

NEWSLETTER

RESOURCE/ RELATIVE/ FICTIVE KIN/ ADOPTIVE PARENTS

Upcoming Events!

NIGHT AT THE PUMPKIN PATCH



This event will be for all resource parents and HSA workers! This event will be a fun filled night where we all get to enjoy our local pumpkin patch!

HALLOWEEN & DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

COMING NEXT MONTH AT THE FEC!!
THE PLANNING HAS ALREADY
STARTED FOR OUR ANNUAL
HALLOWEEN / DIA DE LOS MUERTOS
EVENT!



MORE INFORMATION TO COME SO KEEP AN EYE OUT ON YOUR
EMAILS



2022 Pennington Project- Clothing for children

Hello again! Greeting Care Providers, Caseworkers, and others...

Below is my original email from 6/28/22 explaining what the Pennington Grant is and what an amazing gift this is for all of our kiddos. Now that the school supply portion of the project is wrapping up, we are moving on to our CLOTHING portion of the project. Please remember that this gift (about \$275 worth of clothing per child) is only available to children who are currently in the custody of the Washoe County Human Services Agency AND whom reside locally (Reno/Sparks/Northern Nevada). If you have questions about who qualifies, please reach out to us at hsa-penningtonproject@washoecounty.gov. As with last years successful endeavor, we will only be holding in-person shopping days which will be at the TARGET store in Sparks (near the Legends Mall). To sign up for and attend a shopping day, please open the attachment, complete it, and email it (scan it, take a photo of it, etc.) to hsa-penningtonproject@washoecounty.gov as soon as possible. You will receive a response verifying the day/time you are scheduled to shop. If you have any trouble with this process, please just call the Family Engagement Center (FEC) at (775) 352-3230 and we can take your RSVP information over the phone.

Important things to take note of:

1. WCHSA staff will be present at each of the shopping days held from start to finish. However, we will be leaving promptly at the times listed on the attachment – so, please do your best to come early and plan to be in line for check-out no later than the time you select.
2. You and your child/ren **must check in at the table inside of Target** (it will be visibly marked) to obtain your ‘shopping pass’ which will explain what each kiddo can spend and additional information.
3. When you are done shopping, you and your child/ren will move to the identified check stands where WCHSA staff will purchase your clothing items.
4. **Please have older kiddos (5+) present so they can pick out their own clothing. This is very very important for children who aren't able to make many other choices in their lives.**
5. We are only allowing one shopping day per child, so all of the items he/she choses will need to be made on the scheduled day.
6. Information on Christmas Present shopping days will be provided in October 2022.
7. For general questions about this grant and our process, please email hsa-penningtonproject@washoecounty.gov or call the FEC (775)-352-3230 and ask for assistance.

Thank you all.

Hola de nuevo! Saludos a los proveedores de cuidado, trabajadores del caso y otros...

A continuacion se muestra mi correo electronico original de 6/28/22 explicando que son los fondos Pennington y que regalo tan increíble es este para todos nuestros niños. Ahora que la parte de suministros escolares del proyecto esta terminando, estamos pasando a nuestra parte de ropa del proyecto. Porfavor recuerde que este regalo (alrededor de \$275 de ropa por niño) solo esta disponible para los niños que se encuentran actualmente en la custodia de la Agencia de Servicios Humanos del Condado de Washoe y residen localmente (Reno/ Sparks/ Norte de Nevada). Si tiene preguntas sobre quien califica, comuniquese con nosotros a hsa-penningtonproject@washoecounty.gov. Al igual que con el esfuerzo exitoso de los ultimos años, solo celebraremos dias de compras en persona que seran en la tienda Target (cerca del centro commercial Legends). Para inscribirse en un dia de compras, abra el archivo adjunto y completelo, y envielo por correo electronico (escanearlo, tomar una foto de el, etc.) a hsa-penningtonproject@washoecounty.gov lo antes posible. Recibira una respuesta aclarando el dia/hora en que esta programado para comprar. Si tiene algun problema con este proceso, simplemente llame al Centro de Participacion Familiar (FEC) al (775) 352-3230 y podemos tomar su información de asistencia por telefono

Cosas Importantes para tener en cuenta:

