



- ◆ Please help me in congratulating Jessica Frank who has accepted a new position with Washoe County Human Services Agency!
- ◆ As of August 20, 2018 Jessica will be transitioning to her new role in the Adoptions Unit with Timeliness to Permanency where she will be working closely with the District Attorney's office to expedite the permanency of children in our care.
- ◆ As of August 20th, if Jessica was your licensing worker, please reach out to the licensing supervisor, Tara Goodsell at 785-8638 for any assistance or questions.
- ◆ Once Jessica's licensing position has been filled Tara will let you all know.

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- ◆ I know you're probably about done with all those e-mails about our youth in care needing rides so they can remain in their home schools.....so why am I bringing it up again? Our youth in care still need rides so they can remain in their home schools.
 - ◆ Specifically we've still got some kiddos out in Sparks who would really appreciate any help you can provide.
 - ◆ If you'd like more information about ways you can assist please let me know.

Washoe County Human Services Agency would like to say a big Thank You to the Terry Lee Wells Nevada Discovery Museum for hosting a fun and amazing Adoption Mixer on Sunday, August 5, 2018.

We'd also like to thank all the families who came out in an effort to find permanency for our kiddos.

To any of you who were in any way inconvenienced by being told the wrong start time I again apologize and appreciate your patience.



WASHOE COUNTY HUMAN SERVICE
WILD ISLAND DAY IS BACK!!



August 25TH

\$10 for over 3 years old, Kids 3 and under \$1
Meal tickets \$7.50

Must RSVP by August 20th – 322-9030

Tickets must be paid for in **CASH** and Picked up August 24th
between 7am & 4 pm at:

1270 Foster Drive,

Wiegand Early Learning Center



Support Groups Updates

- Do you remember when you were a new foster parent? Scared, nervous, wondering what to do or who to call when that first child was placed in your home?
- Or when that first child was placed in your home and had that first monumental tantrum or bizarre behavior and you didn't know what to do or who to call?
- Well, what if someone called you when your license was first approved, before a child was ever placed?
- What if that person lived right around the corner from you?
And what if that person committed to being there for you, to answer your questions, refer you to needed services or just listened to you vent?
Would that have made life easier for you and your family?
Would it now?
- Well, that is exactly what we're trying to do with the Welcome Wagon!

*****WE STILL NEED 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.

**Important
Message**

Please make sure you pay close attention to your license renewal date. If you wait until the day your license expires to renew you run the risk of having your license placed on hold if you're missing documents.

On the other hand if you collaborate with your licensing worker and schedule earlier in the month you have more time to collect any missing documents with no affect on your license.

Don't ever hesitate to reach out to your licensing worker or their supervisor with questions, comments or concerns.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR HARD WORK

THANK YOU

FOR GIVING 100% EVERY DAY



TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

THE QPI WEBSITE -

New trainings are being added to the QPI website all the time. Recently added was a training on Self-Care for Foster Parents, Parenting Children on the Autism Spectrum as well as more trainings in Spanish. Go check them out at <http://www.qpinevada.org/washoe/pages/upcoming.shtml>

MINI MEDICAL TRAININGS ARE BACK —

On the second Wednesday of every month our medical unit will present a 1 hour training on various medical topics. The trainings will be held in the 2nd floor conference room at 12:00 p.m. Be sure to call the 2nd floor front desk at (775) 328-3933 the day of to ensure there is a training that day.

CHILDREN'S CABINET -

offers a wide variety of training opportunities. Check out the calendar at www.childrencabinet.org

WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT PARENT UNIVERSITY- Parent University offers learning sessions to help families build upon skills, knowledge and support systems to advocate for student success.

<https://www.washoeschools.net/parentu>

Nevada PEP - Strengthening Families with Education, Empowerment and Encouragement

<http://www.nvpep.org/>

ADVERSITY

The next time you find yourself in the midst of a bad experience, remind yourself you can take this time to learn and grow from it.



Let's hear a big Shout Out for Yvette Clark!



Winner of the Hanna Elmers Award for THE BEST FOSTER PARENT IN THE UNITED STATES AWARE presented by Transfiguring Adoption!

Shout out to Jeanette Dunning for being the epitome of what fostering is all about! Not only did she provide exemplary care for a little nugget placed in her home on an emergency she did so with grace and unconditional love. She went out of her way to ensure the child and her new placement had best transition possible by utilizing patience and impressive organizational skills.

You Rock Jeanette!

Susan Phelps you are amazing! As a fairly new foster parent to Washoe County she has shown again and again what a kind, organized and compassionate foster parent she truly is. Going above and beyond to create a safe space for each child as well as new, happy memories that she then passes on to the child's family and next placement. Thank you for being so awesome Susan!

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

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@csareno.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 LITTLES 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.

The purpose of human life is to serve, and to show compassion and the will to help others.

INTERESTED IN ADOPTING?

Jabrion

(08/13/03)

Have you ever thought about adopting a teen??

Meet Jabrion. He likes singing and dancing and would love to learn to play the guitar. He has dreams of being a police officer so he can help

others. He's looking for a place to call home and a family to call his own. His perfect family would be one with a mom and a dad. His family who is nice to him and have nice dogs. His family will also help him get his school work done and hold him accountable.

If you'd like to learn more about Jabrion please contact Tawnya at troberson@washoecounty.us



REASONS TO ADOPT A TEEN



Sick of Dora the Explorer?
We'll watch Survivor with you.

