

- ◆ Did you know that as a part of your yearly renewal you are required to hold monthly fire drills?
- ◆ Did you know there are forms that we provide you so you can document these monthly drills?

It's true!

- ◆ You will be asked to include this form with evidence of your monthly fire drills in your yearly renewal packet. Without this form you will be out of compliance and may be at risk of having your license placed on hold.
- ◆ If you need one of these forms just let your licensing worker know.

- ◆ Did you know that our office is closed on Friday, October 26?
- ◆ Why? Nevada Day!
- ◆ Please be sure to coordinate with your child's worker so any missed visits can be made up.



- ◆ Please follow the link below for important information about changes regarding car seat requirements.

<https://www.aap.org/en-us/about-the-aap/aap-press-room/Pages/AAP-Updates-Recommendations-on-Car-Seats-for-Children.aspx>

- ◆ Did you know that if you transport children to schools outside of your zoned school you can be reimbursed up to \$10 per day, \$50 per week and \$200 per month.
- ◆ However this is only for one round trip route. It is not per child.



In celebration of Stand Sunday, which is November 11th;
Faith Ministries, in collaboration with
The Forgotten Initiative,

is holding a kick off rally on:

Saturday, November 10th from 5:30-7:30pm at Faith Ministries located at:

2301 Kings Row, Reno

The Rally will begin at 5:30pm



What is Stand Sunday you might ask – just go to <https://cafo.org> to find out!

You're invited to Washoe County Human Services
Agency annual!



Wednesday, October 31 from 2:30-5pm

350 S. Center St., Reno

Are you a foster parent, adoptive parent, specialized care provider, birth parent, child, adolescent, direct care staff, WIN worker, attorney, judge?

Do you provide any kind of care or support to any child or family involved with Washoe County?

Then this party is for you!!

Come on down for ghastly tricks and ghoulish treats!



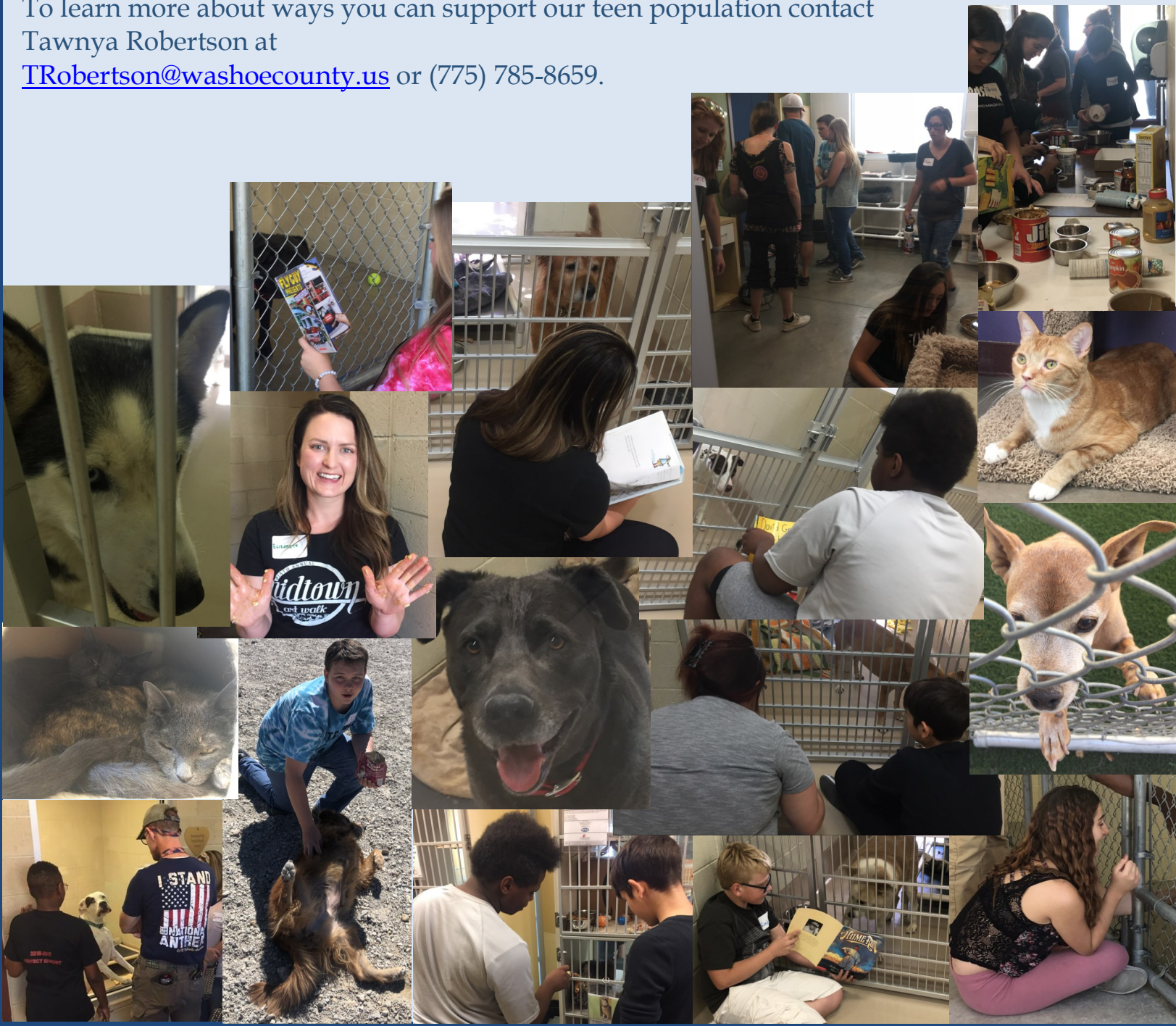
HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY
Children's Services

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

Thanks to each and everyone of you who came out to this event! It was a huge Success and lots of fun!!