1. El personal de WCHSA estara presente en cada dia de compras que se celebre de principio a fin. Sin embargo nos iremos rapidamente a las horas indicadas en el archivo adjunto, así que, por favor, haga todo lo posible para llegar temprano y plane estar en linea para el pago de compras a mas tardar a la hora seleccionada.
2. Usted y su hijo/a **deben registrarse en la mesa dentro de Target** (estara visiblemente marcada) para obtener “su pase de compras” que explicara lo que cada niño puede gastar e información adicional.
3. Cuando haya terminado de comprar, usted y su hijo/a se trasladarán a los puestos de control identificados donde el personal de WCHSA comprará sus artículos de ropa.
4. **Por favor, tenga niños mayores (5+) presentes para que puedan elegir su propia ropa. Eso es muy importante para los niños que no pueden tomar muchas otras decisiones en sus vidas.**
5. Solo permitimos un dia de compras por niño, por lo que todos los articulos que elija deberan hacerse en la tienda el dia programado.
6. La información sobre los dias de compras de regalos Navidades se proporciorara en Octubre 2022.
7. Para preguntas generales sobre estos fondos y nuestro proceso, envíe un correo electronico a hsa-penningtonproject@washoecounty.gov o llame al FEC (775)-352-3230 y pide ayuda.

Gracias a todos”





RESOURCE PARENT ADVISORY BOARD

Let your voice be heard. Open to any and all caregivers!

The purpose is to have open and honest conversations and work together with a problem-solving approach for challenges that come up for caregivers.

This meeting has impacted significant changes within the agency already and we would love your participation.

Second Tuesday of Every Month
11am to Noon
ZOOM

If you're interested, please contact:
Kylee Spring
kspring@washoecounty.gov

Licensing Updates

FOSTER CARE LICENSING - CASELOADS BY ZIP CODE



TRACEY RODRIGUEZ (775) 737-8123 TRodriguez@washoecounty.gov	ANASTASIA COOPER (775) 560-7773 ACooper@washoecounty.gov	BARBARA JAIME (775) 842-1704 BJaime@washoecounty.gov	JESSICA SHEPHERD (775) 622-6919 JShepherd@washoecounty.gov	CODI SOAP (775) 842-1992 CSoap@washoecounty.gov
89439	SPECIALIZED FOSTER	89436	89434	89431
89441	ENHANCED HOME	89509	89450	89433
89503		89506 South of Stead Blvd, Panther Valley, Golden Valley, Lemmon Valley	89451	89512
89523			89501	89508
89519			89502	89704
Spanish-speaking homes			89510	89506 North of Stead Blvd, Cold Springs, Bordertown, Silver Knolls
			89511	
			89521	
			89706	

WCHSA Licensing workers now only use their County issued cell phones and no longer have desk phones

- Codi Soap: 775.842.1992
- Jessica Shepherd: 775.622.6919
- Anastasia Cooper: 775.560.7773
- Tracey Rodriguez: 775.737.8123
- Barbara Jaime: 775.842.1704

Interested in Adoption?

Ian

10-years-old

100% FREE

Do you love outdoor adventures, trampolines and big hugs? Meet Ian! He is described as a sweet, affectionate little boy who loves to give and receive hugs. When given the choice, Ian will choose outdoor play every time. He loves jumping on trampolines, riding his bike or scooter and camping and fishing. When he can't be outside Ian finds joy in, you guessed it, trampoline parks. He also enjoys playing games on his iPad and playing with his toy cars and action figures.

Ian has experienced great loss and trauma in his young life. As such, he comes with a strong, committed team of amazing individuals who adore him and advocate strongly for him. This has helped Ian grow resilience and remain hopeful that he will one day be part of an active family with a mom, a dad and siblings.

Would you like to learn more about this fun, sweet, imaginative little boy? Watch for his Have a Heart episode to air on KOLO 8 the morning of September 2, 2022.

