

Did you know we've got some new licensing workers in training? It's true!

◆ Please help us in welcoming Sandra Espino as one of 2 new foster care licensing workers. Sandra has been with Washoe County Human Services Agency since April 2014. She came to us from LA County where she worked for over seven years in permanency, licensing, and supervision.

Sandra has a breadth of experience and is recognized for her hard work and dedication to the families we serve.

◆ Let's also welcome Laura Caprioli to the foster care licensing unit. Laura has been an assessment worker with HSA for almost five years and completed her internship with us before being hired on. Laura has also worked for NEIS as a Developmental Specialist/Service Coordinator. Laura demonstrates QPI values in her work with children and families, including facilitating and developing relationships between birth parents and caregivers to better serve our children and youth. Laura's passion and experience will be an incredible asset to the foster care licensing team. Laura will continue her role in assessment for the time being, and a mindful transition over the next several months will be developed to best serve the Agency's needs.

◆ Did you know that our office is closed on Monday, November 12th in honor of Veteran's Day?



◆ We'll also be closed on Thursday, November 22nd and Friday, November 23rd for Thanksgiving.

◆ Please be sure to coordinate with your child's worker so any missed visits can be made up.

In celebration of Stand Sunday, which is November 11th; Faith Ministries, in collaboration with The Forgotten Initiative, is holding a kick off rally on:

**\*\*\* PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE IN THIS EVENT! \*\*\***



Saturday, November 10th at 11:00 a.m. at Faith Ministries located at:  
2301 Kings Row, Reno

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



# You are invited!!!

## BRIDGES *out of* POVERTY



We are excited to announce this very special two day training of Bridges out of Poverty! Please plan to attend this work shop for foster parents as we look to counter poverty and its impact on people and businesses in our community. Bridges Out of Poverty solutions give us the structures, ideas and concrete tools a community needs to prevent, reduce, and alleviate poverty.

Bridges Out of Poverty is an approach that helps employers, community organizations, social-service agencies and individuals address poverty in a comprehensive way. People from all economic classes come together to improve job retention rates, build resources, improve outcomes and support those who are moving out of poverty.

I promise you will not be disappointed!

### **BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY**

**Day 1- November 13, 2018**

**Day 2- December 11, 2018**

**Time: 9:00am – 4:00 pm**

**Location: Child Protective Services**

350 South Center Street

Reno, NV 89501

**RSVP Information:**

**Email at Matt Polley at**

**[Mpolley@washoecounty.us](mailto:Mpolley@washoecounty.us)**

**Training hours are be offered!**

**Child care will be  
available through Kids  
Kottage.**

**Please call KK at  
856-7380 to make  
arrangements**

# Support Groups Updates

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

## Foster/Adoptive Support Group focusing on Transracial education

Tuesday \* November 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm

Mimi's Cafe \* 5090 Kietzke Lane \* Reno

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

## Foster Parent's afternoon at the movies \* Sunday \* November 18<sup>th</sup> \* Time and theatre TBD

We are going to see "**Instant Family**" starring Mark Wahlberg and Rose Byrne.

**Director Sean Anders** is getting real about the premise of his upcoming movie "Instant Family." But the director, whose own experience adopting a set of siblings through the foster care system inspired the comedy, wants everyone to know that it can still be a laughing matter.

"Everything leads back to this one thing: That you have these new people in your house and you don't love them, and they don't love you," Anders told the Track. "You barely know them, but you're supposed to carry on like you're a family."

"You're supposed to act like their parents, they're supposed to act like your kids," he continued. "It's a very awkward, chaotic, frustrating, difficult transition for anybody to make. And fortunately, all of that lends itself pretty well to comedy, even though it's a story born out of tragedy. But when you persevere through all that, you get this amazing experience that other people don't get to have: You get to fall in love with your children."

Anders and his wife, **Beth**, officially adopted their children — ages 13, nine and eight — in 2013. While he claims their clan has become "boring" and adjusted over time, he also said they had to overcome some preliminary obstacles to reach the point of a fully functional family.

RSVP: Cindy Johnson \* 775-250-4765 or [cindyinsparks@gmail.com](mailto:cindyinsparks@gmail.com)

Or Patty Steen \* [j-psteen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:j-psteen@sbcglobal.net) or 775-544-3388

## 3 Angels Support Group \* 2 Separate Groups this month!

Group #1 - November 14<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30-7:30 \* Topics to be discussed in this group will be on LGBTQ couples and fostering and growing up in foster care as a LGTBQ youth.

