



The Reno Rodeo Foundation is once again generously offering a toy distribution for foster families just in time for the holidays.

New toys will be distributed to foster families during the following dates and times at the:

Reno-Sparks Livestock Exhibit Hall located at
1350 N. Wells Avenue:

- Friday, December 7th from 2 pm to 4 pm
- Saturday, December 8th from 8 am to Noon

Please note this event is by invitation only through Washoe County Human Services Agency and the State of Nevada Division of Child and Family Services. Pre-registration is not required as check-in will be at the front door during the event. At this particular event, you are allowed to select toys for your adopted and/or biological children currently living in your foster home in addition to your foster children. Children are welcome at the event, but you do not have to bring them if you want the toys to be a surprise. Happy Holidays!

The Eldorado once again is generously providing a delicious buffet-style dinner for Kids Kottage at 3:00 p.m. on Christmas Day. Kids Kottage would like to extend the invitation for foster families to join them at the Kids Kottage Activity Center. You are encouraged to invite bio families so you may all enjoy some time together on Christmas.

Spots are limited so RSVP to Andrea Davis andavis@adamsai.com no later than December 20th by 5:00 p.m. with the total number of people attending.



Looking for other fun and exciting ways to play and feel supported this Holiday Season? The SAFF annual Christmas party is right around the corner on:

Sunday, December 9 from 2-4pm
Boys & Girls Club Pennington Facility
1300 Foster Drive, Reno, NV 89509

For information on how to register please Contact

Sierra Association of Foster Families

(775) 343-8436

chrissi.saff@gmail.com

Support Groups Updates

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

3 Angels Support Group * December 5th @ 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 LGBTQ youth.

1095 East Taylor St. * Reno

Provided by Fatai & Raymond Langi with 3 Angels Care LLC * RSVP to koula@3angelscare.org

Foster Parent's afternoon at the movies * Sunday * December 16th @ 4pm

We are doing our 1st Annual Foster/Adoptive Support Group Holiday Celebration on December 16th at 4 p.m. It will be hosted by Brittney Augustenborg and her husband. We will be having a raffle for gift cards and there will be new jammies for our foster children generously donated by Project Sweet Dreams.

RSVP: Cindy Johnson * 775-250-4765 or cindyinsparks@gmail.com , Patty Steen or j-psteen@sbcglobal.net or 775-544-3388 or Brittney Augustenborg bwarren0515@gmail.com

Foster/Adoptive Parent's Night Out

Sunday * December 30th @ 6pm

Luciano's * 6135 Lakeside Dr., Ste. 145 * Reno

RSVP to Jerri Ann Fredeen * 224-1380.

*****I'LL SEND UPDATES AS MORE GROUPS ARE SCHEDULED!*****

WE CAN ALWAYS USE MORE SMALL GROUP LEADERS.

LET ME KNOW IF YOU'RE INTERESTED.

We still need Spanish Speaking groups



“
I don't want someone
who sees the good
about me, I want
someone who sees
the bad and still
loves me.”

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

The Adoption Exchange



The Adoption Exchange—

Offers a wide variety of trainings. Go to <https://www.adoptex.org/classes/upcoming-classes> to check out the latest online and webinar trainings available. Please note that you must register to participate in a training or webinar.

The next Webinar will be discussing Trauma Informed care. It will take place on — 12/11, 10am-12pm—You must register for this class at <https://cc.readytalk.com/r/96u9y3foncqj&eom>

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

****NEW**** Sheri Blackwell-Ralphe (775) 691-9952 certifiedcpr@sbcglobal.net

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>

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.





Champions

Please help us in recognizing this month's 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 brand new foster parent Candace Barlow. She showed true QPI qualities with her very first placement by mentoring birth parents without judgement!

During her bio-parent's visit another parent continued to interrupt their visit to talk negatively about this Agency, the process, and to discourage Candace's birth parent from working with the Agency. Candace was remarkable at redirecting both parents and motivating them to stay focused on their case and their child.

Candace further used this opportunity to mentor the parents on Safe Sleep in preparation for their children's return home. She has also been incredibly flexible with adding more visitation time, while they await court approval for reunification of her birth parent's children.

"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 Pierson



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



INTERESTED IN ADOPTING?

Meet Arabella age 2, Isaac age 4, and Giselle age 3

The girls love to dress up, play dolls and help with the kids. Isaac loves sports. All three are so excited for anything active and new. These kids really love any attention!

And they appreciate it with their manors and even say thank you!

If you would like more information please contact Cindy Adams at 337-4503 or email cadams@washoecounty.us.



Meet Da'Michael (2/25/12), Mi'layah (1/14/16) & Michaela'la (6/22/13)

Not yet 100% free for adoption

Da' Michael is very playful and seeks out positive feedback in his behavior. He is a good big brother and is eager to please. Da'Michael enjoys using his creativity in his play. He enjoys school and learning. Da'Michael's favorite superhero is the Black Panther.

Michaela'la is very bright and sharp witted. She is a happy and smiling child who enjoys engaging others in play. She likes to dance and perform and receive positive feedback. Michaela'la likes going to school and her favorite part of the day is recess. She has a smile that can light up a room.

Mi'Layah is funny and playful. She is a typical, healthy 2 year old who loves to spend time with her brother and sister. She is a true girly girl and likes all things girly such as cute hair and painted nails. She loves to have her hair done and loves when she has beads in her hair.

If you're interested in learning more about this precious sibling group please reach out to Tawnya Robertson at trobertson@washoecounty.us