You can also reach out to Tawnya Robertson at Trobertson@washoecounty.gov



David, MaKenna & Madison

6, 8 & 11-years-old

FLEX FAMILY



Meet this amazing sibling group who are looking for a flex placement! Madison has a big heart and keeps an eye out for her younger siblings. She's very independent, and often prefers to do things all by herself. Madison has many interests, including painting, drama, and Girl Scouts. She likes to help everyone and is a natural leader. Madison has even been recognized for her leadership skills in her after school program! She is bright and is doing well in school! Madison will benefit from a family who is patient, supportive, and will set boundaries that supports her developing independence. MaKenna is creative and imaginative and believes in fairies! She likes to draw, color, and use story boards. She loves attention and is skilled at telling elaborate stories. MaKenna is also involved with Girl Scouts and loves soccer! She will

benefit from a family who will encourage her in her daily routines, advocate for her educational needs, and support her strengths. David has a very close relationship with his sister Makenna, and they tend to have their own style of communication with one another. He loves to play outside and wants to start playing football! David also loves playing with toy cars and can usually be found with one in his hand. He is very good at using technology, and he and his sisters love to play on their tablets. David makes friends easily at school and is involved with Boy Scouts. David will benefit from a family who will advocate for his educational needs and will provide loving and consistent boundaries. These three are slowly learning about different types of foods, and their favorite food is raviolis.

Due to some unforeseen circumstances, these three are looking for an immediate flex placement, who will support their visitation with their bio family and older sibling, who is not living with them. If you interested in learning more about Madison, MaKenna and David, you may contact Myra Yeargan, Case Worker, Recruitment & Training, (775)560-8913 myeargan@washoecounty.gov

Tatianna *12-years-old*

100% FREE



Tatianna is a goofy 6th grader who loves to be silly! She has a few nicknames, but she usually goes by “Tati”. Tati is creative, and loves to draw, color and paint! While she hasn’t been the biggest fan of physical activities, she does love swimming, and is looking into trying soccer this summer. Tati is learning to advocate for herself and her needs and thrives with encouragement! She has recently expressed an interest in getting hair extensions and having her ears pierce! She loves earning rewards, including fun Friday, and doing special activities at the adventure park, including go-karts and the arcade! Tati recently got a Nintendo Switch, and loves playing Minecraft! She likes watching cartoons, including Paw Patrols, and is a big fan of Harry Potter and Godzilla! This growing girl has a great appetite, and while she sure has a sweet tooth, she loves most foods. Comfort foods are her favorite including casseroles, spaghetti, and stew! She even loves brussels sprouts- just don’t give her mushrooms or onions; she can’t stand them! Tati is developing skills to express her thoughts and feelings and has been building a report with her teachers. She is opening-up to her peers and building stronger bonds with them as well. Tati gets along with most children, but tends to play best with much younger children, given her innocent and childlike demeanor. She will do well in a home as the oldest child, or with a family that will support her developmental needs, and social interactions. Tati benefits from structure and guidance in her daily routines, and will do best with an experienced parent, who will advocate for her needs.

If you are interested in learning more about this funny girl, please contact Myra Yeargan, Case Worker, Recruitment & Training, (775)560-8913 myeargan@washoecounty.gov



Aryanna *8-years-old*

FLEX FAMILY

Meet Aryanna! This bright, faith-based young lady is full of curiosity! She is always learning and has many questions to help her understand the world around her! Aryanna is a social butterfly and makes friends easily. She is a natural born caretaker. She likes to be helpful to her foster siblings and is always wanting to help around the house whenever she can, including wanting to help cook in the kitchen! She is a healthy eater and enjoys vegetables, salads, smoothies, and bagels with lox; her favorite food is sushi! Aryanna is an energetic girl and likes to be very active. She enjoys sports and loves to play soccer. She also loves dancing and listening to music. Her favorite song is “Cover Me in Sunshine”, by Pink! Aryanna loves art, and this is one way she enjoys expressing herself. She likes to watch YouTube videos on how to do art, and loves watching Moriah Elizabeth, her favorite YouTuber. While Aryanna will veg out on the couch watching her favorite Netflix shows, she really prefers playing, and enjoys one on one attention from the caring adults around her.

Aryanna will do best in a home that provides structure and boundaries, and who will encourage her in her academics. Aryanna is looking for a family to give her quality time and attention, and physical and emotional affirmations.

If you’re interested in learning more about Aryanna, you may contact Myra Yeargan, Case Worker, Recruitment & Training, (775)560-8913 myeargan@washoecounty.gov

Placement Support Team Meetings

Did you know we have internal Placement Support Team Meetings?

The Placement Support Team meeting is a multidisciplinary team that meets weekly to discuss placement stability and what additional supports may be helpful to our resource parents.

This meeting includes licensing, clinical workers, QPI liaison, placement workers, caseworkers, supervisors, coordinators & the FEC. During this meeting the team discuss specific cases and what immediate help can be provided and if there are any community resource could help the children and/or resource family.

