows up.



Adrianna - is described as loving, sweet little girl with a beautiful smile. She likes to play with dolls and she shares her toys with other and is very social.

Jeremiah - is described as a sweet and happy boy, he loves to cuddle. Jeremiah loves to play with other children. His favorite toys are trucks and cars. Mariyah is described as happy child. Mariyah has a great memory and can memorize songs. She likes to play with baby dolls and loves pretending to be a butterfly. She loves to help with simple chores around the house.

These children love to play at the park and participate in outdoor activities. Leilani, Adrianna, Jeremiah and Mariyah need a flexible foster family. They need a caring and loving family that is committed to be their forever family.

If you would like more information, please contact Carmen Silva at csilva@washoecounty.us

**YOU WERE BORN
WITH THE ABILITY TO
CHANGE SOMEONE'S
LIFE, DON'T EVER**