

- ◆ Have you ever wondered how you could learn more about QPI?
- ◆ Have you ever thought “Hey! I’m a QPI Champion. I know all there is to know about it and I want to share it with others.”?
- ◆ If you answered yes to either of those questions then we need you!
- ◆ Please contact your new Licensing Supervisor, Tara Goodsell at tgoodsell@washoecounty.us (775) 785-8638 to learn more about our QPI Steering Committee.

- ◆ Did you know that if you, as a foster, adoptive or relative parent, sign up for a yearly membership with the Nevada Discovery Museum they will not question the name of the children you bring in so long as you have your placement letter to show them?
- ◆ It’s true! The amazing people at the Discovery Museum understand that the children with you on one day, may not be the same children with you on another. All they ask is that you bring the child’s placement letter with you and that you not bring more than the number of children on your membership!



Let’s show the Terry Lee Wells Nevada Discovery Museum how much we appreciate them by visiting them frequently!



- ◆ Did you know that Chuck E. Cheese has Reward Calendars?
- ◆ It’s true!
- ◆ If you Google Chuck E. Cheese Reward Calendars you’ll see all kinds of Chuck E. Cheese themed reward calendars.
- ◆ They have them for chores, reading, behavior, etc.
- ◆ Once your child fills up a calendar he or she can bring it in to any Chuck E. Cheese restaurants and receive 10 free tokens!
- ◆ Talk about a motivation tool!!

Thank you Regina Haynes for the great information about the Discovery Museum and Chuck E. Cheese!!

Would you like to check out a new recruitment tool to help the county find more foster homes? Ask to host a Fosterware party!

You can host a party in your home and invite those you know who have asked you about foster care or adoption.

The County will provide food, paperwork and host a mini orientation with you there as the expert.

To learn more: Mikie Franklin MFranklin@washoecounty.us 337-4471



HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

Meet our Rescue Pets! (And maybe rescue a teen in the process)

Have you ever wondered how you could support a teen in care without actually fostering the youth? Do you love animals?? Have we got the event for you!

WCHSA is partnering with the Nevada SPCA to bring awareness to the need in our community for volunteers to mentor and/or provide permanency to our teens who are at risk of aging out of the foster care system. While at this event you'll also get to meet and interact with pets who've been relinquished to the SPCA.

When: Sunday, September 23rd, 2018 from 1-3pm

Where: The Nevada SPCA ~ 4950 Spectrum Blvd. ~ Reno, NV 89512

RSVP: Tawnya Robertson at ~ trobertson@washoecounty.us

Due to space there are only a limited number of spaces available for this event (45 total) so please RSVP soon.

Also, if you can't make it for any reason let me know so we can make room for others.

Here's what you get to do:

Cat Socialization ~ Origami, board game playing, bubbles, laser pointers, reading, and music all while surrounded by cats!

Reading with Rescues ~ Read to the dogs to help sooth their souls before their afternoon nap.

Treat Making ~ Get your hands dirty making the dogs some delicious desserts.

Contribute to the day's activities by bringing all or one of the following items;
honey, nonfat cool whip, nonfat plain yogurt, bacon bits, cheerios, peanut butter, oats and/or pumpkin puree.



DEFINITION OF PERMANENT CONNECTIONS

- Positive relationships that are intended to last a lifetime.
- Formal or informal.
- Can provide for emotional, physical, mental and spiritual well-being on a permanent basis.

Support Groups Updates

We're still working to improve your monthly support groups and appreciate your patience as we try new things! Watch in the coming months for a standardized brochure with information about more consistent groups in your area.

In the meantime Cindy & Patty are holding their monthly 'Ladies Night Out':
Join us for great food, conversation and lots of hugs!!

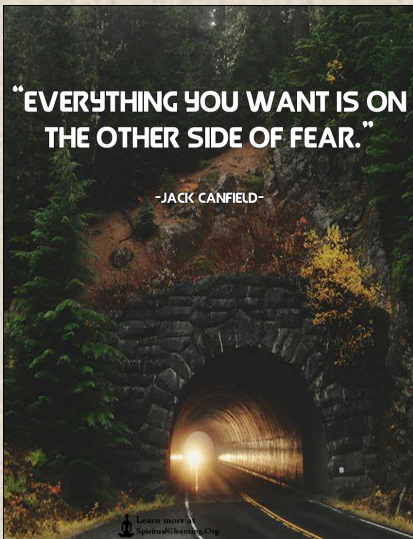
Friday, September 7th at 6 p.m.

Las Trojes Mexican Restaurant

5272 Sparks Blvd, Sparks, NV 89436

Please RSVP to Cindy Johnson (775-250-4765 - cindyinsparks@gmail.com) or

Patty Steen (775-544-3388 - j-psteen@sbcglobal.net)



Watch out for my e-mails about more supports groups as they get scheduled for September!

WE STILL NEED WELCOME WAGON MEMBERS

DON'T BE SHY...

YOUR FELLOW SMALL GROUP LEADERS ARE HERE TO HELP AND SUPPORT YOU!

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.





TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

NEW!

CPR TRAINING -

Fatai Langi with 3 Angels Care LTD. offers CPR classes to new and licensed foster, adoptive and relative foster homes. For more information and to RSVP for a class please contact them at fatai@3angelscare.org

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/>



Champions

CONGRUATULATIONS Yvette Clark!



Winner of the Hanna Elmers Award for THE BEST FOSTER PARENT IN THE UNITED STATES AWARD presented by Transfiguring Adoption! Yvette has been a foster parent with Washoe County for more than 10 years now. She has transformed the lives of countless children and been a blessing to many birth and adoptive families. Way to go Yvette and thanks for being the embodiment of QPI!

A quick thanks to Kathleen Cecil for ensuring a smooth transition for one of her kiddos by transporting him out of state to his new forever family! Way to QPI Kathleen!

Also, to Candi Dale for taking a week off to travel with a set of twins to ensure they're transition was smooth and as pain-free as possible.

Know anyone who lives, eats and breathes QPI?? Seriously, anyone..... Let me know! We need to get the word out!



INTERESTED IN ADOPTING?

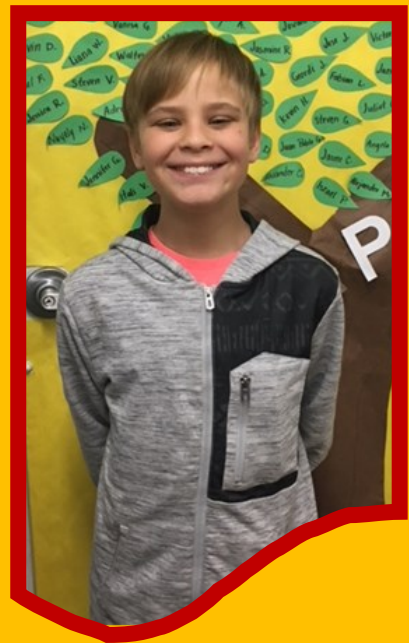
Ethan

Age 11

Ethan is described as bright, caring, funny and witty. He would love to have the opportunity to play sports and also enjoys video games.

Ethan will need a family that is loving, supportive, kind and structured. He will need encouragement and advocacy.

If you would like more information about Ethan or about other children please e-mail MFranklin@washoecounty.us or call 775-337-4471.



I always questioned if
I was ready to adopt.

Then I realized,

no

child

was ready to be an
orphan.



- Unknown