The goal for this meeting is think out of the box on ways to help our children and families.



Washoe County Foster & Adoption Virtual Support Group

This is our Resource, Relative, Fictive Kin & Adoptive Family Facebook Support group!

Washoe County QPI presents to you the Washoe County Foster & Adoption Support Group! This group welcomes ALL WCHSA's Resource families, Relative/ Kin families, SFC families & Flex and Adoptive families. This group is to share support and resources with one another. The ONLY WCHSA staff in this group is the QPI Liaison to help promote a safe place to share successes, frustrations, and things you've learned along the way. We want to share stories and have our group be more of a community supporting one another. Please reach out to the QPI Liaison with questions or concerns Kylee Spring kspring@washoecounty.gov



QR code for Washoe County Foster & Adoption Support Facebook group

Northern Nevada Moses Project

One of our very own WCHSA foster/adoptive parents Lauren Dees has a nonprofit to help support foster / relative/ kin/ adoptive or birth families!

The Moses Project can help families with clothing, furniture, basic necessities, anything a child might need!

If you are in need of anything or have donations, please reach out to Lauren Dees at 775.857.7924

Find more on the Northern Nevada Moses Project by going to their website- www.nnmosesproject.org



Reno Rodeo Closet

Reno Rodeo Foundation Clothing Closet



The Reno Rodeo Foundation generously provides clothing, teddy bears, and rolling backpacks to children who are newly placed into foster care or transitioning from an emergency placement.

Resource parents and children can visit the Reno Rodeo Closet to "shop" for clothing essentials, ensuring that the children can pick out items in the correct sizes and preferred style.

The Reno Rodeo closet is open 24/7. The instructions to access the closet are below:

<p>Step 1: Visit the Kids Kottage Front Desk, located at 2075 Longley Lane. Inform the front desk staff that you are there to check out keys for the Reno Rodeo Closet. Please fill out the key check-out log to the best of your ability.</p>	<p>Step 2: The resource parent and child visit the Reno Rodeo Closet, located in the Kids Kottage Gym, 2085 Longley Lane. The Reno Rodeo closet is located through the double doors and to the right before you enter the gym.</p>
<p>Step 3: The child picks out new clothing to meet their immediate needs. There is no specific number of items available per child, but please be reasonable in the amount of items taken so that other children can have the same access to new clothing.</p>	<p>Step 4: Resource parent completes the RRF tracking sheet, located in an envelope next to the door, and places completed form back in the envelope upon exit. This step is very important as it helps the Reno Rodeo Foundation replenish the closet! Please be mindful to leave the closet in an orderly condition following your visit.</p>
<p>Step 5: Resource parent locks both the Reno Rodeo Closet door and the KK Gym door upon exit.</p>	<p>Step 6: Resource parent returns key and completes sign out log.</p>

Tip: The closet is located right next door to the Child Advocacy Center, so visit following your new placement's medical evaluation!

If you have taken placement of a child who has an immediate clothing need and you absolutely cannot get to the closet, please email the attached request form to HSA-RRFCloset@washoecounty.gov and we will ensure the request is fulfilled. Please indicate in your email if you would prefer to pick up the items somewhere or have the child's case worker deliver at their next child contact.



ARE YOU LOOKING FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR PORTRAITS?

Christy Bingham at Creation Studio is volunteering her time to help you out.

Sat. Sept. 17, 2022 from 9:30-11:30 at Rock Park in Sparks (Rock Blvd. at the Truckee River)

Time slots available: 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00

- What to wear: 1. A great attitude 2. The outfit that makes you feel good 3. Solid color modest clothing 4. Tank tops and prints are not recommended.

- What to bring: 1. Your smile 2. Your rested, bright, youthful eyes 3. Props that expose your personality: Jackets, balls, skateboards, etc. 4. A sweater/jacket for a wardrobe change

What do you need to do?

- 1. Email your filled out Questionnaire to Christy@creationstudioreno.com by Mon. Sept. 12, 2022 to reserve your spot. 2. Show up 10 min. early to your reserved time. Be ready to stay for 40 minutes.

What you need to know: You will receive via email Christy's 3 favorite jpgs from your session by Saturday September 24, 2022.



