



## Thank you to everyone who got out there in April to help spread the word about Pinwheels for Prevention!

Members of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ), judges from Washoe County's Second Judicial District Court, community leaders, representatives from Washoe CASA Foundation, and the Reno Aces gathered April 6, 2018 at Greater Nevada Field to commemorate National Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month.

In 1983, April was declared National Child Abuse Prevention Month by a Presidential proclamation. It is an opportunity to highlight a system of care for those children victimized and traumatized by abuse. It is an opportunity to pause from daily routines and acknowledge participants in the child welfare system who are committed to promoting the social development and well-being of children and families.

Today, more than 900 abused and neglected children live in foster care in Washoe County because they cannot live safely at home. Each year more than 400,000 abused and neglected children experience foster care in the United States.

In 2008, Prevent Child Abuse America introduced the pinwheel as the new national symbol for child abuse prevention through Pinwheels for Prevention®.

The pinwheel connotes whimsy and childlike notions.

In essence, it has come to serve as the physical embodiment, or reminder, of the great childhoods we want for all children.

The pinwheel garden at Greater Nevada Field consisted of 365 pinwheels, one for every day of the year.

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# Support Groups Information

*“You were born  
with the ability  
to change someone's  
life don't ever  
Waste it.”*

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 May!

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](mailto:trobertson@washoecounty.us) or (775) 785-8659.



## The Starfish Story

One day a man was walking along the beach,  
when he noticed a girl hurriedly picking up and  
gently throwing things into the ocean.

Approaching the girl he asked;  
“Young lady what are you doing?”

The girl replied; “Throwing starfish back into the ocean.

The surf is up and the tide is going out,  
if I don't throw them back, they will die.”

The man laughed to himself and said;

“Don't you realize there are miles and miles of beach  
and hundreds of starfish?

You can't make any difference!”

After listening politely, the girl bent down,  
picked up another starfish and threw it into the surf.

Then smiling she said;

“I made a difference for that one!”





## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

### THE QPI WEBSITE -

<http://www.qpinevada.org/washoe/pages/upcoming.shtml> has a list of upcoming training opportunities (live and recorded). There's also several new videos in here from the February, 2018 QPI Conference which can be viewed by going to <http://centervideo.forest.usf.edu/video/qpi/2018nationalconf/index.html>

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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.childrencabinet.org](http://www.childrencabinet.org)

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Know of any trainings not listed here?  
Let me know!



Mariah Brinson & Ricardo Arguello - Shout Out to you! Not only for taking such great care of the youth placed in your home. But also for making a difficult situation so much easier on the out of state grandparents who were able to have their grandchildren placed with them.

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**Know anyone who should be recognized for going above and beyond or for just being a great example of QPI?**



*May is National Foster Care Month*  
*Because every child matters, because every child deserves a family.*

# RESOURCES

## WANDA'S BABY CLOSET

Have you ever heard of Casa de Vida? They're a great Resource for our teen moms. What you may not be aware of is Wanda's Baby Closet who works in collaboration with Casa de Vida providing free baby clothes and supplies to our bio and foster parents. For information on how to access this amazing resource or to help your bio parent call (775) 329-3211.

## 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](http://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](mailto: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 NURTURING NEST

The Nurturing Nest is a birth and parenting community that offers a variety of free classes from pregnancy and child birth to yoga. They also offer free weekly circles of support, toddler play-groups and breast feeding circle to mention just a few. **THE CLOTH DIAPER PROJECT** was created by staff at The Nurturing Nest. For more information about how you can access the services at either the Nurturing Nest or The Cloth Diaper Project go to <http://www.nurturingnestreno.com/schedule.html>

## 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 [troberson@washoecounty.us](mailto:troberson@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.

INDIVIDUALLY  
WE ARE ONE DROP  
BUT TOGETHER,  
WE ARE AN  
OCEAN.

# INTERESTED IN ADOPTING?

## Meet Leann

12/28/06

Leann is described as friendly and energetic. She smiles a lot.

Leann loves animals and would like to have her own pet someday.

Leann would like to find a family that is active, likes sports and likes to go out in the community. Leann needs a flexible foster family.

She wants a caring and loving family that, are committed to be her forever family.

She needs a consistent and stable home environment where she can feel secure and loved.

If you would like more information please contact Carmen Silva at 775-785-8637 or [csilva@washoecounty.us](mailto:csilva@washoecounty.us)



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## Meet Katie

4/2/05

100% free for adoption!



Katie loves animals and roller skating. Katie loves to be active inside or out- so anything from swimming to gymnastics is a go!

Katie would fit in well with a family that is structured and enjoys spending time together!

If you would like more information please contact Cindy Adams at [cadams@washoecounty.us](mailto:cadams@washoecounty.us) or call at 337-4503.