Remember, you don't have to foster to support our youth in care.

To learn more about ways you can support our teen population contact Tawnya Robertson at TRobertson@washoecounty.us or (775) 785-8659.



Support Groups Updates

Foster/Adoptive Parent's Night Out

Thursday * October 18th @ 6pm

PF Chang's * 5180 Kietzke Ln. * Reno

RSVP to Jerri Ann Fredeen * 224-1380

Foster/Adoptive Mom's Potluck Brunch * Bring any dish of your choice

Saturday * October 20th @ 9am

Family Engagement Center * 905 E. Prater Way * Sparks

We will be having a short training letting us know what is new at the Family Engagement Center

* 1 hour of training credit*

RSVP: Cindy Johnson * 775-250-4765 or cindyinsparks@gmail.com

Or Patty Steen * j-psteen@sbcglobal.net or 775-544-3388

Foster/Adoptive Support Group focusing on Transracial education

Wednesday * October 24th @ 6pm

Grimaldi's * 1180 Scheels Drive * Sparks

RSVP to Brittney Augustenborg * 846-6745 or Arlene Carter * 737-1603

Foster Parent Game Night!

Friday * October 26th @ 5:30pm

Raina & Zach's house * 18354 Ivywood Court * Reno, NV 89508

Please join us for game night! Bring a snack to share and your favorite board or card game.

Come laugh and meet other foster and adoptive parents!

Please RSVP to RainaStetson@gmail.com

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

WE STILL NEED SPANISH SPEAKING GROUPS AND RELATIVE GROUPS

WE ALSO STILL NEED WELCOME WAGON MEMBERS
DON'T BE SCARED...

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



**STRENGTH ISN'T ABOUT
HOW MUCH YOU CAN
HANDLE BEFORE YOU
BREAK, IT'S ABOUT HOW
MUCH YOU CAN HANDLE
AFTER YOU BREAK.**

-UNKNOWN

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

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/>

If you know of any amazing training opportunities e-mail me at troberson@washoecounty.us and I'll share the information!



Champions

Please help us in recognizing this month's QPI Champions!

We know there are many more of you out there so keep watching each month. We'll find you!

Joy & Larry Moorehead have been fostering for almost 2 decades. They commonly foster children with Type 1 diabetes. In doing so, they go above and beyond; helping to stabilize the children, support their families and teach everyone involved about the seriousness of Type 1 Diabetes and how to properly care for this deadly disease. They are true QPI Champions and show this by doing things like hosting a Father's Day barbeque for current and previous families they've worked with. They remain lifelong connections to the children and families they serve and provide an open and welcoming environment to all who enter their home. They are patient with parents and make sure all children feel part of the family. They even take children on their family vacations with them. This was no different when they recently fostered a child with "very unmanaged medical needs". The Moorehead's worked with the child and her mother to teach them nutrition and healthier food options. They provided transportation to the child's mother so she could attend critical medical appointments for her child. They took this mother and her child to the child's medically ordered workouts and included the child's extended family at holiday meals in the Moorehead home. During the child's transition home, the Moorehead's helped the mother with healthy meal planning to ensure that proper nutrition would continue. The unconditional support of this foster family significantly assisted with this child being able to reunify with her mother. Thank you Joy & Larry!

Candi & Marc Dale have shown what QPI Champions truly are! This family has diligently cared for a set of twin boys with special needs since their birth. They were excellent medical advocates for the boys, ensuring each of their significant medical and developmental needs were consistently met. All of this while selflessly mentoring, coaching and actively encouraging the boy's birth parents in their reunification efforts. Throughout this time the Dale family was also active in advocating for sibling contact with the twin's older siblings, who had been previously adopted by a loving home in Florida. Their efforts ultimately paid off as the family in Florida quickly fell in love with the boys. Then when it was later determined the boys would not be going home the family ultimately chose to adopt them.

When it came time for the boys to visit their potential adoptive home, Candi took charge making this the best and easiest transition for the boys. With the support of her family, she cleared her schedule and offered to remain in Florida for several days to help the boys adjust during the lengthy visit to Florida. While there Candi maintained daily contact with the new parents and coached them through the difficult transition and adjustment.

After the initial visit Candi returned to Reno with the boys. Unfortunately, in all the excitement no one considered the fact Candi was traveling alone with two one-year-old twin boys resulting in the return flight's lay over being only a half hour! Candi had to run from one terminal to another, with the both boys just to make their connecting flight back to Reno! Even after all that Candi volunteered to transport the boys back to Florida for their final transition to their adoptive home.

Thank you Candi & Marc!

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 at 322-4650 or Sharonacwoffice@att.net

*Life is not about making others happy.
Life is about sharing your happiness with
others.....*

INTERESTED IN ADOPTING?

Meet Joseph (age 12) & Shawna (age 11)

Shawna describes God as “her best Friend”. She prays for a roof over her head, and she prays for Mother Nature.

Joseph is a quiet boy who likes to be active and tends to have lots of friends.

If you would like more information please contact

Cindy Adams at cadams@washoecounty.us or call 337-4503



Victoria (12/23/15) & Emiliana (1/27/17)

This toddler duo is quite the pair! Learning and growing daily, they like to look at books and spend time outside. They don't play with toys much or watch cartoons.

They enjoy attention and interaction.

The girls understand both English and Spanish and need a flex home that can keep up with them.

These girls will need a family that is patient, understanding, loving, kind and structured. They will need encouragement and advocacy.

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



“Every child deserves a champion
--an adult who will never give up on them,
who understands the power of connection
and insists that they become the best that
they can possibly be”



Rita F. Pierson