CREATION STUDIO PHOTOGRAPHY Christy Bingham (775) 225-4515 Christy@CreationStudioReno.com



SENIOR PORTRAITS



SENIOR QUESTIONNAIRE 2022

Senior Name _____

Guardian Name _____

Phone # for contacting you _____

Email Address for sending jpg files _____

Which time slot do you desire? _____



What do you like to do? _____

What do you want in your senior portrait? _____

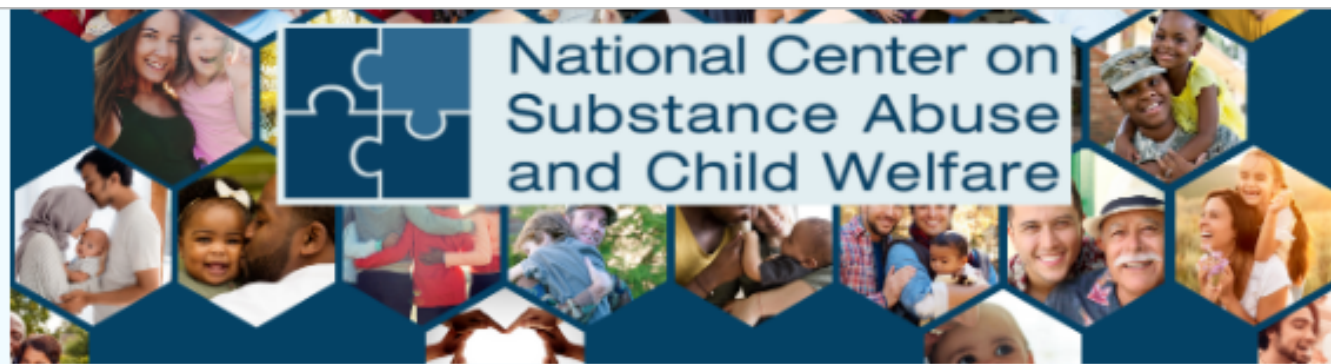
How can I capture your personality in your photos? What do you love?

Books Sports Water Trees Colors

What do you worry about in a portrait? _____

What do I need to know about you? _____

Check out CreationStudioReno.com for More posing ideas in my Portfolio.



SAVE THE DATE!

Join us for the National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare's (NCSACW) upcoming webinar:

***Kinship Families Affected by
Substance Use and Mental Health Disorders***

Wednesday | September 14, 2022
10:00 – 11:30am (PDT) | 1:00 – 2:30pm (EDT)

It's National Kinship Care Month! NCSACW invites you to a webinar on services and supports for kinship families affected by substance use and co-occurring mental health disorders.

Kinship care promotes stability and a sense of belonging, particularly as children maintain connections with their family and cultural identity. However, kinship and grandfamilies can face unique challenges when parent(s) of the children in care have a substance use or mental health disorder. These challenges can include ensuring access to specific developmental services for infants and children with prenatal substance exposure, as well as tending to children's emotional, physical, and behavioral challenges across developmental stages.

JOIN THIS WEBINAR TO LEARN:

- Specific needs of kinship and grandfamilies affected by substance use and co-occurring mental health disorders
- Services and supports available to help these families succeed
- About the *Grandfamilies & Kinship Support Network: A National Technical Assistance Center*

MEET OUR PRESENTERS:

- [Ana Beltran](#) – Director, Grandfamilies & Kinship Support Network: A National Technical Assistance Center. Ms. Beltran will highlight key data and innovative programs available to kinship families.
- [Nancy Young, PhD](#) – Project Director, National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare. Dr. Young will discuss challenges faced by kinship families affected by substance use and co-occurring mental health disorders and highlight available supports.

Kinship caregivers will join the presenters to discuss their experience caring for children affected by substance use and mental health disorders.

Webinar Registration:

https://cffutures.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_K4Ti66IqQVyWhWoam_263Q



FREE LIVE WEBINAR
SUMMER IS OFFICIALLY OVER:
HOW TO ADJUST BACK TO THE SCHOOL LIFE!

PRESENTERS



David Brown, MSW

**CO-FOUNDER AND
 PRESIDENT OF FAMILY
 INITIATIVE, INC.**

David works closely with individuals with autism, at risk children, foster families, community stakeholders, provider agencies, and local and state government to develop and grow support and clinical programs for the community.