Group #2 - November 29<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm-7:30 \* This meeting is for our YOUTH IN CARE who are currently Juniors and/or Seniors in high school. Topics to be discussed will be about Financial Aid opportunities and educational opportunities for Nevada Residence.

\*\*This group will be conducted by financial aid officers from TMCC and UNR. \*\*

Both groups will be held at - 1095 East Taylor St. \* Reno

Provided by Fatai & Raymond Langi with 3 Angels Care LLC \* RSVP to [koula@3angelscare.org](mailto:koula@3angelscare.org)

## Foster/Adoptive Parent's Night Out

Thursday \* November 29<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm

Pisces Sushi \* 748 S. Meadows Pkwy. \* Reno

RSVP to Jerri Ann Fredeen \* 224-1380

WE CAN ALWAYS USE MORE SMALL GROUP LEADERS.  
LET ME KNOW IF YOU'RE INTERESTED.

We still need Spanish Speaking groups



# 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](mailto:fatai@3angelscare.org)

**\*\*NEW\*\*** Sheri Blackwell-Ralphe (775) 691-9952 [certifiedcpr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:certifiedcpr@sbcglobal.net)

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**THE QPI WEBSITE** - New trainings are being added to the QPI website all the time. Including Trainings in Spanish. Go check them out at <http://www.qpinevada.org/washoe/pages/upcoming.shtml>

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## 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.

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## 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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**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>

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**Nevada PEP** - Strengthening Families with Education, Empowerment and Encouragement <http://www.nvpep.org/>

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



# Champions

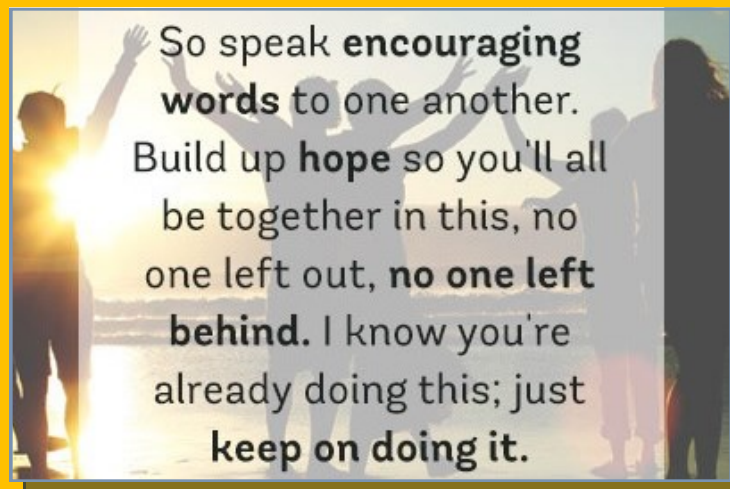
Please help us in recognizing this months QPI Champions!  
This is something new we're trying out and we need your input to make it successful!

Do you know someone who is a QPI Champion? It doesn't have to be a foster, adoptive or relative. It could be a case worker, runner, HSSS, licensing worker, etc. Let me know!

This month's QPI Champion is Mariah Brinson. She has been nominated by a fellow foster parent because she's been going above and beyond to ensure a child in her home has a smooth and safe transition. Mariah is currently transporting a child to California every Friday and then returning on Monday to pick him up in order to assist with reunification.  
Way to go Mariah!

December's QPI Champion.....

Your name here





# INTERESTED IN ADOPTING?

## Rebecca, 2/4/13 and Roland, 1/29/14

Rebecca and Roland are in need of an adoptive home that can serve as a forever family for these two special children.

Rebecca and Roland are described as very loving, cheerful and thoughtful. They like showing off things they can do and what they have learned. The love waffles, pizza and home-made meals.

Rebecca loves anything that has to do with princesses, especially “Frozen” and “Moana.” She enjoys playing dress-up, drawing and using her imagination.

Roland loves cars, Batman, Mickey Mouse and enjoys sharing what he learns in school.



Both children are very energetic and love to stay busy with activities in their home and school environments. They enjoy feeling part of a family unit and need security and confidence in their care providers that they’ll be committed to their needs and to reciprocate the love they easily share with individuals.

If you are interested in learning more about these children, please contact

Cindy Adams - (775) 337-4503 [CAdams@washoecounty.us](mailto:CAdams@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