**Anjali Van Drie, MA,
 MSW, BCBA**

**CO-FOUNDER AND
 PRESIDENT OF FAMILY
 INITIATIVE, INC.**

Ms. Van Drie has worked in the field of child welfare for over a decade, collaboratively with community based care agencies, and with thousands of families across Florida. She has been a National Board Certified Behavior Analyst since 2008 and recently became a TBRI Practitioner.

Thursday, September 8, 2022

**3:00-4:00 PM EST/2:00-3:00 PM
 CST/12:00-1:00 PM PST**

This presentation will help you identify ways to beat the back to school blues and motivate you and the children in your home to get back on track for the school year. From battles about homework to getting up in the morning, our presenters will discuss common concerns shared with parents worldwide and provide tools and suggestions to help overcome these obstacles. Regardless of the age of your children, this presentation will provide ways to help your family and how to adapt the tools given for different age ranges.



REGISTER TODAY
CLICK HERE

Registration link

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_hT3pnLRaQwCxMFp980-rdQ

Washoe County School District

The driver shortage remains a crisis, so please please please help us get as creative as possible, so our kids can get to school.

Rolling blackouts are back – Stay tuned for more info, as the dates have not yet been released for each school area. Our foster kiddos WILL get a route if already receiving transportation, but it may be slightly different then their standard route.

Things to consider IF there is no route available for your foster kiddo.

- Before and after school programming on site and through off site locations. Subsidies available and completely free for foster kids to participate in Boys & Girls Clubs (BGC)
 - See attached list from last year..will share the current list when we receive updates
- Some BGC locations transport to and/or from school (see attached list from last year, new list available soon)
 - Sometimes we can get a school bus to and/or from school from BGC clubs.. your worker can check on that for you
- Mileage reimbursement available – IF a transportation request was submitted by your worker and officially denied. Pays for one round trip for transport both AM and PM– school district tracks based on pickup/drop off address and attendance. Pays a maximum of \$10/day \$50/week or \$200/month based on the new rate of 62 cents per mile! Will cover only one student in the home – the one who attends the furthest school.

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP TRANSPORT another foster youth who may not be placed with you, PLEASE consider it and reach out to Keri Pruitt, our Educational Liaison kpruitt@washoecounty.gov and provide the following information. You will receive the mileage reimbursement described above.

- Are you able to help drive in the AM, PM or both?
- What are the time frames you're available?
- What area do you live and/or work in?
- If you would be assisting on your way to/from work, or transporting other children what is that general route?
- Are you able to accommodate more than one child in your vehicle?



2021-2022 School Year Transportation List

Donald W. Reynolds Facility
2680 E. 9th Street, Reno

William N. Pennington Facility
1300 Foster Drive, Reno

Neil Road Youth Facility
3905 Neil Road., Reno

Lemmon Valley Facility
325 Patrician Drive, Reno

Donald L. Carano Facility
1090 Bresson Avenue, Reno

Pinecrest Academy
1150 Silent Sparrow Dr, Sparks



* = Morning program hosted at Club House location
 ** = Washoe County Dropping Off for the PM Program
 *** = Walking from school to Carano facility in the afternoon

- Agnes Risley
- Alice Maxwell
- Bernice Matthews*
- Billinghurst Middle
- Clayton Middle
- Coral Academy on 9th St.
- Coral Academy Elem. School
- Coral Academy High School
- Coral Academy on Valley Rd.
- Diedrichsen
- Dodson
- Echo Loder*
- Florence Drake
- Grace Warner*
- Greenbrae
- Holman Way*
- Honors Academy*
- Hunter Lake*
- Indian Colony*
- Jessie Beck*
- Katherine Dunn
- Lena Juniper
- Libby Booth (-)(**)
- Lincoln Park
- McQueen High
- Mendive Middle
- Mt. Rose*
- O'Brien**
- Peavine
- Pinecrest*
- Pine Middle
- Rita Cannan
- Roger Corbett*
- Roy Gomm*
- Sarah Winnemucca
- Smithridge
- Sparks Middle
- Stead**
- Sun Valley*
- Swope Middle
- Traner Middle
- Veterans Memorial (-)(**)
- Westergard

Revised: August 2, 2021

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMMING 2021/2022		
Team Up (PM Only/On site)	Sierra Kids City of Reno	Boys & Girls Club/on-site (PM only unless noted)
Allen ES	Morning:	Dilworth
Anderson ES	Alice Smith	Donner Springs
Booth ES	Desert Heights	Esther Bennett
Cannan ES	Elmcrest	Greenbrae (Before & After)
Desert Heights ES	Glenn Duncan	Hidden Valley
Duncan ES	Lemelson	Lemmon Valley
Elmcrest ES	Stead	Lois Allen (Before & After)
Greenbrae ES	Virginia Palmer	Michael Inskip
Lemelson ES	Morning & Afternoon:	Nancy Gomes
Lemmon Valley ES	Caughlin Ranch	Rollan Melton
Loder ES	Dodson, Edwin	Sun Valley ES (Before & After)
Mariposa CS	Double Diamond	Verdi
Mathews ES	Hunter Lake	
Maxwell ES	Jessie Beck	Kid Konnection / On-site
Mitchell ES	Mamie Towles	Bud Beasley
Natchez ES	Mount Rose	John C. Bohach
Palmer ES	Peavine	Miguel Sepulveda
Alice Smith ES	Poulakidas, Nick (FULL)	Before School ONLY:
Kate Smith ES	Sarah Winnemucca	Katherin Dunn
Smithridge ES	Silver Lake	Spanish Springs
Sparks MS	Westergard, George	Edward Van Gorder
Stead ES		Jerry Whitehead
Sun Valley ES	Judy's Kidz Club	After School ONLY:
Vaughn MS	On-site	Lloyd Diedrichsen
Veteran ES	Lenz	Jesse Hall
	Hunsberger	Lena Juniper
	Huffaker	Marvin Mos
Kids Zone/On-site		Alyce Taylor
Brown ES		
Pleasant Valley		

WCHSA Directory

Center Street Front desk: 775.785.8600

Emergency After hours number: 1.833.900.7233

In case you have an emergency that occurs after hours please call.

Administration:

Division Directors:

- Cara Paoli
- Ryan Gustafson

Coordinators

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Supervisor

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- Myra Yeargan – myeargan@washoeconomy.gov
- Tawnya Robertson – trobertson@washoeconomy.gov

Foster Care Services Front Desk: 775.337.4470

Foster Care Licensing Supervisor:

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Licensing team: Call or text

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905 E Prater Way, Sparks, NV 89434
 Corner of Prater and Howard

FEC Supervisor

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Medical Unit: 775.284.2763

Children’s Advocacy Center (CAC)
 2097 Longley Lane, Reno, NV 89502
 next door to Kids Kottage

WCSD Liaison

- Keri Pruitt - KPruitt@washoeconomy.gov

Resources

RENO VOLLEYBALL CLUB

The Reno Volleyball Club is willing to offer discounts to children and youth in WCHSA foster care who would like to play volleyball. For more information, visit their website or contact Cindy Lawrence at 775-313-4124 or RenoVBC@aol.com.

SOCCKER SPROUTS

The Reno Sportsdome is offering discounts to foster youth who have an interest in soccer! For more information contact Shannon at sprouts@renodome.com.

RAISE THE FUTURE

Offers several webinar options on their website for families regarding adoption and foster care topics. View their main [Classes and Training](#) page as well as their [Upcoming Classes](#). In addition, they also have a free lending library. They offer a wide variety of books with topics ranging from; exposure, grief & trauma healing, mental illness, sexual abuse, special needs adoption, books for children and more. Visit their website above or call 1-800-451-5246 to learn how easy it is to borrow and return.

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 visit their website or call Laurie at 750-9823.

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.

BIGGEST LITTLE BABY

Previously the Nurturing Nest, Biggest Little Baby is a birth and parenting community that offers a variety of free classes from pregnancy and childbirth to yoga. They also offer free weekly circles of support, toddler playgroups and breast-feeding circle to mention just a few.

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. Groups are the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 7-8:30p.m. (excluding December). **Please RSVP** to Sharon Willams at least 1 day in advance at 322-4650 or Sharonacwoffice@att.net.

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.

KIWANIS CLUB

Has great bikes and accessories available at discounted prices! Contact them at (775) 337-1717 or check out their website above.

FREE TUTORING!

If your youth needs tutoring, please reach out to [Joseph](#) at Sierra Association of Foster Families (SAFF). As a reminder, SAFF can tutor students of all ages who are foster, adopted and/or have reunified.

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